

## Global perspectives on Covid-19 and substance misuse: A report from the ICARA webinar series With many thanks to our sponsor: www.icara.info

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## **About ICARA**

- Established in 2011, as an umbrella organisation for research organisations/societies/teams across the globe focused on alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and behavioural addictions.
- Our Mission: to promote, support and enhance research on these topics nationally and internationally through professional exchange, collaboration and other activities.
  - Intended focus on capacity building peer to peer learning within and between countries.



#### Full Members (including pending)

International

- INEBRIA International Network for Brief Interventions on Alcohol and Other Drugs
- ISSDP International Society for the Study of Drug Policy
- **SALIS Substance Abuse Librarian and Information Specialists**
- ISAJE International Society of Addiction Journal Editors
- ISSBA International Society for the Study of Behavioural Addiction
- KBS Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol
- AFINet Addiction and the Family International Network National
- APSAD Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs
- > AHR Finnish Association for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Research
- DRNS Drugs Research Network for Scotland
- VVGN Dutch Association for Addiction Medicine
- SAD Swedish Society for Alcohol and Drug Research
- DG-Sucht German Society for Addiction Research and Addiction Therapy (Deutsche Gesellschaft f
  ür Suchtforschung und Suchttherapie)

#### **Associate Members**

- CRISA African Centre for Research and Information on Substance Abuse
- UTRIP Institute for Prevention Research and Development
- Alcohol Change UK
- NCETA The National Centre on Education and Training on Addiction
- SACASR Salvation Army Centre for Addiction Services and Research, UK
- Intercambios Asociación Civil, Argentina
- SAMRC South African Medical Research Council

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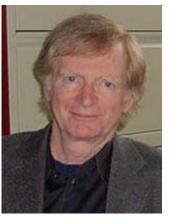
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## ICARA Annual Meeting & General Assembly Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

- 10.00-12.00 GMT: Webinar: Emerging Issues in Gambling Research
- ► Keynote: Prof. Samantha Thomas, Prof. of Public Health, Deakin University
- Panel Discussion: policy developments globally, LMIC issues, framing gambling, industry funding
  - > Dr. Derrick Ssewanyana, African Institute for Development Policy, Nairobi, Kenya
  - Dr. Janne Nikkinen, Center for Research on Addiction, Control and Governance (CEACG), University of Helsinki
  - Prof. Samantha Thomas, Professor of Public Health, Deakin University
  - > Dr. May Van Schalkwyk, NIHR Doctoral Fellow, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

### ► 14.00 - 16.00 GMT: Annual Meeting & General Assembly

#### Keynote: Emerging Issues in Cannabis Research

- Prof. Rosalie Liccardo Pacula, University of Southern California, President, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy
- Activity Reports; Board Elections; Planning for 2022

Can still register - https://www.icara.info/2021-icara-annual-general-meeting/



## We are looking for new Board Members for 2021-23.

- Board Elections on Monday we still have vacancies (esp. for ordinary board members)
  - Do you share our enthusiasm for the value of connecting researchers nationally and internationally?
  - Could you give a few hours a month to help ICARA?
  - Would you like to grow your own network and profile internationally?

If so, please consider joining our board:

- You don't have to be from an ICARA member organisation, just an ATOD or behavioural addiction researcher, keen to help.
- Please contact me (niamh.fitzgerald@stir.ac.uk) if you're interested.

## Today's Session reports from our SSAsponsored Webinar Series

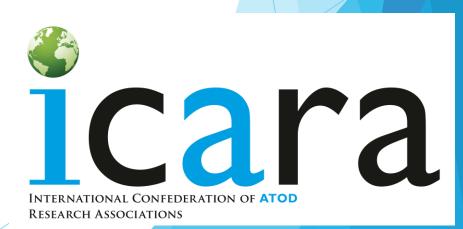
- Webinar 1 -Pandemic Perspectives: Addiction Science in the Era of COVID-19 Link Curated by Prof. Tom Babor
- Webinar 2 -Substance use and gambling in Finland during the COVID-19 pandemic: Perspectives from a Nordic welfare state with low COVID-19 incidence Link Curated by Dr. Michael Egerer/Finnish Association for Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Research
- Webinar 3 -COVID-19 and the tobacco political and health economy Link Curated by Dr. Rachel O'Donnel & Dr. Catherine Egbe
- Webinar 4 -How COVID has changed cannabis markets, use and policy <u>Link</u> Curated by Prof. Rosalie Liccardo Pacula/International Society for Study of Drug Policy
- Webinar 5 -Alcohol consumption in Latin America during the COVID-19 pandemic Link to session recordings (scroll to Webinar 5) Curated by Dr. Andrea Mohan.
- Webinar 6 Myths, Lockdowns, Curfews & Bans: Alcohol consumption and harms during COVID-19 in four continents <u>Link to session recordings and blog</u> (scroll to Webinar 6) Curated by Dr. Claire Wilkinson & Prof. Niamh Fitzgerald

# Thanks to all involved in the webinar series especially:

Society for the Study of Addiction University of Johannesburg Scottish Alcohol Research Network Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems

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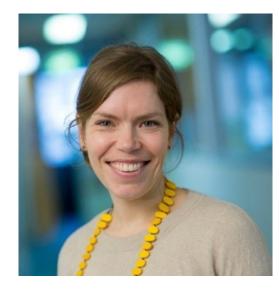


## **Today's Panel**



**Dr. Rachel O'Donnell,** Research Fellow, Institute for Social Marketing & Health, University of Stirling

Covid-19 and the tobacco political and health economy



**Dr. Claire Wilkinson,** Senior Research Fellow, Drug Policy Modelling Program, University of New South Wales

Examining Covid-19 impact on home drinking, deaths, ambulance call-outs and treatment.



#### Prof. Rosalie Liccardo Pacula,

Elizabeth Garrett Chair in Health Policy, Economics & Law, Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California Cannabis use, markets and policy and the effects of Covid-19