

## CONFERENCE BROCHURE



IHRA, the Conference Consortium and ENDIPP would like to invite you to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm, *'Harm Reduction – Coming of Age'*, which will take place from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2007. The venue is the GROMADA Conference Centre ([www.gromada.pl](http://www.gromada.pl)) located in the green quarter of South Warsaw, near to the city's Frederic Chopin Okecie Airport.

This is the official conference of the IHRA and the main meeting point for all those interested in harm reduction. It is the key forum for the dissemination of ideas and practice, attended by over 1300 people from over 60 countries. It brings together frontline workers, researchers, policy makers, members of governments, officials from law enforcement, the judiciary, criminal justice workers, UN officials, members of national and international NGO's, together with members of drug user organisations, all drawn to the conference through recognition of its reputation as a "must attend" event.

Recent conferences have taken place in Belfast 2005, Melbourne 2004, Chiang Mai 2003, Delhi 2002 and last year in Vancouver. This 18<sup>th</sup> conference in Warsaw provides a unique opportunity to recognise achievements and look to the future, reflected in the conference strapline – *'Harm Reduction – Coming of Age'*. This will increase the profile of this conference, and a number of events to celebrate this 'birthday' are planned.

A scholarship programme, supported by international donors, brings many people from developing and transitional countries and the organisers of each event go to great lengths to ensure the participation of affected populations and communities.

The conference programme comprises a wide range of events including plenary sessions, major sessions, symposia, workshops, the 'living room', training and skill-sharing, a film festival, poster exhibitions, a trade exhibition, satellite sessions and an events area. It has high profile opening and closing ceremonies, an annual awards event, and a conference party.

### Programme highlights include

- How can we reduce the harm to vulnerable populations such as women, youth, children, families, prisoners and persons with mental health problems?
- What can we learn from the indigenous populations from around the world?
- How do we build on what we know for users of heroin, crack-cocaine, speed, marijuana, alcohol and other psycho-active substances?
- How can we integrate city & government representatives, businesses, law enforcement agencies and faith-based groups into harm reduction planning and the implementation of strategies?
- How can we remove the barriers and better manage treatment for Infectious diseases (including HIV, hepatitis)?
- How can we continue to build on harm reduction strategies in countries in crisis or conflict?
- What can we do to develop better programmes for working with sex trade workers?
- After decades of implementation, how do needle exchange programs work? Are there situations when they don't function properly?
- How can we support health promotion measures to reduce the burden on the health care system?
- How have gender-related concerns been addressed by harm reduction research and programming?





## REGISTRATION

The Conference Registration Fees have been set as follows:

	Early Rate (payment before 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2007)	Regular Rate (payment before 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2007)
Full	€699	€799
Reduced	€582	€682
IHRA Member	€655	€755

the On-line registration system is now open and available at [www.harmreduction2007.org/conftool/](http://www.harmreduction2007.org/conftool/) There you will be able to register for the Conference, submit an abstract and arrange your payment.

## ABSTRACTS

In order to submit an abstract or presentation for the Conference or a movie for the Conference Film Festival, please use the online registration system available at [www.harmreduction2007.org/conftool/](http://www.harmreduction2007.org/conftool/)

Following registration, you will find the option of submitting your work for the Conference available when you log into the Conference Registration & Abstract Submission System.

The maximum length of the abstracts is 500 words. The deadline for abstracts submission is **23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2006**.

## ACCOMMODATION

The Conference Organisers have arranged 700 hotel rooms for reservation by our delegates in hotels located within walking distance from the Conference Centre. As the attendance at the conference is likely to be significantly higher than this, it is strongly advised to register and book your accommodation early. Other accommodation booked later may not be as conveniently located and might be more expensive.

The Special accommodation prices arranged for the Conference Delegates are only available through the use of the Hotel Booking Form, available on the conference website [www.harmreduction2007.org](http://www.harmreduction2007.org), where you can also find descriptions of several local hotels.



## INTERPRETATION



The main language of the conference is English, with simultaneous translation into Polish and Russian available in the main auditorium during the opening ceremony, plenaries, major sessions and closing ceremony. Other languages may be added, based on need and resources available.

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