



# What policy advice is ICADTS preparing for governments on drugs and road safety?

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- Brief overview of the organization and activities of ICADTS.
- ICADTS' policy advisory for governments.

More background information on ICADTS: <a href="http://www.ICADTSinternational.com">www.ICADTSinternational.com</a>

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#### International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety

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### First international conference on alcohol and traffic, Stockholm, 1950

The records of 19 ICADTS Meetings, 1950 to 2010—6 years of alcohol safety research

Paul Marques, Kathy Stewart, Jim Fell, & Robert Voas

#### ICADTS Policy Advisory (I)

ICADTS is directly related to policy direction and development through:

- Occupations and roles of its members
- Tri-annual ICADTS conference (internationally rotated & active recruitement of attendees from LMICs)
- Specialist Working Groups (most recent one on LMICs concerned with alcohol and driving)
- ICADTS Foundation (sponsor attendees from LMICs to ICADTS conferences & fellowships in collaboration with the World Bank's Global Road Safety Facility)
- The Reporter (quarterly newsletter)

• Board meetings (twice yearly, associated with TRB in Washington & other relevant international meetings)

#### **Working Groups**



Working group	Chair
Illegal drugs and driving	Marilyn Huestis
Alcohol ignition interlocks	Paul Marques
Alcohol biomarkers	Ron Agius
Prescribing and dispensing guidelines for medicinal drugs and driving	Han de Gier & Javier Alvarez
Clinical signs of impairment for drugs other than alcohol	Mercier-Guyon
Young drivers	Andrew Murie
Standardization of reporting alcohol and drug involvement in fatal crashes	Jim Fell
Low and middle income countries	Mark King
Designer drugs and driving	Marilyn Huestis
Young scientists	Robyn Robertson 6

#### **ICADTS Policy Advisory (2)**

ICADTS through its members and working groups is related to policy advice by contributions in International Framework Programmes (e.g. One third of DRUID-partners):

- Research methods for studies on the prevalence of alcohol, illicit drugs and medicines, on characteristics of drivers tested positive and related accident risk for those substances.
- Enforcement issues: guidelines for on-site screening of impairing substances, priority setting, screening devices for saliva testing, clinical signs investigation.
- Classification of medicines which can impair driving fitness (methodology, review of 1,500 medicines, developing patient- and health care provider-oriented information, prescribing and dispensing support by ICT)
- Policy implications (guidelines for risk communication and improving patient package leaflets)
- Recommendations on innovative rehabilitation schemes (e.g. alcohol ignition interlock programmes and withdrawal and additional measures for DUID)

#### **ICADTS Policy Advisory (3)**

ICADTS through its members and working groups is related to policy advice by contributions in important emerging issues:

- How to deal with designer drugs?
- How to improve the situation in LMICs on
  - knowledge among drivers in LMICs about risk for involvement in road traffic accidents after using alcohol or drugs?
  - How to develop more enforcement of DUID laws in LMICs?
  - How to improve understanding of dangers by alcohol and drug use (inform drivers, politicians, and police officers)?
  - How to generate empirical data to improve enforcement?











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#### Thank you for you attention! **Questions?**