

French Presidency of the Council of the European Union

**European Conference of Scientific Experts
December 9th and 10th, 2008**

Title of the conference: “How can we better treat drug addiction? New scientific and clinical challenges for Europe.”

PROGRAM

Languages of presentations: French, English and German, with simultaneous translation

Place: The Grand Amphitheater of the Sorbonne

Day 1: Tuesday December 9th, 2008

MORNING

8 h – 9 h: Welcoming coffee, distribution of badges and conference materials

9 h – 10 h 30: Opening Session

§ Introduction by the President of the MILDT, Mr. Etienne APAIRE

§ Speech of the General Director of INSERM, Prof. André SYROTA

§ Elocution of the Minister of Health, Mrs. Roselyne BACHELOT

§ Presentation of the objectives and structure of the Conference: What does it mean to treat Addictions? – Robert WEST (Editor-in-Chief of the “Addiction journal” – London – United Kingdom)

10 h 30 – 11 h: Coffee break with poster session (I)

11 h – 13 h : Session 1 : Advances in research in the neurobiology of addictions: what’s new in the development of more efficacious treatments?

§ Chairman and moderator : Michel HAMON (University Pierre and Marie Curie – Paris)

Communications

§ Proposal for a new neurobiological model of drug addiction : Jean-Pol TASSIN (Collège de France – UMR CNRS laboratory 7148 – Paris - France)

§ Relative weight of drug exposure and individual vulnerability in the development of addiction : Pier Vincenzo PIAZZA (INSERM laboratory 588 – Bordeaux – France)

§ Drugs for relapse prevention of alcoholism ; 10 years of progress : Rainer SPANAGEL (Central Institute of Mental Health – University of Heidelberg – Mannheim – Germany)

§ Imaging usual addictions : tobacco, cannabis and alcohol : Jean-Luc MARTINOT (INSERM/CEA laboratory – Orsay – France) and Gunter SCHUMANN (Institute of Psychiatry – King’s College – London).

AFTERNOON

2:30 – 4:30 : Session 2 : What approaches for treating addictions to cocaine and crack?

§ Chairman and moderator : Jean-Michel SCHERRMANN (INSERM laboratory 705 – Paris – France)

Communications

§ The potential of immunotherapy : Thomas KOSTEN (Baylor College of Medicine – Houston - USA)

§ Efficacy of central nervous system stimulant treatment for cocaine dependence : Xavier CASTELLS (Psychiatry service, Vall d’Hebron University Hospital, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona – Spain)

§ Antipsychotic medications for cocaine dependence : Pier Paolo PANI (Social-Health Integration Service – Office of Social Policies, Sardinia Health and Social Administration – Sardinia Autonomous Region – Cagliari - Italy)

§ Psychosocial interventions for cocaine-related disorder : Laurent KARILA (Centre d’Enseignement, de Recherche et de Traitement des Addictions – Hôpital Paul Brousse – Villejuif – France)

4:30 – 5:00: Coffee break and Poster Session (I)

5:00 – 6:15 : Session 3 : The contributions of community-based approaches

§ Chairman and moderator : Joël SWENDSEN (CNRS and University of Bordeaux 2)

Communications

§ The development of therapeutic communities for addictions in Europe : Eric BROEKAERT (Department of Orthopedagogics, Ghent University – Belgium)

§ What is the efficacy of therapeutic communities relative to other forms of residential treatment? Lesley A. SMITH (Oxford Brookes University, School of Health and Social Care – Oxford – United Kingdom)

Day 2: Wednesday December 10th

MORNING

9h – 11h : Session 4 : What is the medium and long-term outcome for patients receiving opiate substitution treatments?

§ Chairman and moderator : Yolande OBADIA (ORS PACA – Marseille – France)

Communications

§ Reductions in criminal convictions after addiction treatment: 5 years follow-up : Michael GOSSOP (National Addiction Centre, Institute of psychiatry, King's College – London – United Kingdom)

§ Risk of fatal overdose during and after specialist drug treatment : the VEdeTTE study, a national multi-site prospective cohort study : Patrizia SCHIFANO (Department of Epidemiology – Rome – Italy)

§ Benefits of substitution treatments for patients infected by HIV : Patrizia CARRIERI (INSERM laboratory 379 – Marseille – France)

11 h – 11 h 30: Coffee break and Poster session (II)

11 h 30 – 12h 30: Session 5 : What treatment options for young problematic users of cannabis?

§ Chairman and moderator : Michel REYNAUD (Department of psychiatry and addictology – Hôpital Paul Brousse – Villejuif – France)

Communications

§ Presentation of the research protocol for the European clinical multi-site “INCANT” study and initial data : Olivier PHAN (Institut Mutualiste Montsouris and INSERM laboratory 669 – Paris - France) and Andreas GANTNER (Therapieladen – Berlin - Germany)

AFTERNOON

2:00 – 3:30 : Session 6 :Change without treatment: interest and possibilities

§ Chairman and moderator : Philippe BATEL (Unité de traitement ambulatoire des maladies addictives – Hôpital Beaujon – Clichy – France)

Communications

§ The self-change from addictive behaviors : an interesting way of research : Harald KLINGEMANN (südhang, Klinik für Suchttherapien & alkoholismus therapieforschung schweiz – Switzerland)

§ Stability of remission from alcohol dependence at two years without formal help : Hans – Jürgen RUMPF (University of Lübeck, Department of psychiatry and psychotherapy – Lübeck – Germany)

§ Differences among substance abusers in Spain who recovered with treatment or on their own : José Luis CARBALLO (Department of Health Psychology, University of Elche - Alicante – Spain)

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee break and poster session (II)

4:00 – 5:50 : Session 7 : Round table : How can we better organize addiction treatment research at the European level?

Potential communications

Debate between representatives of the European Commission, of the EMCDDA, of the research platform of the Pompidou Group, of the French authorities and scientific experts from large European countries.

6:00 – 6:30 Closing session

§ Closing discourse by the Minister of higher education and research, Mrs. Valérie PECRESSE.

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