

International Conference



Wake-Up. Drug-Free is the key!

International conference on Drug Prevention

Date: 20 - 21 March 2025 English-language

22 March 10.00 - 12.00 Let us stand together, where we will discuss invited contributions from conference participants on how we can stand up for our children to grow up in a drug-free environment.

Location: Van der Valk Hotel Eindhoven, Aalsterweg 322, 5644RL Eindhoven **the Netherlands.** (Bus stop in front of hotel).

Theme & Focus The Rights of the child to grow up in a Drug-free environment

Program:

Day 1 Prevention

08.00 - 9.00 Registration, refreshments and networking

09.00 Welcome, Introduction and information

09.30 - 10.00 Mrs. Roxana Stere – Romania. She is a researcher in the fields of human rights and organized crime with a focus on children rights and international drug control.



Topic: Analysis of Article 33 Convention on the Rights of the Child.

10.00 - 10.30 Mr. Stephan Dahlgren – Sweden. He is a former Head of UNICEF Child Protection and a human rights researcher.



Topic: Did big money take over the UN on drug policy? An examination of developments over the last 15 years. Including assessment of UN drug policy papers and UN drug policy experts.

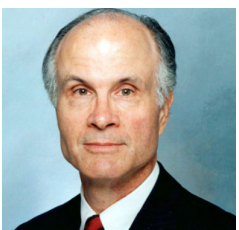
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30 Eze Eluchie, Esq. – Nigerian. He is a Nigerian human & health rights attorney, Secretary of OVOM and Head of the OVOM Legal Committee.



Topic: Using the Instrumentality of International Conventions to protect Children, the future from Substance Abuse. Africa and it´s young population.

11.30 - 12.00 David Evens – USA. He is an attorney - Cannabis Industry Victims Education Lawyers CIVEL.



Topic: Holding the marijuana/cannabis industry accountable. Pot shops, medical marijuana, nuisance, psychosis, addiction, consequences and costs.

12.00 12.15 Questions to speakers morning session.

12.15 – 13. 15 Lunch

13.15 – 13.45 Mr. Gary Christian – Australia. He is a prevention researcher, Vice chair and Head of the OVOM Scientific Committee, President and Senior Researcher for Drug Free Australia.



Topic: Examining the correlaton between exponentially increasing drug-related deaths in Australia in two separate drug policy eras where harm reducton was given priority over drug preventon and rehabilitaton, and the role of the later to dramatically reduce drug-related deaths across every illicit drug category when given priority.

13.45 - 14.15 Dr. John Redman – USA. He is Executive Director of CADFY (Community Alliances for Drug Free Youth).



Topic: Medical Marijuana vs. Marijuana sold as a Commodity. What are the challenges and consequences to our youth and communities. How can citizens unite to support common sense drug policies, that protect our youth.

14.15 - 14.45 Tea break

14.45 – 15.00 Mrs. Renée Besseling - the Netherlands. She is the Chair of OVOM and author of the book, Parents A Natural Preventive Against Drugs, The Dutch Experience.



Topic: Closed coffeeshop chain experiment in the Netherlands. What is the story, how real is it, for Whom and Why?

15.00 - 16.15 Panel discussion with today speakers

Day 2 Prevention

08.00 - 09.00 - Registration

09.00 – 9.30 Mrs. Josephine (Jo) Baxter – Australia. She is an International Board Member for Oceania - Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention (RAGAP). Jo lectured in Education and Health in Australia and overseas. Jo has worked with Life Education Australia and in Drug Rehabilitation. She has served on Australian Federal Government Drug Advisory Councils. Currently, Jo is Executive Director of Drug Free Australia and Adviser and member of the OVOM secretariat.



Topic: Youth Prevention Influencers (International Rotary Program).

09.30 – 10.15 Mrs. Tiny Kes - the Netherlands. She is OVOM Council member for Europe and Vice Chair of the Courageous Mothers, the Netherlands.

Mrs. Carla Lowe - USA. She is president of Americans Against Legalizing Marijuana. America's 45 year Parent Movement Reducing The Demand For Illegal Drugs



Topic: How drugs affect the family

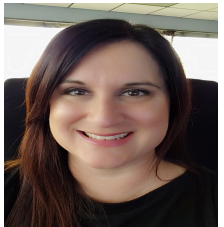
10.15 - 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 - 11.30 Prof. Stuart Reece – Australia. He is the world's leading expert on cannabis population studies.



Topic: What we need to know about Cannabis. Dr Reece will present the results of his 2,300 page book – which covers the population studies from US and EU on cannabis and their disease burden on those populations.

11.30 – 12.00 Amy Ronshausen – USA. She is the Executive Director of Drug Free America Foundation, Inc., and the President of the World Federation Against Drugs.



Topic: The Declaration of Oviedo: 2024 Global Initiative for the Integration of Prevention in Drug Policies - it has 2,462 signatory organisations. What do they represent.

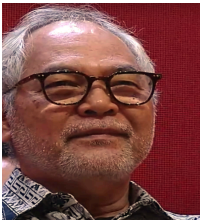
Lunch 12.00 - 13.00

13.00 – 13.30 Florence Onsando – Kenya. She is an OVOM Council member for Africa and Secretary of the OVOM Prevention Committee. A counseling psychologist and mental health advocate. WWCTU President, Kenyan chapter.



Topic: Think when drugs come on your pad, what do you do.

13.30 – 14.00 Tony Parbudi, Indonesia. He is the Treasury of OVOM, and Council members of the Pacific Region.



Topic: How to unite regions with one message. Prevention will be our common future plan and this should be a worldwide one voice one message, drug free is the key.

14.00 - 14.30 Dr. Michiel Bannier - the Netherlands. He is a paediatric pulmonologist at the MosaKids Children's Hospital Maastricht. He is a member of the Dutch #doctorsraisealarm initiative he is committed to a nicotine free society.



Topic: Vaping – the new epidemic.

14.30 -15.00 Tea break

15.00 – 15.45 Panel - discussion

15.45 – 16-00 Summing up the two-day conference.

Day 3

There is a power in Numbers Let's stand together for our future generation

The third day of the conference, Wake-Up Drug-free is the Key, will be committee work 10.00 -11.00 am where we will invite input from participants on four committees:

- Legal Committee – looking at legal leverage to hold countries accountable to their UN commitments of drugs
- Science Committee – reviewing the best mechanisms for getting the latest reliable science and the best mechanisms for communicating and publicising it
- Prevention Committee – drilling down on the best approaches and how to promote them
- Finance Committee – looking at how we best make our work sustainable in the long- term

Airports near Eindhoven are:

the Netherlands:

Schiphol, 126 km from Eindhoven.

Rotterdam The Hague Airport; 118 km to Eindhoven.

Eindhoven Airport; only 4,5 km from Van der Valk Hotel

Maastricht Aachen Airport; 83 km from Eindhoven.

Belgium, 'Brussel Zaventem; 125 km from Eindhoven.

Germany, Duesseldorf Airport (DUS), Germany to Eindhoven, the Netherlands with train 240 minutes.

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For any questions please contact admin.ovom@protonmail.com

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