

## Workshops & Conferences

### 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm 03-07 March, 2002

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2002 will commence the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Concurrent to this five-day event will be the 2nd International Harm Reduction Congress on Women and Drugs, a one-day conference to be held on the first day.

IHRA (International Harm Reduction Association), the event's main organizer, will be supported by The Sound of Reflection Foundation and several of the most prominent governmental and non-governmental Slovene organizations in this field.

This five-day interdisciplinary conference will present practice, drug policy, research and evaluation in all areas of drug use, with clear focus on the reduction of drug-related harm of legal and illegal drugs. Special emphasis will be placed on promoting harm reduction in prevention and abstinence-oriented programs.

Expected attendees include distinguished world experts, clinicians, researchers and other professionals, members of users' organizations, and others involved in the field have already agreed to engage in debates, plenary and major meetings, small-scale workshops, and round table and forum discussions.

"The strength of the conference rests on its ability to attract people working in many different fields – policy makers and politicians, scientists and researchers, advocates, and people working in health, criminal justice, social welfare, and education," notes Gerry Stimson, Conference Program Director.

The 13<sup>th</sup> conference in this series will be held in Slovenia, between Europe's east and west.

"Each year the conference has grown in stature, credibility, scientific quality," states Pat O'Hare, Executive Director of IHRA. "The development of the Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network is mirrored in similar developments in other regions of the developing world where the Networks are playing an important role in advocacy for harm reduction with notable success in changing the way people think about tackling the problems caused by the use of drugs, legal and illegal."

Following the success of this year's conference in Delhi whose theme was community development for harm reduction, the 2002 conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm will have a special emphasis on social change, transitions and the impacts on drugs and health.

It carries the theme "Social Changes: Lines of exclusion and diversity" and will be a ma-

ior global arena for science and research, discussion, education, training and networking to reduce the health, social and economic harms associated with drugs (including alcohol and tobacco).

In addition, it raises public awareness, influence in policy, legislation, reducing harm of illicit drug use, reduction in criminality, in infectious diseases, hepatitis, AIDS and overdoses.

Andrej Kastelic and Tatja Kostnapfel Rihtar, President and Director of the conference, respectively, jointly assure that, "We have done our best to make sure that the very latest ideas and research findings are presented and published in the proceedings."

### 2nd International Harm Reduction Congress on Women and Drugs

Hosted by the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm and held concurrent on the first day, Sunday March 3, 2002 from 9:00 to 5:00, this one-day event will be organized by The International Harm Reduction Network on Women and Drugs.

While harm reduction movement remains a male-oriented domain, traditional women's rights organizations continue to exclude issues that address the needs of drug using women. In addition, the mental health field still has not adopted harm reduction principles to deal with female drug use. Hence, the need to give women a voice within the international dialogue about drugs (and alcohol).

The International Harm Reduction Network on Women and Drugs is working to develop allies with organizations in the fields of mental health and women's rights. This congress will be an opportunity to begin the process of building bridges with these constituencies to inform them about harm reduction and issues addressing the needs of drug using women. It will also address the need to raise a stronger voice for women within the harm reduction and drug policy movements.

Keynote speakers include Pirkko Lahti (invited), elected President of the World Federation of Mental Health and a representative of the women's movement.

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