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### EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS AND DEPENDENCIES

#### Leading international experts to focus on addictions and empowering the workforce of the future

(11.10.2024, LISBON) Leading international experts in the field of addiction science will gather in Lisbon from 23–25 October for the **5th European Conference on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies** ('Lisbon Addictions 2024'). Under the overarching theme of '**Empowering the workforce of the future**', the event will showcase the latest scientific knowledge in this domain and explore challenges relating to the empowerment of professionals, illicit substances, alcohol, tobacco, screen addiction, gambling and other addictive behaviours.

**Lisbon Addictions** is the largest European conference in this field, with contributions from experts across continents, including Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania and South America. This year, a record **2 000** participants from **104 countries** have registered for the event, which will present cutting-edge studies and research to help understand and respond to addiction and addictive behaviours today.

During the three days, over **600 presentations** will be given in **170 sessions**, including plenaries, 'big debates', workshops and other formats. Internationally renowned researchers and professionals will be contributing with their expertise in keynote speeches and on panels. Topics will be explored from a variety of perspectives (e.g. clinical, social, civil society).

This year, for the first time, Lisbon Addictions features a dedicated programme for **Early Career Researchers (ECRs)**. This initiative aims to inspire and empower young scientists through the exchange of ideas and access to career-enhancing information.

Once again, a '**co-production**' approach has been used to shape the conference programme around thematic tracks designed to offer a rich, diverse and innovative event. The tracks and co-producers are:

- Addiction and mental health | Society for the Study for Addiction ([SSA](#))
- Alcohol: risks, clinical considerations, treatments and outcomes | European Federation of Addiction Societies ([EUFAS](#))
- Behavioural addictions | International Society for the Study of Behavioural Addictions ([ISSBA](#))
- Drug policy: latest developments and new challenges | International Society for the Study of Drug Policy ([ISSDP](#))
- Empowering the workforce | EU-funded [Wave project](#)
- Hepatitis C, other infectious diseases and drug-related harms | International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users ([INHSU](#))
- Prevention of risky and harmful behaviours | European Society for Prevention Research ([EUSPR](#))
- Open track | European Union Drugs Agency ([EUDA](#)).

Find out more about these tracks in the conference [podcast series](#).

**Plenary sessions** will set the scene at the start of each day:

- **Plenary I:** Meeting the needs of service users and service providers
- **Plenary II:** Synthetic opioids and psychedelics: new opportunities and new challenges for clinical practice
- **Plenary III:** Joining the dots: the relationship between substance use and other health conditions

**Big debates** will be a prominent feature of the programme where specialists will exchange views and experiences on key questions relating to addictions:

- **Big debate I:** Why are we not doing better at reducing drug-related deaths?
- **Big debate II:** How can the voices of people with lived experience, clients and communities impacted by drug use better inform clinical practice, research and the policy agenda?

The event, to be held at the Lisbon Congress Centre, is organised by: the Portuguese Institute on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies, P.I. (ICAD, I.P.); the European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA); the journal Addiction/Society for the Study of Addiction (Addiction/SSA); and the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE). **President of ICAD, João Goulão** and **Executive Director of the EUDA, Alexis Goosdeel** will speak at the official opening of the event.

The conference offers a unique professional networking opportunity for researchers, professionals and policy experts across countries and disciplines to address new challenges and areas of development in the field of addictive behaviours and dependencies.

The conference will take place in English.

**Programme:** The full programme and app can be downloaded from the [conference website](#).

**Venue:** [Lisbon Congress Centre](#).

**Newsletter:** To receive regular updates about the event, subscribe to our [newsletter](#).

**Media:** Journalists are welcome and can register for the conference (select the 'press' option under 'registration'):

**Side events:** Several side events will take place around the conference. For more details, please contact the individual [side-event organisers](#).

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