



2023 Symposium on Illicit Drugs

The global drug landscape is a fluid and constantly evolving situation, and one which requires our joint collaboration.

19-20 September 2023

University of Strathclyde

Join us in Glasgow for a comprehensive update on the current global drug scene. We are pleased to welcome a panel of international experts who will highlight the impacts illicit drugs have on forensic science, policing, and policy.

This event, hosted by Strathclyde's Centre for Forensic Science, will serve as the first of its kind in Scotland for those working in fields related to drug use. Participants will have an outstanding opportunity to gain valuable ideas, insights, and knowledge, so that we may take one collective step closer to countering the effects of illicit drugs on society.

Who Should Attend



The Symposium will benefit those working in fields directly or indirectly related to illicit drugs. This includes:

- Police officers
- Emergency services personnel
- Nurses
- Other health professionals
- Advocates
- Barristers
- Members of the procurator fiscal service
- Forensic scientists
- Toxicologists
- Forensic disciplines personnel
- Scientific researchers
- Student or trainee practitioners
- Social care workers

- Public policy personnel

Day 1 Programme



09.00 - 09.30

Welcome

Dr. Penny Haddrill

University of Strathclyde

09.30 - 10.30

Drug Use in Scotland

Professor Andrew McAuley

Glasgow Caledonian University

Public Health Scotland

10.30 - 11.00

Break

11.00 - 12.00

Concealment Techniques & Trafficking

Dr. Kristin Ceniccola-Campos

University of Strathclyde

12.00 - 13.00

Break

13.00 - 14.00

Amphetamine-Type Stimulant (ATS) Precursors

Mr. Hans Hendricks

Fiscal Information and Investigative Service

14.00 - 15.00

Polydrug Use & Death Investigations

Dr. Lorna Nisbet

Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science

University of Dundee

T.B.C.

15.00 - 16.00

How Do We Characterise Addiction?

Dr. Thomas Martinelli

Trimbos Institute for Mental Health

Day 2 Programme



09.00 - 10.00

Presumptive Drug Testing with Kineticolor

Dr. Marc Reid

University of Strathclyde

10.00 - 11.00

Novel Drug Detection Techniques

Dr. Caitlyn Norman

Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science

University of Dundee

11.00 - 11.30

Break

11.30 - 12.30

Drug Running in the Digital Age: Intuitive Technology to Augment the Investigator

Mr. Sam Pearce

Fivecast

12.30 - 13.30

Break

13.30 - 14.00

Testing New Psychoactive Substances with Electrochemical Sensors

Dr. Lynn Dennany

University of Strathclyde

14.00 - 15.00

Forensic Entomology in Drug Investigations

Mr. Fabio Casali

University of Strathclyde

15.00 - 16.00

Signature Programmes for Strategic Intelligence

Drug Enforcement Administration

16.00 - 16.30

Q&A

Registration



Registration should be completed via the Strathclyde Online Shop¹ no later than 18 September 2023.

Please note that the fee includes lunch and daily light refreshments.

Standard £200

Student £75

Where We Are



In the heart of the city, our campus is a short walk from two mainline railway stations, bus station and the subway to help you get around Glasgow and visit the rest of the UK.

¹<https://onlineshop.strath.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/science-faculty/pure-and-applied-chemistry/2023-symposium-on-illicit-drugs>



For those arriving via plane, Glasgow Airport is a quick 15-minute taxi or 30-minute train ride away.

Uber, Glasgow Taxis, and GlasGO cabs also provide an easy way to get around.

Where To Stay, Things To See



Accommodations near Strathclyde

Moxy Glasgow Merchant City²

Premier Inn George Square³

The Brunswick Merchant City⁴

²<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/glaox-moxy-glasgow-merchant-city/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

³https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/strathclyde/glasgow/glasgow-city-centre-george-square.html?cid=GLBC_GLACIT

⁴<https://www.google.com/travel/search?q=hotels merchant city glasgow&g2lb=2502548%2C2503771%2C2503781%2C4258168%2C4270442%2C4284970%2C4291517%2C4306835%2C4515403%2C4597339%2C4757164%2C4814050%2C4850738%2C4864715%2C4874190%2C4886480>

Native Glasgow⁵

Visit Glasgow

City Centre Mural Trail⁶

Pollock Country Park⁷

Botanic Gardens⁸

Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery⁹

Scottish Football Museum¹⁰

Burrell Collection¹¹

Glasgow Science Centre¹²

Hidden Lane¹³

Visit Edinburgh

Edinburgh Castle¹⁴

Royal Mile¹⁵

Arthur's Seat¹⁶

Calton Hill¹⁷

[%2C4893075%2C4920132%2C4924070%2C4965990%2C4985712%2C4990494%2C72248281%2C72253158%2C72256470%2C72271797&hl=en-GB&gl=uk&ssta=1&ts=CAESCAoCCAMKAggDGhwSGhIUCgcl5w8QBRgdEgcI5w8QBRgeGAEyAhAAKgckBTtoDR0JQ&qS=CAEyFENnc0lOWmYwMnBhQ201Q2lBUkFCOApCCwm1C11rEWwgohgBQgsJCTqzTaqwHb8YAUILCXpwNMAhE3kSGAFCCwlqcLzOB7klphgB&ap=aAG6AQhvdMvydmlldw&ictx=1&sa=X&ved=0CAAQ5JsGahcKEwjIrfHMoPD_AhUAAAAAHQAAAAAQcw](#)

⁵https://nativeplaces.com/property/native-glasgow/?utm_source=local&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb_tracking&utm_term=native_glasgow

⁶<https://www.citycentremuraltrail.co.uk/>

⁷<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/?articleid=16592>

⁸<https://glasgowbotanicgardens.com/>

⁹<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/kelvingrove-art-gallery-and-museum-p246571>

¹⁰<https://www.scottishfootballmuseum.org.uk/>

¹¹<https://burrellcollection.com/>

¹²<https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/>

¹³<https://www.thehiddenlaneglasgow.com/>

¹⁴<https://www.edinburghcastle.scot/>

¹⁵<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/royal-mile-and-grassmarket-p918401>

¹⁶<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/see-do/holyrood-park-and-arthurs-seat-p914341>

¹⁷<https://ewh.org.uk/explore/the-unesco-world-heritage-site/calton-hill/>

Palace of Holyrood¹⁸

Witch Tour¹⁹

Visit Wider Scotland

Highland Games²⁰

Balloch²¹

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs²² National Park

Eilean Donan Castle²³

Stirling Castle²⁴

Wallace Monument²⁵

Loch Ness²⁶

¹⁸https://www.rct.uk/visit/palace-of-holyroodhouse?gclid=CjwKCAjwpuajBhBpEiwA_Ztfhd3YC5bnROzWTapuknbMavYm6kJBroYzdElp0PtDIpS3g0uSp19x_RoCC0oQAvD_BwE

¹⁹<https://witchestour.com/edinburgh/>

²⁰<https://scotlandwelcomesyou.com/scottish-highland-games/>

²¹<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/balloch-p235111>

²²<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/things-to-do/walking/>

²³<https://www.eileandonancastle.com/>

²⁴<https://www.stirlingcastle.scot/>

²⁵<https://www.nationalwallacemonument.com/>

²⁶<https://www.visitinvernesslochness.com/>

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Questions? We look forward to hearing from you.

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Cocaine³⁰

²⁷<https://www.strath.ac.uk/research/subjects/chemistry/analyticalforensicscience/>

²⁸<https://www.npr.org/2022/10/11/1127168627/is-rainbow-fentanyl-a-threat-to-your-kids-this-halloween-experts-say-no>

²⁹<https://abcnews.go.com/US/million-fentanyl-pills-linked-sinaloa-cartel-seized-record/story?id=86871828>

³⁰<https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/cocaine>