

Registration

Entry to the '3rd international symposium on drug-impaired driving' is free of charge, but registration is required and on a first come, first served basis. Registration opens 13 March 2017.

Organisers



Canadian Centre
on Substance Abuse
Centre canadien de lutte
contre les toxicomanies



European Monitoring Centre
for Drugs and Drug Addiction



The symposium is a collaborative effort between the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), the US National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the New Zealand Drug Foundation.

Venue

The Lisbon Congress Centre is located close to the river Tagus and the historical and cultural district of Belém, just a few minutes from the city centre, well served by public transport.

The '3rd international symposium on drug-impaired driving' is taking place on 23 October in Lisbon immediately prior to Lisbon Addictions, the Second European conference on addictive behaviours and dependencies (24–26 October 2017).



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SECOND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS AND DEPENDENCIES

Resources



Towards a comprehensive framework addressing drugs and driving

www.drugfoundation.org.nz/sites/default/files/towards_a_framework_for_addressing_drug_driving.pdf



Drug use, impaired driving and traffic accidents

www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/insights/2014/drugs-and-driving



Clearing the Smoke on Cannabis: Cannabis Use and Driving

<http://www.ccsa.ca/Resource%20Library/CCSA-Cannabis-Use-and-Driving-Report-2015-en.pdf>



Drug-Impaired Driving Toolkit

<http://www.ccsa.ca/Eng/topics/Impaired-Driving/Drug-Impaired-Driving-Toolkit/Pages/default.asp>

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Further information on the event

www.emcdda.europa.eu/meetings/2017/3rd-symposium-drug-impaired-driving

CCSA topic page on impaired driving

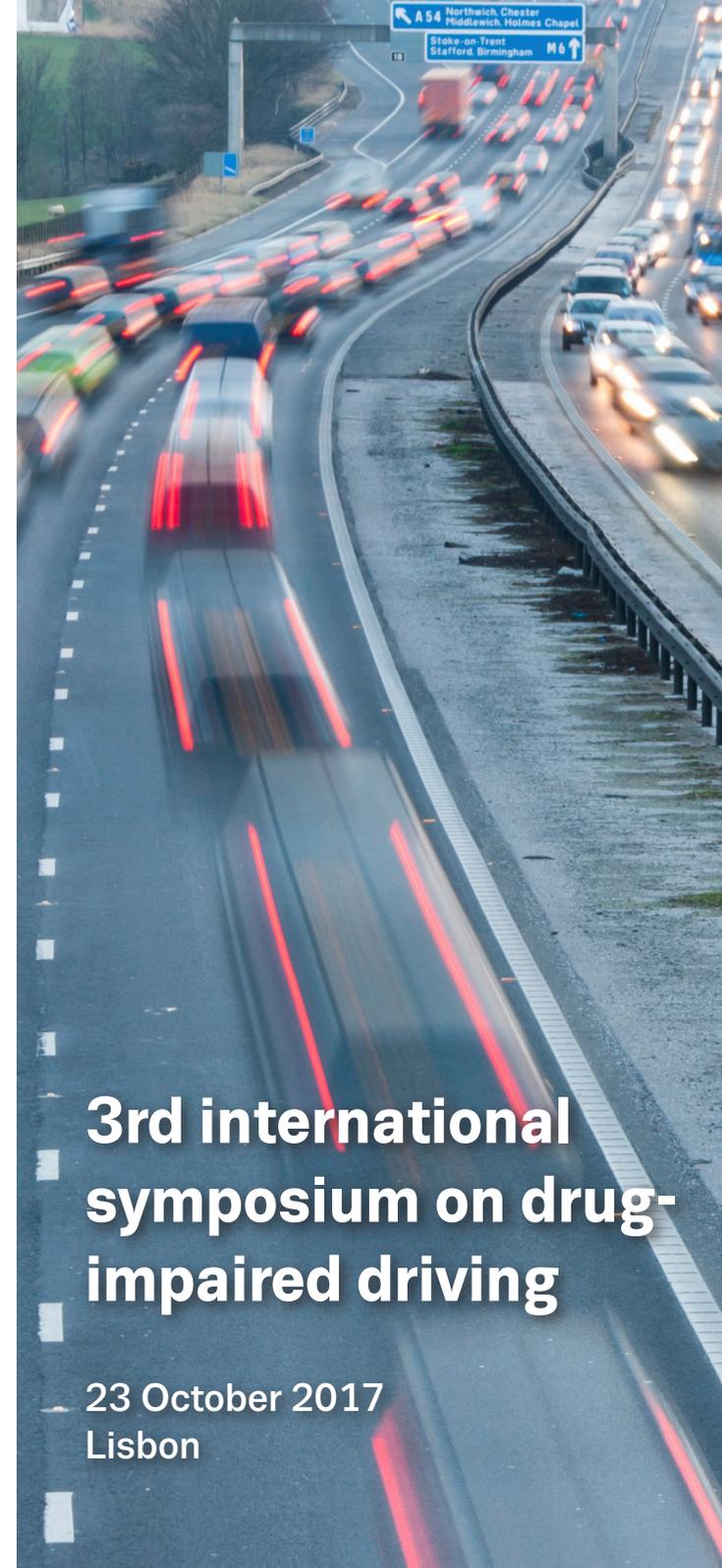
www.ccsa.ca/Eng/topics/Impaired-Driving/Pages/default.aspx

EMCDDA topic page on drugs and driving

www.emcdda.europa.eu/topics/driving

Lisbon Addictions 2017

www.lisbonaddictions.eu/lisbon-addictions-2017



**3rd international
symposium on drug-
impaired driving**

**23 October 2017
Lisbon**

About the symposium

With cannabis use and policy evolving internationally, drug-impaired driving has become an increasingly relevant issue. This international symposium will put the spotlight on key developments relevant to road safety in recent years and highlight the implications of these for drug-impaired driving. The prevalence of drug-impaired driving has begun to rival that of alcohol-impaired driving in some parts of the world, resulting in a greater focus on the ability to detect drug-impaired drivers using roadside screening tools. Similarly, with the changes in cannabis policy, many jurisdictions are working towards or have already implemented laws that establish 'per se' limits for drug use. With these significant changes in mind, mobilisation of research and collaboration of efforts will help us to navigate this growing area of concern.

The objective of the symposium is to bring together key stakeholders who have advanced the field — whether it be through detection technology, innovation in prevention or experience in developing new drug policy — to share their experiences and lessons learned and to develop next steps to effectively address drug-impaired driving. This symposium will offer participants the opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the field, highlight new research and identify gaps still needing attention.



Confirmed speakers



Vigdis Vindenes, Norway

Head of Section 'Drug Abuse Research', Oslo University Hospital



Jan Ramaekers, Netherlands

Professor of Psychopharmacology and Behavioral Toxicology, Maastricht University



Kim Wolff, United Kingdom

Professor of Addiction Science, King's College, London



Mário Dias, Portugal

Senior Advisor in Forensic Toxicology, National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences



Barry Logan, USA

Senior Vice President, Forensic Science Initiatives, Chief Scientist, NMS Labs



Doug Beirness, Canada

Senior Research & Policy Analyst and Advisor, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

Programme

The symposium offers a unique opportunity to learn from what other countries are doing in terms of addressing drug-impaired driving and to network with international partners and facilitate potential collaboration. It will also highlight the implications and considerations for drug-impaired driving in the context of changing cannabis policy.

- Current state of the drug-impaired driving problem internationally and advances made since the 2014 symposium;
- Legislation and policy, such as the importance of per se laws and the benefit of leveraging lessons learned from developing alcohol policy;
- Drug testing, including field impairment testing, such as the Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) program, oral fluid testing, breath testing for cannabis, and the implication of this technology for enforcement and adjudication;
- Screening, assessment and rehabilitation for convicted drug-impaired drivers and the challenges of this population, including international examples;
- Approaches to prevention such as targeted messaging incorporating perceptions among youth and strategies for creating an anti-drug-impaired driving culture (similar to alcohol); and
- A special focus on cannabis-impaired driving, including Canada's move towards a change in cannabis policy.