



The 3rd World Congress on Alcohol and Addictions
23-26 September 2024 | Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Program at a glance



Time		Day 1 Monday 23 September 2024				
08:30 - 09:30		Opening Ceremony				
Acknowledgement to Country and Official Congress Opening Address						
09:30 - 10:30		Plenary lecture				
Closing the Treatment Gap: Challenges and Opportunities Dr. George Koob (Director, NIAAA, NIH, USA)						
10:30 - 11:00		Morning Break				
11:00 - 11:30		Keynote lecture				
The neurobiology of alcohol addiction Dr. George Koob (Director, NIAAA, NIH, USA)						
11:30 - 13:00		Symposia A <i>Stay tuned for symposia details</i>				
Themes	<i>The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)</i>	<i>Epidemiology, public health and prevention</i>	<i>Neuroscience and pharmacology</i>	<i>Organ damage</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>The addictive disorders spectrum</i>
13:00 - 14:30		Lunchtime symposia and poster viewing			ISBRA Board of Directors Meeting I	ISAM Neuroscience Special Interest Group
14:30 - 16:00		Symposia B <i>Stay tuned for symposia details</i>				
Themes	<i>The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)</i>	<i>Epidemiology, public health and prevention</i>	<i>Neuroscience and pharmacology</i>	<i>Organ damage</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>The addictive disorders spectrum</i>
16:00 - 16:30		Afternoon break				
16:30 - 17:30		Plenary lecture				
Global epidemiology of alcohol and opioid use: how experience in low and middle income countries can inform global strategies Dr. Sawitri Assanangkornchai (Director, Center for Alcohol Studies, Thai Health Foundation, Bangkok, and Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai, Thailand)						
17:30 - 18:30		Keynote lecture				
Gambling disorder and its treatment: findings from nationwide studies in Japan Dr. Sachio Matsushita (Director, National Hospitals Organization Kurihama Medical and Addiction Center, Yokosuka, Japan)						
18:30		Welcome Reception				

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Time	Day 2 Tuesday 24 September 2024					
08:30 - 09:30	Plenary lecture					
	Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder in its broad context. Dr. Elizabeth Elliott (University of Sydney, Australia)					
09:30 - 11:00	Symposia C <i>Stay tuned for symposia details</i>					
Themes	<i>The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)</i>	<i>Epidemiology, public health and prevention</i>	<i>Neuroscience and pharmacology</i>	<i>Organ damage</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>The addictive disorders spectrum</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Morning Break					
11:30 - 13:00	Symposia D <i>Stay tuned for symposia details</i>					
Themes	<i>The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)</i>	<i>Epidemiology, public health and prevention</i>	<i>Neuroscience and pharmacology</i>	<i>Organ damage</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>The addictive disorders spectrum</i>
13:00 - 14:30	Lunchtime symposia and poster viewing					
14:30 - 16:00	Symposia E <i>Stay tuned for symposia details</i>					
Themes	<i>The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)</i>	<i>Epidemiology, public health and prevention</i>	<i>Neuroscience and pharmacology</i>	<i>Organ damage</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>The addictive disorders spectrum</i>
16:00 - 16:30	Afternoon break					
16:30 - 17:30	Plenary lecture					
	WHO policy and guidelines for Disorders due to Substance Use and Addictive Behaviours Dr. Vladimir Poznyak (World Health Organisation)					
17:30 - 18:00	Prize lecture					
	Lecture in honour of Dr. Ed Riley Dr Ed Riley and Dr Jennifer Thomas					
18:00 - 18:30	Prize lecture					
	<i>Stay tuned for prize lecture details</i>					
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Time		Day 3 Wednesday 25 September 2024				
08:30 - 09:30		Plenary lecture				
Precision medicine approaches to the treatment of alcohol use disorder Dr. Katie Witkiewitz (Center on Alcohol, Substance use, and Addictions, University of New Mexico, USA)						
09:30 - 11:00		Symposia F Stay tuned for symposia details				
Themes	The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)	Epidemiology, public health and prevention	Neuroscience and pharmacology	Organ damage	Treatment	The addictive disorders spectrum
		NDARC-MARC Opioid Symposium				
11:00 - 11:30		Morning Break				
11:30 - 13:00		Symposia G Stay tuned for symposia details				
Themes	The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)	Epidemiology, public health and prevention	Neuroscience and pharmacology	Organ damage	Treatment	The addictive disorders spectrum
					Corrections to community OTP Dr. Nathaniel Day	
13:00 - 14:30		Lunchtime symposia and poster viewing				APSAAR Board of Directors Meeting
14:30 - 16:00		Symposia H Stay tuned for symposia details				
Themes	The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)	Epidemiology, public health and prevention	Neuroscience and pharmacology	Organ damage	Treatment	The addictive disorders spectrum
					Opioid Treatment Symposium Dr. Nathaniel Day	
16:00 - 16:30		Afternoon break				
16:30 - 17:30		Plenary lecture				
Treatment strategies to reduce morbidity and mortality from alcohol-related liver disease Dr. Mack Mitchell (Vice-President for Medical Affairs, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School)						
17:30 - 18:00		Keynote lecture				
Legalization of cannabis for medical and recreational use: The Thailand experience Dr. Rasmon Kalayasiri (Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand)						
19:00 - 22:00		Congress Dinner				

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Time		Day 4 Thursday 26 September 2024				
08:30 - 09:30		Plenary lecture				
		The interaction between the gut-brain axis and alcohol use disorder Dr. Elisabet Jerlhag (Department of Pharmacology, University of Gothenburg, Sweden)				
09:30 - 11:00		Symposia H <i>Stay tuned for symposia details</i>				
Themes	The first 1,000 days of life (inc. FASD)	Epidemiology, public health and prevention	Neuroscience and pharmacology	Organ damage	Treatment	The addictive disorders spectrum
11:00 - 11:30		Morning Break				
11:30 - 13:00		Symposia K			Workshop	
		The public health response to commercial causes of harm: what can we learn from different sectors? Hosted by the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research			Mentor-mentee speed dating session Hosted by the ISBRA Early Career Investigators Committee	
13:00 - 14:30		Lunchtime symposia and poster viewing				APSAAR Board of Directors Meeting
14:30 - 15:30		Plenary lecture				
		Why should we think of food addiction today? Dr. Tae-Kyung Lee (Director-General, Bugok National Hospital, South Korea)				
15:30 - 16:30		Panel discussion				
		Key discoveries in alcohol research and the path ahead Featuring Dr Karl Mann, founders and senior members of ISBRA				
16:30 - 17:30		Closing Ceremony				

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