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SECOND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS AND DEPENDENCIES

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LISBON ADDICTIONS

LISBON HOSTS SECOND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS AND DEPENDENCIES

(19.10.2017, Lisbon) Leading international experts in the field of addiction science will meet in Lisbon from 24–26 October 2017 for the **Second European conference on addictive behaviours and dependencies**. **'Lisbon Addictions 2017'** will showcase the latest scientific knowledge in this field and explore challenges relating to illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gambling, the internet and other addictive behaviours.

The inaugural session — **Science speaks to policy and policy speaks to science** (24 October, 9.00) — will feature interventions by: **Alexandre Quintanilha**, scientist and President of the Portuguese Parliamentary Committee for Education and Science and **Vladimir Poznyak**, Coordinator at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse of the World Health Organization (WHO).

During the opening ceremony (24 October, 10.30–11.00), speakers will include: **Fernando Araújo**, Portuguese Secretary of State for Health; **João Goulão**, Director of the Portuguese General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD) and **Alexis Goosdeel**, Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). During this session, a video message will be broadcast from European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, **Vytenis Andriukaitis**.

The conference, to be held at the Lisbon Congress Centre, is structured around the following themes:

- **Science speaks to policy and policy speaks to science**
- **Measuring addictions — a question of scale**
- **Boundaries of addiction**
- **Challenges ahead**

During the three days, over 500 presentations will be delivered, 200 posters exhibited and 20 lectures offered by internationally renowned investigators and professionals.

The conference is jointly organised by: the Portuguese General-Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD); the scientific journal *Addiction*; the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE).

Some 1 200 participants from all continents have registered for the event from a total of 70 countries, covering the seven regions of the WHO. **Lisbon Addictions 2017** was designed to appeal to a multidisciplinary audience and will address the areas of: epidemiology, public policy, clinical research, psychopharmacology and social and behavioural sciences.

Prominent partners contributing to the scientific excellence of the event include international organisations such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the European Commission.

- To access the conference, journalists will need to have registered on the conference website
- Registration details and programme available at www.lisbonaddictions.eu/lisbon-addictions-2017

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