A conference to establish and investigate the partnership between law enforcement and public health in addressing complex social problems

CONFERENCE UPDATE: AUGUST 2012

DISCOUNT REGISTRATION AVAILABLE – BUT BE QUICK!

A 15% discount is currently available on the full registration – but only until 5th September. To secure this reduced rate, go to our registration page and select ‘Special Offer Reduced Rate’.

You must register by September 5 to be eligible.

From the Conference Director

The conference organizers, in conjunction with the Justice Reinvestment campaign, are delighted to present a public screening of Mad Bastards as part of the conference program. The Sydney Morning Herald reviewer commented that Mad Bastards is ‘a funny, tender, bruising film about manhood in Aboriginal Australia. It manages to be what many Australians films are not: entertaining’. One on-line reviewer described the film as ‘one of the best films I have seen about the relation between father/son, a mesmerizing film set in a remote, ghost town in the outback where there is still hope to reform a man and other individuals full of demons, alcohol, lack of ambition, loss of cultural value’. The film serves to highlight the complexity of policing in indigenous affairs through the eyes of an indigenous policeman.

To be screened on the Tuesday evening of the conference, Mad Bastards will include introductions and post-screening commentaries by:

- Dean Daley-Jones who plays TJ in the film
- Megan Williams, who led the Project 10% campaign on Aboriginal health and imprisonment in Queensland
- Dr Ted Wilkes, member of the Australian National Council on Drugs and Chair of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (for Justice Reinvestment)
- Dr Tom Calma, National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking (for Justice Reinvestment).

This is a must-see event at LEPH2012.

Nick Crofts, Conference and Program Director.
Register now – don’t miss out

To register for this conference, or if you want to be kept informed of conference developments go to www.policing-and-public-health.com.

Vacancies still exist to present in The Marketplace of Ideas

The Marketplace of Ideas is the ideal setting to present your health-police collaborative project at the conference, in a relaxed and interactive space separate from the oral presentation streams. All Marketplace of Ideas presentations will be scheduled in the program.

There is still time to apply to present at the Marketplace of Ideas but act quickly. To be a part of this creative environment go to the section below the draft program grid at http://www.policing-and-public-health.com/program/.

Department of Health becomes Premier Partner for LEPH2012

Conference organisers are delighted to welcome the Victorian Department of Health as a Premier Partner for the Conference. This Victorian government support recognises the importance of the issues being addressed. The Department is convening a session entitled ‘Policing those putting others at risk of infectious diseases’. This session will explore the place of the public health law and the criminal law in preventing people placing others at risk of infectious diseases. For details see session M11 on the draft program.

Conference Program now available

A draft Conference Program is now available at http://www.policing-and-public-health.com/program/. Some of the highlights in the program include:

Leader of police response to NZ earthquakes to speak at LEPH2012

Assistant Commissioner Dave Cliff will speak of his experiences leading the response to the Christchurch earthquake and co-ordinating police and public health, at LEPH2012. AC Cliff has worked in a range of general duties, criminal investigation and road policing positions around New Zealand. He worked in Vietnam and Argentina advising on road safety issues. In November 2007 he was appointed District Commander for the Canterbury Police District and led the police response to both the September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes. He was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours for services to Policing and in particular his leadership during the Christchurch earthquake response.

Sex Work and the Police

Session M2 will bring together an eclectic range of speakers to discuss the ways police can best support public health programs for sex workers in a licensed sex work industry. Convened by Resourcing Health
Positive police initiatives in the Northern Territory Intervention

Professor Peter D’Abbs, from the Menzies School of Health Research in Brisbane, will speak on ‘Alcohol, community action and the role of police: lessons from Northern Territory initiatives’. He is a sociologist with a research background in alcohol and other substance misuse policy issues and in program evaluation, much of which has been conducted in northern Australia, and has involved remote and/or Indigenous settings. His projects include a review of interventions into volatile substance misuse, a national evaluation of the rollout of Opal low aromatic fuel in communities affected by petrol sniffering and evaluations of alcohol management plans and other community-based initiatives to reduce alcohol problems.

WHO Teamleader to describe police-public health cooperation

Dr Eva Christophel is the Teamleader of the Malaria and other Vectorborne and Parasitic Diseases group at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific in Manila. Her current work priorities are the clinical and treatment aspects of malaria and other parasitic diseases. This is an emerging and urgent problem affecting most of the developing world, and a critical issue for collaboration between law enforcement and health: Her presentation at LEPH2012 is titled: ‘Cooperation between public health and law enforcement to combat fake antimalarials in the Greater Mekong Subregion’.

Spreading the news

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