

International Conference - Cannabis and Mental Health

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Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd December 2004
Institute of Psychiatry, London

Conference Organisers:

Zerrin Atakan, UK

Robin Murray, UK

Jim van Os, Netherlands

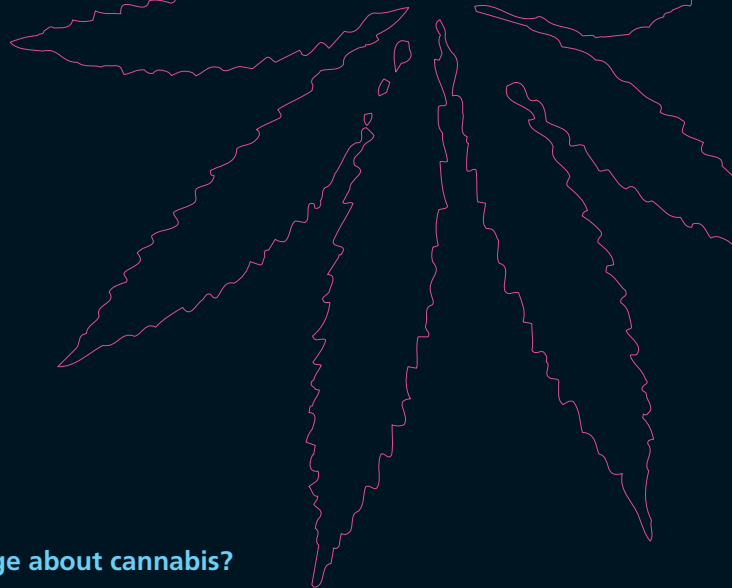
Programme Details and Registration Form



Conference presentations will address a wide range of topics including the new findings on the neurobiology of cannabis, its effects on mental health, its interaction with severe mental illness and clinical interventions to reduce cannabis consumption. There will also be a debate at the end of the conference with the motion "This house believes the legalization of cannabis would reduce the risk of mental illness". This conference will be of interest to clinicians in mental health and drug and alcohol fields, as well as researchers, pharmacists and voluntary organizations.

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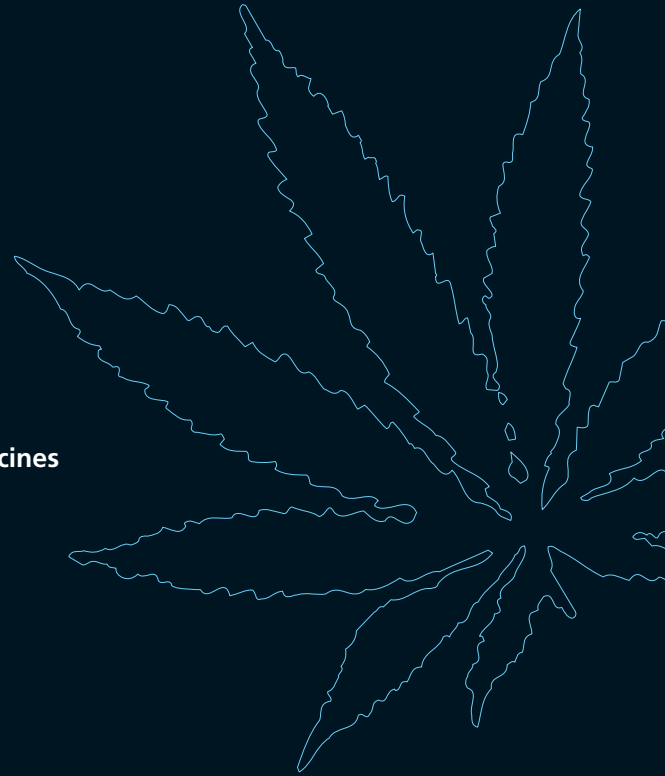


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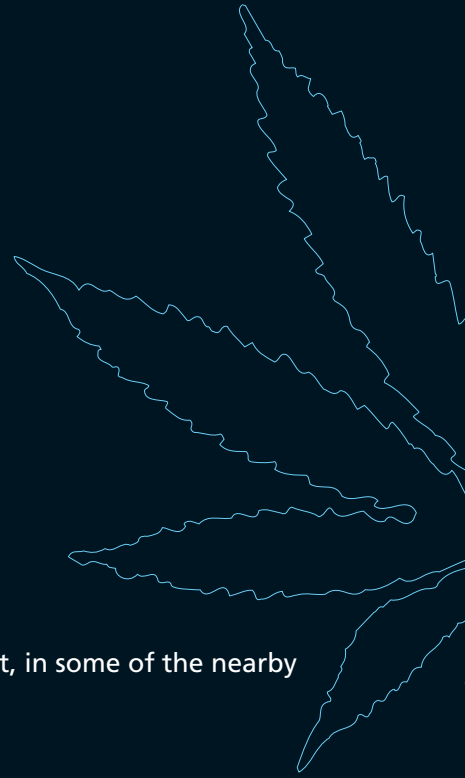
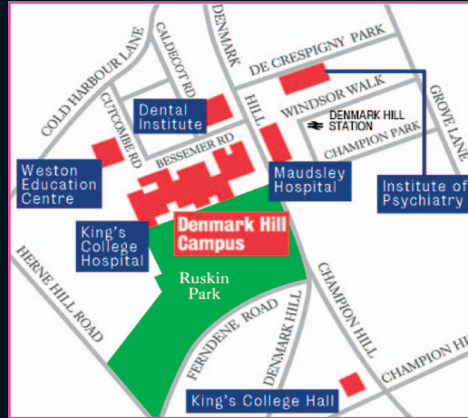
- 08.30 - 09.15** *Registration and Coffee/Tea*
- 09.15 - 09.30** **Introduction:** Robin Murray, UK
Opening remarks: Sue Arnold, UK
- 09.30 - 12.50** **SESSION 1: What's new in our knowledge about cannabis?**
Chair: Robin Murray, UK
- 09.30 - 10.00** **The neuroprotective role of the endocannabinoid system**
Rafael Mechoulam, Israel
- 10.00 - 10.30** **The cannabinoid system**
Rafael Maldonado, Spain
- 10.30 - 11.00** **The size of the problem: How common is cannabis use?**
Wayne Hall, Australia
- 11.00 - 11.30** *Coffee/Tea*
- 11.30 - 12.00** **Neuroimaging cannabis effects in the brain**
Zerrin Atakan / Philip McGuire, UK
- 12.00 - 12.30** **Gateway theories, crime and cannabis**
Mike Farrell, UK
- 12.30 - 12.50** **DISCUSSANT:** Griffith Edwards, UK
- 12.50 - 14.00** *Lunch*
- 14.00 - 17.20** **SESSION 2: Cannabis and psychosis**
Chair: Mike Farrell, UK
- 14.00 - 14.30** **Can population expression of psychosis be related to population rate of cannabis use?**
Jim van Os, Netherlands
- 14.30 - 15.00** **Does cannabis worsen the longitudinal course of schizophrenia?**
Don Liszen, Netherlands
- 15.00 - 15.30** **Effects of cannabis on the human foetal brain**
Yasmin L Hurd, Sweden
- 15.30 - 16.00** *Coffee/Tea*
- 16.00 - 16.30** **Vulnerability to psychosis and response to cannabis**
Helene Verdoux, France
- 16.30 - 17.00** **Genetic aspects, cannabis and psychosis**
Mary Cannon, Ireland
- 17.00 - 17.20** **DISCUSSANT:** Glyn Lewis, UK

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- 08.30 - 09.15 *Registration and Coffee/Tea*
- 09.15 - 12.20 **SESSION 3: Other effects of cannabis.**
Chair: Zerrin Atakan, UK
- 09.15 - 09.30 **Opening Remarks**
Richard Doll, UK
- 09.30 - 10.00 **Therapeutic potential of cannabis-based medicines**
Philip Robson, UK
- 10.00 - 10.30 **Cannabidiol as an antipsychotic**
Markus Leweke, Germany
- 10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee/Tea*
- 11.00 - 11.30 **The anti-anxiety effects of cannabidiol**
Jose Crippa, Brazil
- 11.30 - 12.00 **Cannabis and cognition: Relevance to psychotic disorders**
Nadia Solowij, Australia
- 12.00 - 12.20 **DISCUSSANT:** Les Iversen
- 12.20 - 13.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30 - 16.30 **SESSION 4: TREATMENT STRATEGIES FOR CANNABIS USE**
Chair: Jim van Os, Netherlands
- 13.30 - 14.00 **Cannabis Youth Treatment Programme: Outcomes & implications**
Yifrah Kaminer, USA
- 14.00 - 14.30 **Psychological treatment for psychosis and cannabis misuse**
Christine Barrowclough, UK
- 14.30 - 14.50 **DISCUSSANT:** Shôn Lewis
- 14.50 - 15.20 *Coffee/Tea*
- 15.20 - 16.30 **DEBATE: Hope for Dope?: This house believes the legalization of cannabis would reduce the risk of mental illness**
Chair: Robin Murray, UK
Debaters: Cliff Prior, Wayne Hall, Les Iversen, Patrick Matthews



How to find the institute of psychiatry



Travel by Car

Parking is not possible within the Institute grounds. It is possible, though difficult, in some of the nearby streets. The spaces are few and care should be taken.

Travel by Rail

Denmark Hill Station is adjacent to the Institute of Psychiatry and the Maudsley Hospital. It can be reached by trains from Victoria, London Bridge, Blackfriars and Elephant and Castle.

Loughborough Junction Station is about 15 minutes walk away and is served by Thameslink trains from London Blackfriars via Elephant and Castle.

Travel by Tube

The nearest tube stations are Oval and Elephant and Castle from where the journey has to be completed by bus.

Travel by Bus

The following buses stop at the Maudsley Hospital next to the Institute of Psychiatry: Numbers 40, 68, 176, 185, 468 and 484.

The following buses stop at Camberwell Green (about 10 minutes walk from the Institute): Numbers 12, 35, 36, 42, 45, 345 and 171

Hotel Accommodation

Limited accommodation is available at The Southwark Rose Hotel. To secure accommodation bookings, please include your credit card details on the Registration Form. We are unable to guarantee hotel bookings received after Friday 15th October 2004.

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