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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm
20-24 April 2004

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15th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE WELCOME

The 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm (15th ICRDRH) is the major annual venue for examination of policies relating to licit and illicit drugs and strategies to prevent or minimise the harms associated with their use. As evidence-based and effective approaches to dealing with drugs are constantly under threat from ideologically and politically driven drug policy, the 15th ICRDRH provides an opportunity to demonstrate and to learn from what is new, from new perspectives on old problems and from new partnerships with other concerned sectors.

The overriding theme for this conference, **'Minimising the Harm: Maximising the Impact'**, reflects the firm commitment of the conference to translate information into action. Under this guiding title, major themes have been developed which will provide the basic structure of the conference. It is essential to note that these are by no means exhaustive, thus abstracts are not limited to these specific fields. Major themes include:

- Policing and harm minimisation
- The economics of drugs
- Local government, drug policy and harm reduction
- International treaties
- Indigenous populations, drugs and harm reduction
- Pharmacotherapies
- Needle and syringe exchange and harm reduction
- Public health law and harm reduction
- Alcohol and harm reduction
- The media and harm reduction.

Challenges facing the world community in dealing with the impact of the use of drugs are becoming more complex and on a larger scale than ever before. This conference will be extraordinary in the way it will combine cutting edge science with activism, bring consumers and affected communities together with researchers, practitioners and policy makers, and encourage and facilitate dialogue and understanding between all who have a commitment to humane and rational approaches to humanity's relationship with drugs.

We openly invite you to join us.

Nick Crofts Conference Director	Gerry Stimson Program Director	Bill Stronach Conference Director
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CONFERENCE ORGANISERS



The Australian Drug Foundation (ADF) is an independent, non-profit organisation which has worked for over 40 years to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug problems in the Australian and international community. The ADF provides research, information, community development, education and advocacy. The ADF follows several strategies to distribute information to the community including an extensive suite of websites, printed resource materials, a library and a phone service.

While the ADF is concerned about all drug use, it has identified three priority issues. These are: the harm experienced by young people through the heavy and unsafe use of alcohol; the growing prevalence and earlier initiation of cannabis use by young people; and the level of death and injury related to illicit drug use.



The Centre for Harm Reduction is part of The Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health (The Burnet Institute) and was established in 1998. It is currently the largest institution in Australia concerned with research into viral infections in humans.

The Centre for Harm Reduction brings together a myriad of people working locally in Australia, regionally and globally, championed with reducing harm associated with the use of drugs, both licit and illicit. The Centre conducts and facilitates research, training, program development and advocacy to meet these goals.

A major focus of the Centre for Harm Reduction is addressing links between injecting drug use and the HIV epidemic in the Asian region. In order to tackle the epidemic, the role of drugs and drug use must be acknowledged and concerted efforts made to respond to this complex problem. Harm reduction offers an effective solution by focusing on the pragmatic goal of reducing risks to individuals and the community posed by the taking of drugs. Harm reduction approaches that encourage the participation of the community, drug users and their families, create opportunities for focusing on the serious threat posed by bloodborne viruses such as HIV and Hepatitis C.

The Melbourne Convention Centre

The 15th ICRDRH will take place at the Melbourne Convention Centre. This modern, spacious facility is located on the north bank of the picturesque Yarra River and is just a short stroll from Melbourne's most exciting urban development areas: The YarraBanks Convention Precinct, encompassing the myriad of shops

along Southbank and the new cultural centre of Federation Square, and the Docklands, which incorporates the Telstra Dome, Melbourne's world-class, high-tech, multi-purpose sports and entertainment venue. Superbly situated close to Melbourne's central business district, the Melbourne

Convention Centre is also only a 20 minute drive from Melbourne airport.

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on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register for the conference, we recommend using the 15th ICRDRH Abstract Management and Delegate Registration System as outlined in this brochure and on the 15th ICRDRH website, www.ihra.net. However, if you are unable to access this system you may register by completing and returning the 'Conference Delegate Registration Form' located in this brochure, together with payment (if applicable).

Please note the following information when registering as a conference delegate:

Registration Rate Periods and Fees

Registration rate periods and fees are as follows:

	EARLY BIRD UNTL 30 SEPT 2003	REGULAR RATE 1 OCT 2003 – 31 MARCH 2004	LATE RATE 1 APRIL – 24 APRIL 2004
DELEGATES	AUD\$950	AUD\$1050	AUD\$1150
IHRA MEMBERS	AUD\$900	AUD\$1000	AUD\$1100
CONCESSION RATE MEMBERS OF DRUG USER ORGANISATIONS	AUD\$520	AUD\$570	AUD\$620
	STANDARD RATE		
DAY REGISTRATION	AUD\$350		
IHRA PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP	AUD\$150		

Fees for accompanying persons will be decided at a later date. Please contact the Conference Secretariat or visit www.ihra.net for updates.

Payment of registration fees must be received by the Conference Secretariat by 5pm AEDT on the applicable date in order to qualify for the selected rate.

Registration Types (including entitlements)

Delegates: Registration includes a conference bag with all conference documentation; name badge; attendance at all programmed sessions; admission to the welcome reception and any other officially designated conference social functions, exhibitions; all lunch and coffee breaks.

IHRA Members: Must be current IHRA Members. Please quote IHRA membership number as indicated. For information on becoming an IHRA member please visit www.ihra.net or email ihra@adf.org.au. Registration includes as per 'Delegates' (see above).

Members of Drug User

Organisations: If you believe you are eligible for this rate, please contact the Conference Secretariat for the 'Members of Drug User Organisations Criteria and Application Form'. Registration includes as per 'Delegates' (see above).

Concession Rate: A strictly limited number of places are available for full time students, the unwaged and pensioners. A photocopy of documentation (ie student card, enrolment advice, health care card) *must* accompany registration payment. Once the number of concessional places have been allocated all other delegates must pay full registration costs. Registration includes as per 'Delegates' (see above).

Day Registration: Registration includes a conference bag with all conference documentation; name badge; attendance at all programmed sessions; admission to any officially designated conference social functions, exhibitions; all lunch and coffee breaks on the nominated day of registration.

IHRA Premium Membership: Includes among other things, annual subscription to the International Journal of Drug Policy and a fortnightly e-newsletter. For further information on IHRA membership please visit www.ihra.net or email ihra@adf.org.au. For conference registration, IHRA Members rate will apply (as above).

Confirmation of Registration: All registrations received prior to Friday 9 April 2004 will be confirmed in writing upon receipt of the Conference Delegate Registration Form. A Tax Invoice/Receipt will also be provided.

Payment: Full payment should accompany registration forms (where applicable). Cheques and bank drafts should be made payable to the 'Australian Drug Foundation - 15th ICRDRH.' Accepted credit cards are Bankcard (Australia only), Visa, Mastercard and American Express. If paying by bank transfer, please attach a copy of the remittance advice to your completed Conference Delegate Registration Form. Please note all prices are in Australian Dollars and are GST inclusive. Payment must also be received in Australian Dollars.

Cancellation and Refunds: For cancellations received before 19 March 2004, a full refund will be made (after the conference concludes) less a 15% administration fee. For cancellations received after this date no refund will be made however, a substitution within the organisation may be arranged. All cancellations must be received in writing.

Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities

The Conference Organisers invite your company or organisation to become a partner in the 15th ICRDRH by taking advantage of our various sponsorship and/or exhibition opportunities. The 15th ICRDRH will have exhibition space for both commercial and not-for-profit organisations and admission to all exhibitions is included in delegate

registration fees. We also welcome ideas and suggestions from corporate sponsors.

If you would like further information on becoming a conference sponsor or staging an exhibition please contact the Conference Secretariat to obtain the Sponsorship and Exhibition Brochure.



MELBOURNE

The capital of Victoria and Australia's second largest city with a population of approximately 3.4 million people, Melbourne is regarded as the cultural capital of Australia. Renowned for all the good things in life – fashion, food, entertainment and sport, Melbourne truly is the perfect location to mix business with pleasure.

WEATHER

Melbourne's climate is temperate and variable with no great extremes. It also has one of the lowest rainfall levels in Australia. The average maximum temperature in April is 20°C (68°F) and the average minimum temperature is 10°C (50°F). Delegates travelling further north in the country will experience considerably warmer temperatures. Autumn (March to May) is a superb time to visit Melbourne with the changing leaves, moderate temperature and minimal rainfall.

AIRPORT

Melbourne Airport is located 20 km or 20 minutes from central Melbourne. A taxi fare is approximately AUD\$30 to AUD\$35. The Skybus Super Shuttle operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and departs the Airport and the city every 15 minutes at a cost of AUD\$13 one-way. Drop off points are located throughout the city centre, close to hotels and facilities. For further information please visit www.skybus.com.au.

PARKING

Undercover car parking is available at the Melbourne Convention Centre (Wilson Parking) and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Entrance is off Siddeley Street (accessed via Flinders Street) and delegates entering the car park prior to 10am are eligible for the Early Bird Rate of AUD\$8.00 per day with the maximum fee being AUD\$20, for all day parking (prices correct as of June 2003).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Melbourne has an excellent public transport system, making it easy to get around. There are two tram stops located outside the Melbourne Convention Centre, with Spencer Street Station just a short stroll away. The City Circle Tram Loop provides a free and convenient way to get around central Melbourne. The City Circle Tram runs along Flinders Street to the Docklands and along LaTrobe and Spring Streets every ten minutes from 10.00am to 6.00pm daily. Taxi ranks are located at the Melbourne Convention Centre and all major hotels.

Abstract Submission Information

Participants are invited to contribute to the program for the 15th ICRDRH by submitting an abstract online through the 15th ICRDRH Abstract Management and Delegate Registration System (as outlined in this brochure or on the conference website, www.ihra.net) from **4 August 2003 until 5pm (AEDT) 31 October 2003**.

All abstracts will be independently reviewed and judged on the following criteria:

1. Relevance to harm reduction
2. Originality and topicality
3. Soundness of method or argument

All abstracts will be scored and applicants will be notified of results via email in early January 2004.

All abstracts must be submitted in English. If you are from a developing or transitional country and require assistance with writing your abstract please email a draft of your abstract to Simon Baldwin; simonb@burnet.edu.au before 24 September 2003 and request assistance. Please note this assistance is limited to one abstract per person.

Abstract Guidelines

The 15th ICRDRH program will canvas

topics including science and research, policy and practice, as well as viewpoints and commentary. Please submit your abstract in one of the following formats. If your abstract does not fit one of these categories, please ensure all basic information is presented in a clear and concise manner using headings where possible.

Science and research format

For presentation of scientific research findings, the abstract should disclose original findings and should not include statements such as "work in progress" or "results will be discussed". Please use the following headings to structure your abstract:

- Background/Objectives: Study objectives and a description of the problem
- Methods: Methods used or approach taken
- Results: Specific results in summary form
- Conclusions: Discussion, implications, and conclusions

Policy and practice format

For description of policies, programs, projects, interventions or other activities,

please use the following headings to structure your abstract:

- Issue: Identify the specific problems or needs addressed
- Setting: Geographic location, description of where activity takes place and intended audience
- Project: Description of the policy, intervention, project or program
- Outcomes: Summary of outcomes, lessons learned and implications

Viewpoint and commentary format

When the author/s presents a personal viewpoint or commentary on a harm reduction issue, for example regarding ideas and concepts, critical analysis of policy, or politics, please use the following headings to structure your abstract:

- Issue: Identify the specific issue being addressed and analysed
- Approach: Describe the approach or method of analysis being used eg historical, comparative
- Key points: Description of the key points of the critical analysis, commentary or viewpoint
- Implications: Summary of the implications of the analysis and argument.



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MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE

**CONFERENCE DELEGATE
 REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print, complete and return this form together with payment (if applicable) to the:

Conference Secretariat
Australian Drug Foundation
PO Box 818
North Melbourne Victoria 3051
AUSTRALIA
Facsimile: +61 3 9328 3008

TITLE: MR MS MRS DR PROFESSOR (PLEASE CIRCLE) OTHER: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

POSITION: _____ DIVISION: _____

ORGANISATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POSTCODE: _____

COUNTRY: _____

TEL: (_____) _____ FAX: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Please tick appropriate box/s within one of the following categories. All prices are GST inclusive. If you require a definition of these categories please visit www.ihra.net or consult the Abstract Submission and Registration Information Brochure. For accompanying person fees please contact the Conference Secretariat.

	EARLY BIRD UNTIL 30 SEPT 2003	REGULAR RATE 1 OCT 2003-31 MARCH 2004	LATE RATE 1 APRIL-24 APRIL 2004	STANDARD RATE
DELEGATES	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$950	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$1050	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$1150	DAY REGISTRATION <input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$350
IHRA MEMBERS	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$900	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$1100	Please indicate which day/s you will be attending:
	Please state IHRA membership number: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> WEDNESDAY
CONCESSION RATE	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$520	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$570	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$620	<input type="checkbox"/> THURSDAY
	A photocopy of documentation (ie student card, enrolment advice, health care card) must accompany this form.			<input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY
MEMBERS OF DRUG USER ORGANISATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$500	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$550	<input type="checkbox"/> AUD\$600	<input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE AUD\$ _____

IHRA PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP
 Includes subscription to the International Journal of Drug Policy (IHRA Members registration fee will apply) AUD\$150 _____

TOTAL AUD\$ _____

Australian Drug Foundation: ABN 66 057 731 192. All payments are to be made in Australian dollars.

CONFERENCE DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM (CONTINUED)

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- Please issue a tax invoice for payment of registration fees
- Cheque, money order or bank draft Payable to the Australian Drug Foundation - 15th ICRDRH
- Bank transfer Payment must be forwarded to the following account. Please attach a copy of the remittance advice.

Bank name: ANZ Bank
Bank address: 307 Clarendon Street
South Melbourne Victoria 3205 Australia
Account name: Australian Drug Foundation Inc
BSB Number: 013-435
Account number: 3117 01824

- Credit Card Please check one: Bankcard (Australia only) VISA Mastercard American Express

Card number: _____ Expiry date: ____ / ____

Card holder name: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

**PLEASE NOTE: WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2004 WILL BE CONFIRMED IN WRITING.
PLEASE CONTACT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: For cancellations received before 19 March 2004, a full refund will be made less a 15% administration fee. For cancellations received after this date no refund will be made however, a substitution within the organisation may be arranged. **All cancellations must be received in writing.**

PRIVACY STATEMENT: In accordance with the Privacy Amendment (private sector) Act 2000 (Cth) we advise that the information provided in completing the conference delegate registration form will be held by the Conference Secretariat, Australian Drug Foundation, in a database on a secure server for the purpose of managing the conference. It is the intention to use this information to provide a list of delegates to the organising committee, fellow delegates and sponsors. The ADF is committed to protecting your privacy and maintaining, to the best of our ability, the accuracy of all personal information submitted to us. Your contact details may be used to inform you of future conferences or meetings on a similar topic. For further information please access our Privacy Code at www.adf.org.au



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**FLIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION
 REQUEST FORM**

Please fax completed forms directly to
The Lido Group on +61 2 8585 0802



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Mr / Mrs / Dr / Prof / Ms / Other: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ FAMILY NAME: _____

COMPANY OR ORGANISATION: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ MOBILE: _____

FAX: (____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

STATE: _____ POSTCODE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

FLIGHTS

Special flight discounts are available for exhibitors & attendees of the 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm
 Would you like a Lido consultant to contact you to arrange a flight booking? Yes No

ACCOMMODATION

Please indicate your preferred hotel and room type by placing a tick beside the hotel of choice. All rates include GST and are valid for up to two people per room unless otherwise indicated. Please note that allocation of smoking and non smoking rooms is at the final discretion of your chosen hotel. Other hotels are available on request. Hotel rooms & rates are subject to availability.

I would like a Double Room Twin Room Non Smoking Smoking

<input type="checkbox"/> Crown Towers 5 star Directly opposite the Melbourne Convention Centre \$286.00 per deluxe room per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Crown Promenade 4 star Directly opposite the Melbourne Convention Centre \$170.00 per deluxe room per night
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn Melbourne 4 star Adjacent to the Melbourne Convention Centre \$175.00 per room per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Batman's Hill Hotel 3 star 3 minute walk to the Melbourne Convention Centre \$132.00 per room per night
<input type="checkbox"/> Duxton Hotel Melbourne 3 star 6 minute walk to the Melbourne Convention Centre \$115.00 per economy room per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Novotel St Kilda 4 star 10 minute drive to the Melbourne Convention Centre \$149.00 per room per night

I would like a Studio 1 Bedroom Apartment 2 Bedroom Apartment

<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Hotel 5 star 2 minute walk to the Melbourne Convention Centre \$184.00 per studio apartment per night \$204.00 per 1 bedroom apartment per night \$288.00 per 2 bedroom apartment per night	<input type="checkbox"/> Gateway Suites 4 star 6 minute walk from the Melbourne Convention Centre From \$165 per studio room per night \$185.00 per one bedroom apartment per night \$295.00 per two bedroom apartment per night
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GUEST NAME _____ to check in on _____ April 2004 and check out on _____ April 2004

Please guarantee my reservation to the following credit card (I understand that payment will not be deducted by TLG however in the event that I "no show" or cancel my booking within 24hrs of my arrival the hotel may charge a "no show" / cancellation fee)

Visa Mastercard Diners Amex Bankcard

Card number: _____ Expiry date: ____ / ____

Card holder name: _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

Log onto www.lidoac.com/EventDetail_1.asp?strEventID=382 for more information on the hotels listed above



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15TH ICRDRH FILM FEST

This is your chance to be a part of the 15th ICRDRH Film Fest! If you or your colleagues have been involved (directly or indirectly) in the production of a harm reduction-related film, be it a documentary, training video, etc etc this innovative stream will provide a stage to present your work. All films will be considered!

There will be two screening formats:

1. **Symposium:** symposiums offer the opportunity for someone who has been involved (directly or indirectly) in the making of a film to introduce and discuss their film. Films must be no longer than 30 minutes in duration and must be accompanied by a presenter.

2. **Film lounge screening:** the idea of the film lounge is to screen films that are unaccompanied by the film makers and longer films that do not fit the format of the symposium sessions.

All films must be in:

- English or have English subtitles
- DVD, VCD, Video (DHS or PAL) or CD-Rom format.

All submissions will be subject to review by a panel and are not guaranteed to be screened. Film submissions close **30 November 2003**. For a '15th ICRDRH Film Fest Submission Form' please email simonb@burnet.edu.au or download at www.ihra.net.

ROLLESTON AWARD

Every year at the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm an international and national award are given to an individual or organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to harm reduction. The Rolleston Awards are named in honour of Sir Humphrey Rolleston who said that indefinite administration of morphine or heroin would be permitted for those 'in whom a complete withdrawal ... produces serious symptoms that cannot be treated satisfactorily under ordinary conditions of

practice' and for those who are 'capable of leading a fairly normal and useful life so long as they take a certain quantity, usually small, of their drug of addiction but not otherwise' (Rolleston Report, Ministry of Health, Departmental Committee on Morphine and Heroin Addiction, HMSO, 1926).

The awards were inaugurated at the 1992 conference in Melbourne.

INTERNATIONAL HARM REDUCTION ASSOCIATION

The International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA) is the leading international professional association concerned with the development of more effective policies to reduce the harmful consequences of mood altering drugs. IHRA works with local, national, regional and international organisations to assist individuals and communities improve public health, protect human rights, decrease the spread of HIV/AIDS and other bloodborne infections and generally reduce the harmful outcomes of all types of drug use.

IHRA Membership

Become an IHRA Member and unite with like minded people to promote the harm reduction message throughout the world. A variety of membership options are available and benefits include:

- Discounted registration fee to the 15th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm
- Annual Subscription to the *International Journal of Drug Policy*

- Fortnightly e-newsletter.

International Journal of Drug Policy

The *International Journal of Drug Policy* is the official journal of the IHRA. It provides a forum for the dissemination of current research, reviews, debate and critical analysis on drug use and drug policy in a global context. It seeks to publish material on the social, political, legal and health contexts of psychoactive substance use, both licit and illicit. The journal is particularly concerned to explore the effects of drug policy and practice on drug-using behaviour and its health and social consequences. It is the policy of the journal to represent a wide range of material on drug-related matters from around the world.

For more information on IHRA please visit www.ihra.net or email ihra@adf.org.au.



GENERAL INFORMATION

A Registration and Information Desk will operate at the Melbourne Convention Centre for the duration of the conference. The exact operating times for the Registration and Information desk will be advised closer to the conference via www.ihra.net.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English. Simultaneous transmission of plenary sessions will be provided in Spanish and Russian, however conference organisers are looking at further languages. Please visit www.ihra.net for regular updates.

DELEGATES WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Provisions will be made for delegates with special health care needs, including conference delegates taking substitution therapies. Further information will be displayed on www.ihra.net as it is available.

VISAS/PASSPORTS

A valid passport or certificate of identification is required for entry into Australia. All delegates travelling to Australia for this conference, except those travelling on a New Zealand passport, are required to obtain a Business (short stay) visa (even if tourist activities are planned for part of your stay in Australia). When applying for a visa you may experience a certain amount of scrutiny, including character and medical tests. This is a normal part of the visa assessment process. Status as a conference delegate alone does not guarantee the approval of visa applications. The visa assessment process is also time consuming therefore it is important that participants apply for their visas well in advance of anticipated travel. We strongly recommend you visit the Department of Immigration website: www.immi.gov.au for further information.

LETTERS OF INVITATION

The Conference Secretariat will provide letters of invitation upon request. This letter assists delegates with their visa applications. Please note a letter of invitation is not a commitment on behalf of conference organisers to provide any financial support. It also does not guarantee approval of your visa application.

INSURANCE

Registration fees do not include personal travel or health insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that when booking travel, delegates also make arrangements for appropriate travel and/or health insurance. The Conference Organisers will not take responsibility for any delegate failing to insure.

PRE AND POST CONFERENCE TOURS

If you are wishing to extend your stay in Australia before and/or after the conference and would like assistance in planning your itinerary 'Best Of Victoria' has a fantastic range of tours available, both in and around Melbourne, as well as Australia from the desert of Central Australia to the depths of the Great Barrier Reef. To contact 'Best Of Victoria' from within Australia please call 1300 780 045 or for callers outside Australia, + 61 3 9642 1055. Alternatively, please email info@bestof.com.au.

ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation requirements are being administered by accommodation management company, The Lido Group. The Lido Group are also able to assist with both international and domestic flights. Please complete and return the 'Flight and Accommodation Request Form' located in this brochure if you wish to utilise The Lido Group services. To contact The Lido Group please call 1800 817 339 (toll free in Australia) or +61 2 8585 0887 (outside Australia). Alternatively, please email adf@lidoac.com

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Melbourne is definitely a city with something for everyone. Our social program will reflect Melbourne's diversity and will be sure not to disappoint. Please visit www.ihra.net for regular updates.

DRESS CODE

Please note that the dress standard for the conference is neat casual.

Conference Financial Support

Scholarships: It is hoped that scholarships will be available for people from developing or transitional countries. Scholarships are allocated on a regional basis for Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America. Scholarship applicants must submit an abstract and indicate on their abstract information that they wish to apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are provided by the International Harm Reduction

Association and therefore, the selection of scholarship recipients is at their discretion. Only those who have submitted an abstract and have been accepted in the program will be considered.

The closing date for applications is 31 October 2003.

Subsidies: Conference organisers may offer a limited number of reduced or

subsidised registrations. Our aim is to assist people who would gain from attending the conference, but who would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial constraints. We try to assist as many people as possible so we prefer to offer subsidies for reduced registrations rather than covering the full registration fee. Please contact the Conference Secretariat for a 'Subsidy Criteria and Application Form'.



15th ICRDRH ABSTRACT MANAGEMENT

Those wishing to submit an abstract and/or register as a conference delegate can do so via the 15th ICRDRH Abstract Management and Delegate Registration System. It is highly recommended that you read and fully understand the information contained in this brochure or on the website: www.ihra.net before using this system.

Your step by step guide to using the 15th ICRDRH Abstract Management and Delegate Registration System

The 15th ICRDRH Abstract Management and Delegate Registration System can be located on the 15th ICRDRH webpage at www.ihra.net. In order to use this system you must first register as a *site user**. This process requires you to have a current working email address.

Please complete your details as indicated. Please enter and remember your password as it is required to further access this system. Your site username will be generated automatically and is also required to access this system. Fields marked with a red asterisk are compulsory fields.

At this stage you also have the option of **registering as a conference delegate**. If you choose to register as a conference delegate select 'yes' where indicated. Please note you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader to download the Conference Delegate Registration Form. Adobe Acrobat Reader can be downloaded free at www.adobe.com.

Once completed please 'Submit Your Details'.

- **If you select 'no' to registering as a conference delegate now:** You will receive confirmation of your site user name and password. This confirmation will also be sent to you immediately via the email address you provided. To continue using this system you must first login by re-entering your site user name and password.

Please note: You may register as a conference delegate at any time. To do so, please log in and select Option 6 on the main page where you will be required to register and download the Conference Delegate Registration Form. Please print, complete and return this, together with payment (if applicable). Once this form has been completed and returned to the Conference Secretariat you will receive confirmation of your conference delegate registration via postal mail.

- **If you select 'yes' to registering as a conference delegate now:** You will receive confirmation of your site user name and password. This confirmation will also be sent to you immediately via the email address you provided. You are then required to print, complete and return the Conference Delegate Registration Form, together with payment (if applicable) when indicated. Once this form has been completed and returned to the Conference Secretariat you will receive confirmation of your conference delegate registration via postal mail. If you wish to continue using this system, you must first login by re-entering your site user name and password.

To **submit an abstract** using the 15th ICRDRH Abstract Management and Delegate Registration System, please login as indicated in the above information and simply select 'Submit an

***Important Information:** Registering as a *site user* does not *automatically* register you as a conference delegate. Registering as a site user allows you to access the 15th ICRDRH Abstract Management and Delegate Registration System in order to submit an abstract and/or register for the conference itself. For information relating to registering as a conference delegate, please refer to the information contained in this brochure or visit www.ihra.net.

Abstract** where indicated. You will then be required to complete details relating to your abstract. Please note the following in relation to this information:

AUTHOR/S

Please include author/s by entering first name then last name. Please separate multiple authors with a semi colon (;). Do not include academic titles or degrees. Eg. William Smith; James Brown & Benjamin Hill.

SCHOLARSHIP

Please refer to 'Scholarship' information on page 9 of this brochure or visit www.ihra.net.

TOPIC

Please note the following topics are not exhaustive and we welcome your suggestions:

- Advocacy
- Alcohol
- Amphetamines/ATS
- Cannabis
- Children – including street children
- Cocaine and crack
- Communities – community development
- Cost-effectiveness
- Coverage – including scaling up and sustainability
- Criminal justice system and interventions
- Cultural representations
- Drug law reform
- Drug policy
- Drug use – patterns and trends
- Drug use – recreational
- Drug users – views and involvement
- Drugs – dance and recreational
- Drugs – general
- Drugs – performance enhancing and sport
- Economics and social costs
- Education
- Employment – including work and rehabilitation
- Epidemiology – monitoring and surveillance
- Ethics
- Ethnography – qualitative research
- Evaluation
- Exclusion and inclusion
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- Harm reduction – case studies
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- Health – mental illness
- Hepatitis B and C
- Heroin and opiates
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- HIV/AIDS – policy, strategies and programs
- HIV/AIDS – treatment and care
- HIV/AIDS – prevention
- Human rights
- Indigenous populations
- Injecting – behaviour and patterns
- International organisations
- International treaties
- Interventions – general
- Law enforcement
- Media
- Methadone
- Migration
- Minorities
- Modelling
- Mortality
- Needle exchange
- Networks
- NGO and CBO
- Outreach
- Overdose
- Peer Education
- Pharmaceutical drugs
- Pharmacology
- Police
- Policy
- Politicians and governments
- Prevention
- Prisons
- Public health
- Public health law
- Public security
- Rapid assessment
- Religion
- Research methods
- Risk behaviour
- Services – organisation and delivery
- Sex work
- Sexual behaviour
- Sexual health and STIs
- Sexual transmission
- Social and economic conditions
- Social marketing
- Tobacco
- Training – including skills and capacity
- Treatment – general
- Treatment – substitution therapy
- Violence
- Volatile solvents
- Vulnerable groups
- War and conflict
- Young people

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having five minutes to present their views. The facilitator encourages debate amongst speakers and the audience.

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- Overhead Projector and Screen
- Slide Projector and Screen
- CD Player
- Video Display Unit
- Whiteboard

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