

**CATANIA,
ITALY**

**28th-31st
October 2024**

ANNUAL MEETING ON ADDICTION

**“HEALTH EMPOWERMENT BY
HARM REDUCTION”**

Welcome Day

28th October 2024



**DISFOR, Palazzo
Ingrassia, Aula Magna,
via Biblioteca 4,
Catania**

The **Annual Meeting on Addiction 2024** will be held for the first time in Catania, Italy, **from 28th to 31st October**, involving dozens of international **experts** on addiction.

The meeting will also host the **CoEHAR Annual Conference on Harm Reduction on 30th October**.

18:00–18.05 **Welcome – Loredana Cardullo**, Chair of the Department of Educational Sciences (DISFOR), University of Catania, Italy

18:05–18.10 **Maria C. Quattropani, Giuseppe Santisi, Pasquale Caponnetto**, Postgraduate School of Specialization in Clinical Psychology and Master Degree in Psychology, University of Catania

18.10–18.15 **Giovanni Li Volti**, Director of Center of Excellence for the acceleration of Harm Reduction (CoEHAR), University of Catania

18:15–18.20 **Vani Simmons, Christine Vinci, Tom Brandon, Karen Brandon, Min Jeong-Yang**, Moffitt Cancer Center Florida, USA

18:20–18.25 **Ursula Martinez, David Wetter**, Utah University, USA

18:25–18.30 **Thanh C. Bui**, Oklahoma University, USA

18:30–18.35 **Michael Sayette**, University of Pittsburgh, USA

18:35–18.40 **Lorien Abrams**, George Washington University and Milken Institute School of Public Health, USA

18:40–18.45 **Sarah Pratt, Meghan Santos, Jenna Bourassa**, Dartmouth College, Center for Collaborative Mental Health Research, USA

18:45–18.50 **Bethany Shorey Fennell**, University of Kentucky, USA

18.55–19.00 **Antonino Petralia, Maria S. Signorelli, C. Concerto**, Postgraduate School of Specialization in Psychiatry and Unit of Psychiatry, University of Catania

19.05–19.10 **Abdulnaser A. Fakhrou**, College of Education, Qatar University, Qatar

19.10–19.15 **Concluding remarks – Riccardo Polosa**, COEHAR Founder, University of Catania

19.30 Networking Dinner

Annual Meeting on Addiction

29th October 2024



Auditorium
"Giancarlo De Carlo"
Monastero dei Benedettini
Piazza Dante 32,
Catania

**Virtual
Meeting**



9.00–9.30 Institutional greetings

Francesco Priolo, Rector of the University of Catania,

Loredana Cardullo, Chair of the Department of Educational Sciences, University of Catania

Santo Di Nuovo, Emeritus Professor of General Psychology, University of Catania

Maria C. Quattropani, Director of Postgraduate School of Specialization in Clinical Psychology, University of Catania

Giuseppe Santisi, President of Master's Degree in Psychology, University of Catania

9.30–10:45 First session: *Shades of Addiction and Harm Reduction*

Moderator

Maria C. Quattropani, Postgraduate School of Specialization in Clinical Psychology, University of Catania

9.30–9.45 Controlled drinking: lessons from an early harm reduction controversy. **Thomas Brandon**, *Moffitt Cancer Center, USA*

9.45–10.00 Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation as potential treatment for Gambling Disorder. **Carmen Concerto**, *University of Catania*

10.00–10.15 Cannabis and tobacco co-use in the U.S : Associations with rurality and chronic health conditions. **Bethany Shorey Fennell**, *University of Kentucky, USA*

10.15–10.30 Differences in Switching from Cigarettes to E-Cigarettes by Age and Gender. **Meghan Santos**, *Dartmouth College, Center for Collaborative Mental Health Research, USA*

10.30–10.45 Culturally Relevant Harm Reduction for Hispanic/Latinos Who Smoke: Intervention Development and Feasibility. **Ursula Martinez**, *University of Utah, USA*

10.45–11.00 Group Discussion

11.00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30– 12:45 Second session: *Cyber Health Clinical Psychology*

Moderator

Santo Di Nuovo, Emeritus Professor of General Psychology, University of Catania

11.30–11.45 Evaluating the Reliability of LLM Chatbots for Smoking Cessation: A Content Analysis.

Lorien Abrams, *George Washington University and the Associate Dean for PhD/MS Studies at the Milken Institute School of Public Health, USA*

11.45–12.00 Leveraging new technology for Cue Exposure Therapy. **Karen Brandon**, *Moffitt Cancer Center, USA*

12.00–12.30 Beyond Smoking: Using Augmented Reality to Address Vaping and Dual Use in Emerging Adulthood. **Vani Simmons and Christine Vinci**, *Moffitt Cancer Center, USA*

12.30–12.45 Support Laos: Mobile Health Technology for Cigarette Smoking Reduction and Cessation. **Thanh C. Bui**. *University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, USA*

12.45–13.00 Group Discussion

13.00–14.00 - Lunch break

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14:15 –15:15 Third session: *Trials*

Moderator

Maria S. Signorelli, Director of School of Specialization in Psychiatry, University of Catania

14.15–14.30 Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial of a Behavioral Support Program for Harm Reduction in Smokers with Mental Illness. **Sarah Pratt**, *Dartmouth College, Center for Collaborative Mental Health Research, USA*

14.30–14.45 Advancing in GENESIS international trial: A 12-month RCT examining harm reduction interventions in smokers with schizophrenia spectrum disorders. **Pasquale Caponnetto**, *University of Catania*

14.45–15.00 Early data from a pilot switching trial for smokers with respiratory conditions. **Jenna Bourassa**, *Dartmouth College, Center for Collaborative Mental Health Research, USA*

15.00–15.15 Group Discussion

15:15– 16:15 Last session: *Real life setting psychological interventions*

Moderator

Vittorio Lenzo and Alberto Sardella, Professors of Dynamic and Clinical Psychology, University of Catania

15.15–15.30 Using Pleasant Olfactory Cues to Control cigarette Craving. **Michael Sayette**, *University of Pittsburgh, USA*

15.30–15.45 Mindfulness-based ecological momentary intervention for smoking cessation among cancer survivors: Lessons learned from usability testing. **Min Jeong-Yang**, *Moffitt Cancer Center, USA*

15.45–16.00 The efforts of the State of Qatar in dealing with and combating addiction. **Abdulnaser A Fakhrou**. *College of Education, Qatar University, Qatar*

16.00–16.15 Group Discussion

20.30 Group Dinner

CoEHAR Annual Conference 2024

30th October 2024



**Aula Magna
Policinico
"G.Rodolico- San
Marco"
via S. Sofia, 78
Catania**

The CoEHAR Conference will start at 9 am and will be conducted in Italian language.

A special session in English is dedicated to international experts.

Detailed program is provided separately.

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Giovanni Li Volti, CoEHAR Director

Riccardo Polosa, CoEHAR Founder

10.00-10.45 First session

11.00-11:30 International panelists session

Introduction. **Pasquale Caponnetto**, *University of Catania*

Sarah Pratt, *Dartmouth College, USA*

Facilitators and barriers to achieving tobacco harm reduction among smokers with mental illness in the United States.

Thomas Brandon, *Moffitt Cancer Center, USA*

Harm Reduction History: Controlled Drinking.

Lorien Abrams, *George Washington University & Milken Institute School of Public Health, USA*

Evaluating the Reliability of LLM Chatbots for Smoking Cessation: A Content Analysis.

Helen Redmond & Marilena Marchetti

Switch? A Documentary About Smoking & Schizophrenia

11.30-12.45 Second Session

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.00 Third session

15.15-15.30 Concluding remarks. Riccardo Polosa, CoEHAR Founder



Annual Meeting on Addiction

31st October 2024



Conservatorio
di S. Agata
"Le Verginelle" – Room
IV
Via Teatro Greco, 84
Catania

9:00 – 11:00 Collaborations plans and concluding remarks

A light refreshment will be served at the end of the meeting.

Scientific Direction

Prof. Pasquale Caponnetto, Prof. Maria C. Quattropani, Prof. Riccardo Polosa, Prof. Giovanni Li Volti

Organizing Secretary

Prof. Alberto Sardella, Prof. Vittorio Lenzo, Dr. Daniela Saitta, Dr. Valeria Nicolosi, Dr. Marta Mangione, Dr. Erika Anastasi, Dr. Chiara Nobis, Dr. Cecilia Spampinato, Dr. Claudio Saitta.

Students of Post Graduate school of Specialization in Clinical Psychology and PHD Training

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