

European Update

EMCDDA

The EMCDDA's website address has changed to www.emcdda.europa.eu. The previous website address (www.emcdda.eu.int) will still work until May 2007. Other EMCDDA websites have also changed accordingly e.g. the European legal database on drugs (ELDD) can now be found under eldd.emcdda.europa.eu

EDDRA (Exchange on drug demand action)

has produced its latest newsletter and indicates that 8 new entries and 16 updates have been added to the database, including an entry from the Czech Republic on a prevention centre and Norway on an alcohol awareness campaign. The newsletter also draws attention to PERK (the Prevention and Evaluation Resource Kit) produced by the EMCDDA.

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/?8nNodeID=2901>



Ireland

New strategic Document for Alcohol and Drugs

The New Strategic Direction contains a number of Key Priorities and five pillars - prevention and early intervention; treatment and support; law and criminal justice; harm reduction and monitoring, evaluation and research. Available as an executive summary of full document.

http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/show_publications?txtid=17069

United Kingdom

Definition updates for 2006/7 The National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) relates to the process of collecting, collating and analysing information from and for those involved in the drug treatment sector. The purpose of the NDTMS centres is to obtain accurate, good quality, timely information for reporting drug treatment activity.

<http://www.nta.nhs.uk/frameset.asp?u=http://www.nta.nhs.uk/programme/national/monitoring.htm>

A review has been published by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence to complement the evi-

dence base built by mainstream literature for drug prevention among young people by systematically reviewing those drug-prevention materials that do not traditionally find their way into systematic reviews, namely grey literature.

<http://www.publichealth.nice.org.uk/download.aspx?o=316428>

A publication from the UK Home Office on the 'Levels of conviction following drug treatment - linking data from the National Treatment Outcome Research Study and the Offenders Index. Pdf format available at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs06/r275.pdf>

Germany

Increasingly, Germans are becoming addicted to legal drugs, but the number of deaths from hard drugs fell, a new report says.

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0.2144.1991978.00.html>

World Update

26th June 2006

UNODC has selected "drugs are not child's play" as the theme of its 2006 international campaign, in an effort to increase public awareness about the destructive power of drugs and society's responsibility to care for the well-being of children. The latest estimates indicate that 200 million people, or 5 per cent of the global population age 15-64, have consumed illicit drugs at least once in the last 12 months. Logos, posters and leaflets in 6 languages are available as downloads from:

http://www.unodc.org/unodc/event_2006-06-26_1.html



World Update Continued ...

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

The head of the United Nations drugs agency, Antonio Maria Costa, urged European Union leaders to "export security" to the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean by curbing demand for illegal drugs and helping the region to fight organised crime.

http://www.unodc.org/unodc/press_release_2006_05_10.html

Grants to NGOs for drug projects that use sport to prevent drug abuse. Further details contact richard.murphy@unodc.org

UNODC's quarterly UPDATE highlights current activities, ongoing programmes and people who are making a difference. <http://www.unodc.org/newsletter/index.html>

Afghanistan

To stem the import of key chemicals used in the production of heroin to Afghanistan, the government and the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC), have initiated a joint project to counter smuggling of these chemicals.

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=53214&SelectRegion=Asia&SelectCountry=AFGHANISTAN>

New Zealand

The National Drug Policy. The policy supports the development of intersectoral action plans to address drug-related harm in New Zealand as well as individual initiatives undertaken by agencies.

<http://www.ndp.govt.nz/policy.html>

Bangladesh to London

A new heroin route between Bangladesh and London is featured in a newspaper article. In three months 10 million sterling worth of heroin has been intercepted at British ports.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/drugs/Story/0,,1759375,00.html>

Colombia

While Europeans are turning in record numbers to cocaine for recreational purposes, Colombia's environment and its people are paying the price (Independent, UK) A very interesting article.

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/americas/article357413.ece>

Colombia National Police have published the Annual Crime Report for 2005. Covering all crimes including

drug offences. The report is now available in English. Pdf download

<http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php#Exclusive%20Colombian%20Crime%20Report%20Now%20Available>

Six years and \$4 billion into the US-backed campaign to wipe out cocaine at its source, Colombia appears to be producing more coca than when the campaign started, according to US government sources. See an article and slide show (you will need Windows Media) on:

http://www.boston.com/news/world/latinamerica/articles/2006/05/21/4b_later_drugs_still_flow_in_colombia/

Australia

Facts on Cannabis Major new free booklet designed to give individuals and families in Australia the facts about cannabis launched by the Australian National Council on Drugs [ANCD, Australia].

http://www.ancd.org.au/publications/pdf/cannabis_qa.pdf

Australian national Drug trends Report. The Illicit Drug Data Report (IDDR) 2004–05 in Melbourne has been published – which provides unique overview of Australian law enforcement drug data.

http://www.crimecommission.gov.au/html/pg_iddr2004_05.html

USA

Methamphetamine use is sweeping across America. During this hour-long broadcast, you will hear from law enforcement about the realities of fighting a drug that is "homegrown"--made using over-the-counter cold medicines and dangerous household chemicals. You will also see how community involvement can make a difference.

<http://www.health.org/multimedia/webcasts/w.aspx?ID=454>

Central Asia

Landmark HIV/AIDS conference ends with new regional commitments

Since HIV/AIDS is driven largely by growing intravenous drug usage in the region, therapy and access to drug rehabilitation were key, Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), emphasised.

http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=53410&SelectRegion=Asia&SelectCountry=CENTRAL_ASIA

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Turkmenistan

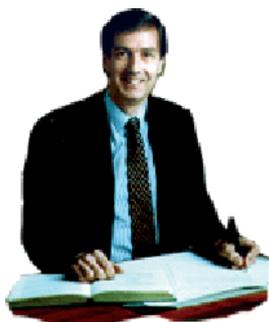
Recently, Turkmen enforcement agencies, seized a large amount of narcotic drugs. 34 kilos of crack, 3 kilos of heroin have been recovered according to the head of the Turkmenistan Border Services.

South Africa

Monitoring alcohol and drugs abuse trends in South Africa between July 1996 - June 2005. A research breif has recently been published.

SACENDU -

<http://www.sahealthinfo.org/admodule/sacendu.htm>



Future Issues

I would like to express thanks to those persons around the world who have contributed to this issue in particular to Jim Young at Substance Misuse. Items for inclusion in future issues should be forwarded to paul@paul-cook.net

If you feel the information in this newsletter is of interest to members of your national drug information network then please feel free to translate and circulate copies to them.

Paul Cook

Drug Webwatch

Lifeline

This edition we highlight a UK based NGO whose objectives are to relieve poverty, sickness and distress among those persons affected by addiction to drugs of any kind, and to educate the public on matters relating to drug misuse. An excellent publications department provides numerous guide and books on drugs, their effects and prevention.

<http://www2.lifeline.org.uk/>

Office of National Drug Control Policy

The website of the Executive Office of the President of the USA.. The principal purpose of ONDCP is to establish policies, priorities, and objectives for the Nation's drug control program. The goals of the program are to reduce illicit drug use, manufacturing, and trafficking, drug-related crime and violence, and drug-related health consequences.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/index.html>



www.drugworld.co.uk