



SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON HARMS TO HEALTH DUE TO CANNABIS USE
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21-23 APRIL 2015

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Tuesday, 21 April 2015		
11:00 – 12:00	Registration and Accommodations	
12.00 – 13:00	Lunch (hosting country)	
13.00 – 13.10	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening of the meeting 	Ms Yasmine Larsson, Member of the Parliament
13.10 – 13.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming remarks from the WHO Secretariat 	Dr Shekhar Saxena, WHO
13.20 – 13.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of participants/programme/scope and purpose 	Ms Maria Renström, WHO
13.40 –14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Harms to Health Due to Cannabis Use – setting the scene 	Dr Vladimir Poznyak, WHO Dr Gilberto Gerra, UNODC
Theme1, 14:00 – 16:00	<i>Neurobiology of cannabis use and its health effects</i> <i>Chair: Dr Shekhar Saxena</i>	
14:00 – 14:40	Cannabis and the central nervous system	Professor Nora Volkow
14:40 – 15:00	Complex gene-environment interaction in vulnerability for cannabis initiation and cannabis use disorders	Dr Gilberto Gerra
15:00 – 15.30	Tea /Coffee break	
15.30 – 16.00	Discussion	Commentators: Professor Wayne Hall Professor Roy Robertson
16.00 – 16.15	<i>This presentation belongs to the Health and social sector response</i> Insight on treatment of cannabis use disorders	Dr Marica Ferri
Theme 2, 16:15 – 18:15	<i>Epidemiology</i> <i>Chair: Dr Vladimir Poznyak</i>	
16.15 – 16.35	Prevalence and patterns of cannabis use in WHO Regions and globally	Professor Louisa Degenhardt
16:35 – 16:55	Cannabis and public health, a broad overview.	Professor Jurgen Rehm
16.55 – 17.05	Cannabis use and its health consequences: data from Kenya	Professor David M Ndeti
17.05 – 17:15	Cannabis use and its health consequences: data from China	Professor Hongwing Hu

17:15 – 17:25	Cannabis use and its health consequences: data from Chile	Professor Carlos Ibáñez
17:25 – 17:35	Cannabis use and its health consequences: data from Marocco	Professor Jallal Toufiq
17.35 – 18.15	Discussion	Commentators: Paul Griffiths, Amy Porath-Waller
20.00	Dinner and entertainment	
Wednesday, 22 April 2015		
08.30 – 09.00	<i>Remaining presentation from the first day</i> Cannabis use and its health consequences in Europe: data from the European Drug Emergencies Network (Euro-DEN) project	Dr Paul Dargan
Theme 3, 09:00 – 12:45	<i>Mental health</i> <i>Chairs: Paul Griffiths and Maria Renström</i>	
09.00 – 09.20	Introduction What have we learned about the mental health effects of cannabis in the last 20 years	Professor Wayne Hall
09:20 – 09.45	The effects of regular cannabis use on the psychosocial adjustment and mental health of young people	Professor Wayne Hall, Dr Marica Ferri
09:45 – 10:00	Neurocognitive deficits in adolescent Cannabis users in Chile	Professor Carlos Ibáñez
10:00 – 10:20	Tea/Coffee break	
10:20– 11:40	Cannabis, schizophrenia and other psychoses - are outcomes specific?	Professor Peter Allebeck
11:40 – 12:00	Increased risk of Schizophrenia in Cannabis Dependent patients in treatment in Chile.	Professor Carlos Ibáñez
12.00 – 12.45	Discussion	Professor Jurgen Rehm (on Wayne Hall presentation), Dr Camila Silveira
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch	
Theme 4, 13:45 – 15:30	<i>Injuries and suicides</i> <i>Chair: Jallal Toufiq</i>	
13.45 - 14.15	The acute and chronic effects of cannabis on suicidal ideation, non-fatal attempts, and death by suicide	Dr Guilherme Borges, Dr Courtney Bagge
14.15- 14.40	Drug use and road safety	Mr Jeff Mikael (Video), Ms Maria Renström
14.40 – 15.00	Tea/Coffee break	
15:00– 15.30	Discussion	Commentator: Professor Louisa Degenhardt
Theme 5, 15.30 – 18:00	<i>Non-communicable diseases</i> <i>Chair: Lars Möller</i>	
15:30 – 16:00	Cannabis use and CV disorders	Dr Emilie Jouanjus

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		(video call), Dr Paul Dargan
16:00– 16:20	Cannabis-associated strokes	Dr Valerie Wolff
16:20– 17:00	Discussion	Commentators: Professor Donald Tashkin, Dr Paul Dargan
17:00– 17:20	Effects of Cannabis on the Respiratory System	Professor Donald Tashkin
17:20 – 18:00	Discussion and conclusions	Commentator: Professor Wayne Hall
20:00	Dinner	
Thursday, 23 April		
Theme 5, 08:00 – 08:30	<i>Non-communicable diseases (continued)</i> <i>Chair: Professor M. Ndeti</i>	
08:00 –08:20	Cannabis use and cancers	Dr Kurt Straif
08.20 – 08.30	Questions	
Theme 6, 08:30 – 10:00	<i>Health and social sector response</i> <i>Chair: Professor Benegal</i>	
08:30 – 09:00	Cannabis use disorders in treatment systems around the world Effectiveness of treatment interventions for cannabis use disorders	Dr Vladimir Poznyak, Dr Nicolas Clark
09:00 – 09:40	Tea/coffee break	
09:40 – 10.00	Health and social sector response for cannabis use disorders in Brazil	Dr Camila Silveira
Final Discussion, 10:00– 11:45	<i>Research gaps, possible other areas and the next steps</i> <i>Chair: Dr Shekhar Saxena</i>	
	Introduction: Wayne Hall Conclusions: Chairs and commentators summary Closing: Dr Shekhar Saxena	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	