



European Monitoring Centre  
for Drugs and Drug Addiction

# Welcome to LxAddictions19

## The Future of Addictions

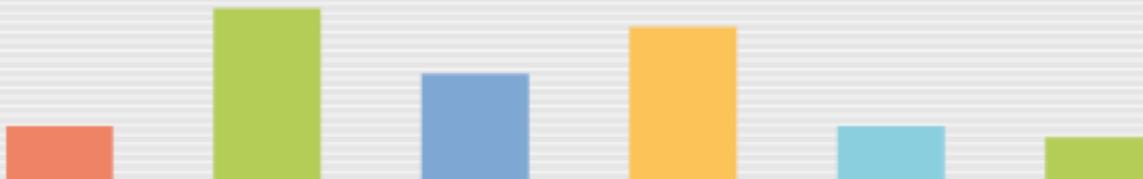
### New frontiers for policy, practice and science

Paul Griffiths

LxAddictions19

3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies

Lisbon, Portugal



# Before we start our journey into the future of addiction science...



**Welcome to the launch of Lisbon Addiction 2019 what follows is an short announcement intended to enhance your conference experience.**

**We are aware that many of you are frequent conference attendees but as every conference is different please pay attention to the specifics relating to this conference, as it may be a little different to the conferences you are familiar with.**

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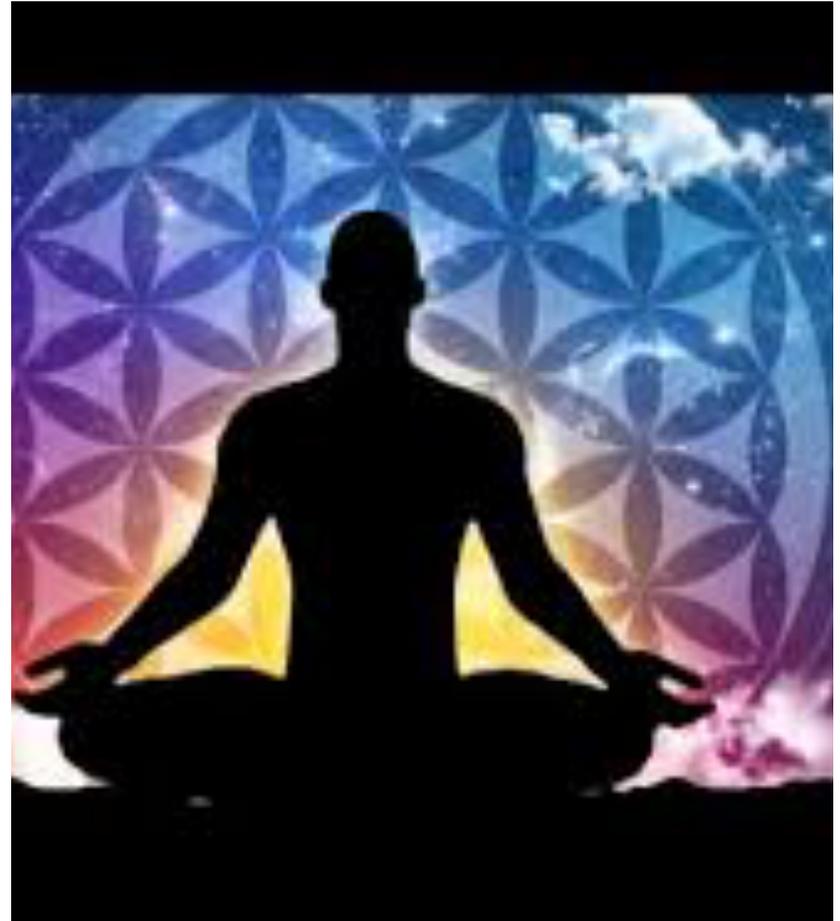
**The Programme Committee**



**Check your white coats at the door...**

**Chill out, tune in, and become futurists for the next three days ...  
It will be fun ...**

**It may even change how you think about the present!**



## Forecasting Mindset

Measurement, prediction... detect earlier with greater accuracy.

## Futures Mindset

Anticipate and explore alternative futures, both likely and unlikely.

Recognise the inevitability of the arrival of more black swans,

Contribute to defining and creating a more desirable future!



# Futures Mindset

**A mindset characterised by openness to question one's own assumptions, and focus on the actions needed to create a desirable future.**



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# Differential futures...



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**Creating the future is a participative exercise —  
please participate!**

**Who you meet, who you talk with, and what you  
think about is as important as what you hear.**

**You are working even when you are not  
working!**



**Many of the things that will impact most on the Addictions world in the future are probably things that have nothing directly to do with the Addictions area**

**Globalisation and developments in information technology are impacting on all areas of modern life**

**The speed of change is growing**



# Globalisation — the world is getting smaller and more joined up



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## Large increase in the speed and volumes that goods move at world level

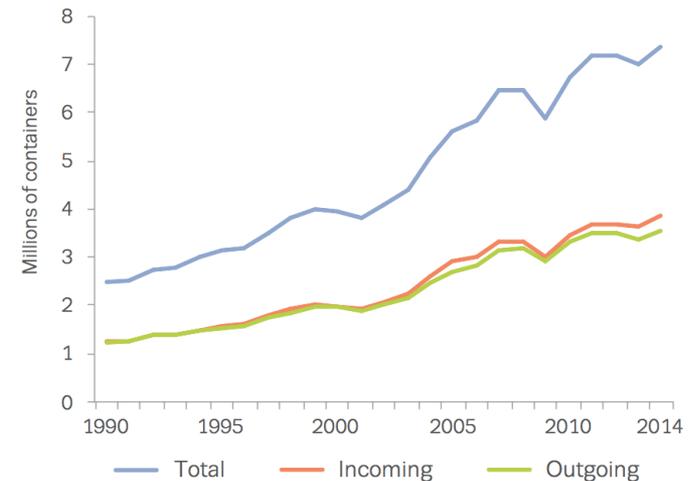
- Air, sea, land, freight, passengers
- Facilitates drug supply
- Makes drug law enforcement more difficult

## Globalisation in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries

- Facilitates sourcing of NPS, new precursors, & medicines
- Makes regulation more difficult

## New consumer markets in low and middle income countries with large numbers of young people

Container traffic in the port of Rotterdam, 1990–2014



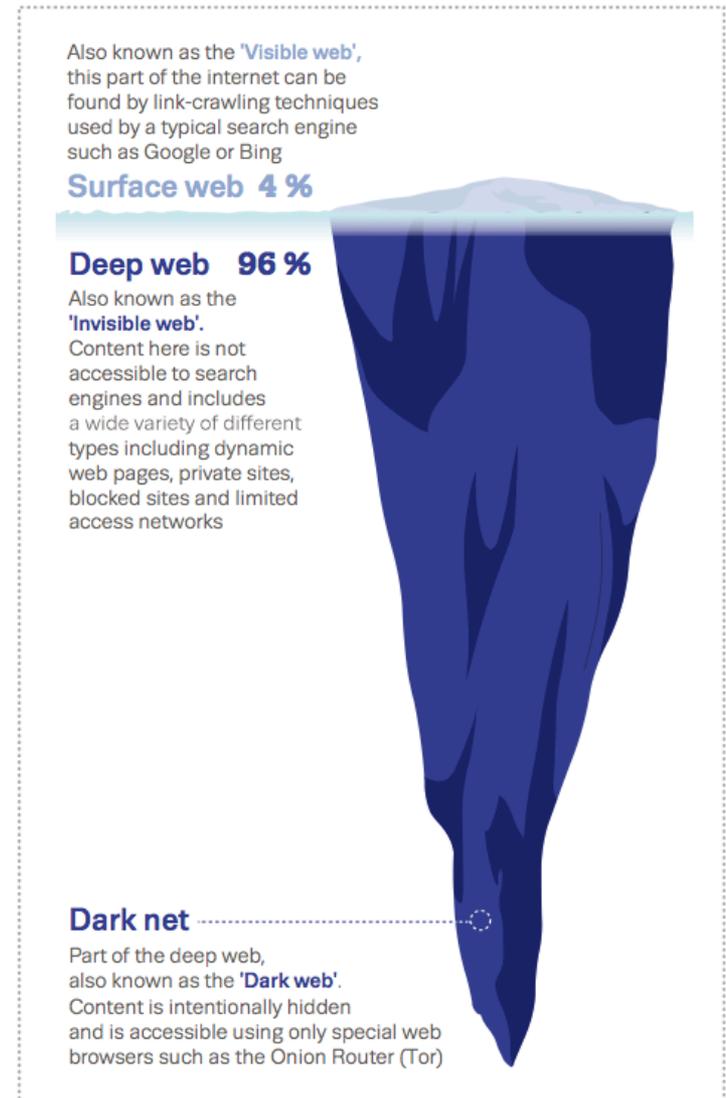
Source: Port of Rotterdam (<https://www.portofrotterdam.com/en/file/1134/download?token=T2mtJxpJ>)



# Information Technology — a driver of drug market developments

## Expanding influence of the internet

- As a marketplace that is difficult to regulate & is quick to adapt
- A catalyst for the more rapid diffusion of innovation & new trends
- Glocal and global
- Provides access to research data & the back catalogue of the pharmaceutical industry



# The futures here — its just not evenly distributed yet (William Gibson)



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# Better policies, practice & science

**‘In Europe foresights is used for the inspiration, preparation, formulation and assessment of EU policies. It represents a standard practice in the European Commission and underpins good European governance.’**

(European Commission)



Lisbon Addiction 2019... your conference journey starts now!

“What is  
coming is  
better than  
what is gone.”

Arabic Proverb

