

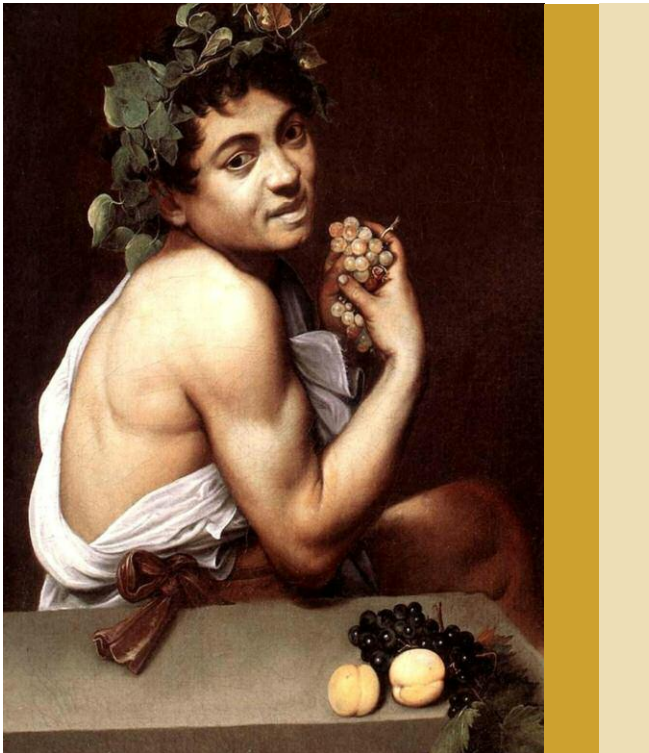


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# Narcotics:

## Problems and Solutions of This Global Issue



**23-24 November 2016 • Casina Pio IV • Vatican City**



**... human trafficking and smuggling, as well as new forms of slavery such as forced labour, prostitution, organ trafficking, the drug trade and organized crime. As my predecessor Pope Benedict XVI stated, and I myself have repeated on several occasions, these are true crimes against humanity; they need to be recognized as such by all religious, political and social leaders, and by national and international legislation.**

Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Judges' Summit Against Human Trafficking and Organized Crime, Casina Pio IV, 3 June 2016

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**... la trata y el tráfico de personas y las nuevas formas de esclavitud tales como el trabajo forzado, la prostitución, el tráfico de órganos, el comercio de la droga, la criminalidad organizada. Como dijo mi predecesor Benedicto XVI, y lo he afirmado yo mismo en varias ocasiones, éstos son verdaderos crímenes de lesa humanidad que deben ser reconocidos como tales por todos los líderes religiosos, políticos y sociales, y plasmados en las leyes nacionales e internacionales.**

Discurso del Santo Padre Francisco Cumbre de los Jueces Contra la Trata de Personas y el Crimen Organizado, Casina Pio IV, 3 de junio de 2016

## INTRODUCTION

Following a special wish of Pope Francis, the Pontifical Academies of Sciences is organizing a two-day Workshop on *Narcotics: Problems and Solutions of this Global Issue* on 23-24 November 2016. The current system to be examined presents numerous aspects: the history of drug use from a cultural and geopolitical point of view, the different types of substances, the centres of production and distribution and consumer typologies. Particular attention will be devoted to prevention of substance abuse related to children and young people.

Today, substance abuse problems are undeniably topical, since drugs are one of the scourges of our globalised world, despite the enormous resources employed all over the world to fight drug trafficking and production.

The UNODC<sup>1</sup> conservatively estimated that in 2013, the most recent year for which data is available, 246 million people worldwide, or 1 out of 20 individuals between the ages of 15 and 64, used an illicit drug, an increase of 3 million people over the previous year. More alarmingly, 27 million people were characterized as “problem drug users.” Only one out of every six of these problem users had access to any sort of addiction treatment.

Our workshop intends to focus specifically on the scientific aspect, presenting the consequences of substance abuse

(both soft and hard drugs) on our bodies and brains, as well as the potential medical uses of certain drugs for specific diseases and disorders. Other aspects that will be discussed include the illicit and relatively easy production of drugs (in cities, slums, and in the countryside); strategies that fight the conditions fostering the use of drugs; exploitation of young children in criminal organizations that distribute narcotics; and effects of soft drugs legalization on our society.

Leading professionals, scientists, experts, medical doctors, researchers, practitioners, members of civil society, judges and our Academicians are invited by the PAS to examine and discuss possible innovative socio-political solutions to these drug-related issues.

Our goal is to reach a consensus that investing in education, prevention, health care, addiction treatment and, in certain cases, alternatives to incarceration would do more to end the drug trade than relying primarily on the criminalization of the victims.

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<sup>1</sup> Available online: [https://www.unodc.org/documents/wdr2015/World\\_Drug\\_Report\\_2015.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/wdr2015/World_Drug_Report_2015.pdf)

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## INTRODUCCIÓN

En respuesta a un deseo especial del Papa Francisco, la Pontificia Academia de las Ciencias organiza un taller sobre *Narcóticos: problemas y soluciones para este problema mundial*, que se realizará en la Casina Pío IV los días 23 y 24 de noviembre de 2016. La situación actual que queremos examinar presenta numerosos aspectos: la historia del consumo de drogas desde un punto de vista cultural y geopolítico, los diferentes tipos de sustancias, los centros de producción y de distribución, y las tipologías de consumidores. Haremos especial hincapié en la prevención del abuso de sustancias por parte de los niños y de los jóvenes.

Hoy en día, los problemas de abuso de sustancias son de una actualidad innegable, ya que las drogas constituyen uno de los mayores flagelos de nuestro mundo globalizado, a pesar de los cuantiosos recursos empleados en todo el mundo para combatir el tráfico y la producción de estupefacientes.

La Oficina de las Naciones Unidas contra la Droga y el Delito (UNODC, por sus siglas en inglés)<sup>1</sup> estima que en 2013, el año más reciente para el cual hay datos, 246 millones de personas en todo el mundo —es decir, 1 de cada 20 personas entre las edades de 15 y 64 años— utilizaron una droga ilícita, lo que representa un aumento de tres millones de personas respecto al año precedente. Pero lo que es aún más alarmante es que 27 millones de personas han sido caracterizadas como “consumidores problemáticos de drogas”. Asimismo, solo uno de cada seis de esos consumidores problemáticos ha tenido acceso a algún tipo de tratamiento de su adicción.

Nuestro taller se enfocará principalmente en el aspecto científico, presentando las consecuencias del abuso de drogas (tanto las “blandas” como las “duras”) en el cuerpo y el cerebro, así como explorando los posibles usos medicinales de ciertas sustancias para curar enfermedades y trastornos específicos. Otros aspectos que también se considerarán son: la producción ilícita y relativamente sencilla de ciertas drogas (en ciudades, barrios marginales, y campos); las estrategias para combatir aquellas condiciones que favorecen el uso de drogas; la explotación de los niños en las organizaciones criminales que distribuyen estupefacientes, y los efectos de la legalización de las llamadas drogas blandas en nuestra sociedad.

Además de nuestros Académicos, destacados profesionales, científicos, expertos, médicos, investigadores, miembros de la sociedad civil y jueces han sido invitados por la Pontificia Academia de las Ciencias para que entre todos examinen y discutan innovadoras soluciones sociopolíticas que puedan resolver las antedichas cuestiones relacionadas con las drogas.

En definitiva, el objetivo es llegar a un consenso sobre la mejor manera de poner fin al tráfico de drogas. En tal sentido, parecería que la inversión en educación, en prevención, en cuidado de la salud, en tratamientos contra las adicciones y, en ciertos casos, en alternativas al encarcelamiento resultaría mucho más eficaz que la simple penalización de las víctimas.

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<sup>1</sup> Disponible en línea: [http://www.unodc.org/documents/wdr2015/World\\_Drug\\_Report\\_2015\\_Spanish\\_.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/wdr2015/World_Drug_Report_2015_Spanish_.pdf)



## PROGRAMME

23 NOV

9:00	<b>H.E. Msgr. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo</b>   <i>Word of Welcome</i>
9:05	<b>H.M. Queen Silvia of Sweden</b>   <i>Introduction</i>
<b>DRUG USE: CULTURAL AND GEOPOLITICAL HISTORY AND NEW SCENARIOS</b> Chairperson: ...	
9:30	<b>Mr. Yuri Fedotov</b>   <i>The International Drug Control System and the Outcomes of the 2016 General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem</i>
10:00	Discussion
10:15	<b>Prof. Dr. Luis Alberto Ferrari</b>   <i>History of Psychoactive Drug Consumption: From Ancient Users to New Drug Design Abusers</i>
10:45	Discussion
11:00	<b>Mr. Kevin Hyland</b>   <i>The Links Between Human Trafficking and Drug Crime</i>
11:30	Discussion
11:45	<b>Mr. Gustavo Vera</b>   <i>Narcotráfico y parainstitucionalidad</i>
12:15	Discussion
12:30	General Discussion
<b>12:45</b>	<b>Lunch at the Casina IV</b>
<b>PREVENTION AND EDUCATION. EVIDENCE-BASED PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES</b> Chairperson: <b>Dr. Joanna Rubinstein</b>	
14:00	<b>Ms. Yvonne Thunell</b>   <i>Preventing Drug Addiction in Children and Youth</i>
14:30	Discussion
14:45	<b>Dr. Zunilda Niremperger</b>   <i>Drug Use in Latin America</i>
15:15	Discussion
15:30	<b>Dr. Angela Me</b>   <i>Global Overview of Challenges Related to the Drug Problem</i>
16:00	Discussion
16:15	<b>Ms. Azadeh Bahramji</b>   <i>Vulnerability of Refugees to Addiction and Drug Prevention Approaches in Iran</i>
16:45	Discussion
17:00	<b>Dr. Francis L. Delmonico, M.D.</b>   <i>The Impact of the Narcotic Abuse Epidemic on Organ Donation</i>
17:30	Discussion
17:45	General Discussion
18:00	Coffee Break
<b>CHURCH AND NGO ROUND TABLE</b> Chairperson: <b>Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo</b>	
18:15	<b>Mr. Carlos Cruz</b>   <i>De victimarios a pacificadores: Una propuesta de salud pública</i> <b>Padre Tonio Dell'Olio</b>   <i>The Contribution of Civil Society to the Fight against Drug Trafficking</i> <b>Mr. Russell Turner</b> TRESTAD 2 (THREE CITY PROJECT 2)   <i>Drug prevention in Sweden's three major cities: Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö</i> <b>Dr. Héctor Masoero</b>   <i>OPRENAR: un caso de organización de la Sociedad Civil para la prevención del narcotráfico y las adicciones</i> <b>H.E. Msgr. Jorge Eduardo Lozano</b>   <i>Magisterio y experiencia pastoral con las personas adictas</i> <b>Don Aldo Buonaiuto</b> COMUNITÀ PAPA GIOVANNI XXIII   <i>Un'esperienza di recupero italiana</i>
20:00	General Discussion
<b>20:15</b>	<b>Dinner at the Casina Pio IV</b>

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## NEUROSCIENCES

Chairperson: ...

9:00	<b>Dr. Nora Volkow</b>   <i>Drug Effects on the Human Brain</i>
9:30	Discussion
9:45	<b>Dr. Robert L. DuPont, M.D.</b>   <i>How to Stop the Drug Epidemic</i>
10:15	Discussion
10:30	<b>Brigitte Kieffer, PhD</b>   <i>Opiates and the Brain</i>
11:00	Discussion
11:15	General Discussion
12:00	Papal Audience
12:45	<b>Hon. Andrea Orlando</b>   <i>Address of the Italian Minister of Justice</i>
13:05	<b>Lunch at the Casina Pio IV</b>

## MEDICINAL AND RECREATIONAL USE

Chairperson: ...

14:15	<b>Prof. Bertha K. Madras, PhD</b>   <i>Psychoactive Drugs with Medicinal Properties: Challenges and Solutions</i>
14:45	Discussion
15:00	<b>Dr. João Castel-Branco Goulão, M.D.</b>   <i>Addressing the Recreational Use of Cannabis: A Public Health Approach</i>
15:30	Discussion
15:45	<b>Prof. Rafael Maldonado</b>   <i>The Endocannabinoid System: Therapeutic Perspectives and Risks of Cannabis Consumption</i>
16:15	Discussion

## SOCIOECONOMIC ASPECTS

Chairperson: ...

16:30	<b>Dr. Kevin Sabet</b>   <i>The Social Impact of Drug Policy Change</i>
17:00	Discussion
17:15	<b>Prof. Jonathan P. Caulkins</b>   <i>The Particular Perils of Legalizing Commercial Production of Cannabis</i>
17:45	Discussion
18:00	<b>Mr. Alexis Goosdeel</b>   <i>The European Drugs Market and the Growing Role of Internet: Socio-Economic and Socio-Cultural Perspectives</i>
18:30	Discussion
18:45	<b>Mr. Roberto Saviano</b>   <i>Old and New Dynamics of Corruption</i> (video)
19:00	General Discussion and Final Statement
19:30	<b>Dinner at the Casina Pio IV</b>



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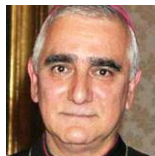
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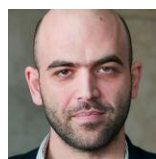
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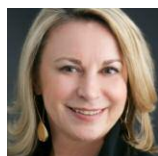
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**Yuri Fedotov** Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Mr. Yury Fedotov of the Russian Federation Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV) on 9 July 2010. He holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Mr. Fedotov is a member of the UN Systems Chief Executive Board, an instrument of cooperation and coordination among the bodies of the United Nations. He also represents UNODC at the Global Migration Group, an inter-agency group that meets at the level of heads of agencies. In the areas of drugs and crime, Mr. Fedotov is the Co-chair of the Principals meetings of the UN Task Force on Transnational Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking. Created by the Secretary General in June 2011 the Task Force is designed to ensure an effective and comprehensive approach within the UN system when addressing these challenges. As Executive Director of UNODC, Mr. Fedotov has encouraged countering drug trafficking based on building regional initiatives and providing technical assistance, while also promoting a balanced approach to solving drug demand. He has called on Member States to ratify and implement all UN Conventions on drugs, crime and corruption. Mr. Fedotov is closely involved in promoting the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, which is managed by UNODC, as well as the Blue Heart Campaign against human trafficking. Prior to becoming Director General/Executive Director of UNOV/UNODC, Mr. Fedotov served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Court of St. James's in London for five years. Before that, from 2002 to 2005, he was the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for International Organizations. As a member or head of Russian delegations he took part in many international conferences and forums such as sessions of the General Assembly, ECOSOC, UN Commission on Human Rights, UNIDO, UNESCO, WFP, UN ECE, ESCAP etc. In his personal capacity, he was also a member of the College of Commissioners of the UN Commission on Monitoring and Verifications in Iraq (UNMOVIC). Mr. Fedotov was Director of the Department of International Organizations, Member of the Board of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation from 1999 to 2002. Mr. Fedotov started his foreign service in 1972 as a member of the USSR delegation to the United Nations Disarmament Committee in Geneva. He subsequently took up a number of diplomatic assignments in Moscow, as well as at the Embassies in Algeria and India. He graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), speaks fluent English and French and has a basic knowledge of German.

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**Kevin Hyland OBE** is the first UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, as appointed by the Home Secretary. The creation of the Commissioner role is one of the key provisions of the landmark Modern Slavery Act, which received Royal Assent in March 2015. He will spearhead the UK's fight against modern slavery, focusing on strengthening law enforcement, ensuring that public authorities identify and support victims and working to prevent modern slavery crimes from occurring in the UK and internationally. Prior to undertaking this role, Mr Hyland was head of the Metropolitan Police's Human Trafficking Unit, which was internationally recognised for its anti-trafficking operations. He has over 30 years experience investigating organised crime and has secured convictions in some of the most challenging cases of slavery and trafficking. Mr Hyland was also instrumental in the establishment of the Santa Marta Group, a high-level strategic partnership between international law enforcement agencies, the Catholic Church and civil society, which was launched at the Vatican by Pope Francis in 2014.

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mer Deputy Director for Demand Reduction (prevention, treatment) in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of President, an appointment unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. As an inventor, she received 19 U.S. patents and 27 international patents. A recipient of a number of awards, her brain imaging agent was listed by The Better World Report (2006) as "one of 25 technology transfer innovations that changed the world".

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**Joanna Rubinstein**, DDS, PhD is President & CEO of World Childhood Foundation USA (WCF) and a Senior Research Scientist at Columbia University (CU). Founded in 1999 by Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, WCF works on the



prevention of child abuse and exploitation, and has supported over 1,000 projects in more than 20 countries. Prior to joining WCF in 2015, Rubinstein held leadership roles for a decade at the Earth Institute of CU and at the United Nations (UN). As a Chief of Staff to Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Rubinstein helped develop and lead several international initiatives in health, education and sustainable development, including the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. She supported the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission and the MDG Advocacy Group of the UN Secretary General, and played a strategic role in establishing high-level partnership projects with academia, governments and the private sector in health, education, poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Rubinstein serves on several foundation and academic boards, and is a former member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council. In 2015, she was appointed to the Governing Board of International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation (ISTIC) at UNESCO. In 2016, Rubinstein joined the committee of the UN World Tourism Organization's Network on Child Protection, and most recently was appointed to the board of "End Violence Against Children - The Global Partnership," co-chaired by UNICEF and WHO. Before joining CU in 2002 as a Senior Associate Dean at the CU Medical Center, where she supported the foundation of the Brain and Mind Institute, Rubinstein was the Director for Research and Post-graduate Education at the Karolinska Institute and a director at Sweden's Medical Research Council.

**Kevin A. Sabet, PhD** Author, consultant, former advisor to three U.S. presidential administrations, and assistant professor, Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., has researched and implemented drug policy for 20 years. In 2011 he stepped down as senior advisor in President Obama's drug policy office, having been the only drug policy staffer to have ever served as a political appointee in a Democrat and Republican administration. He has been featured in virtually every major media publication and news channel on the subject of drug policy and in 2013 published his first book, *Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths About Marijuana*, (Beaufort). He is the co-founder, with former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, and President of SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana), which advocates for a public health based marijuana policy. He is also the Director of the Drug Policy Institute at the University of Florida, and the author of numerous monographs and peer-reviewed journal articles. He has a doctorate from Oxford University and a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Roberto Saviano** is an Italian writer and journalist. In his work he uses literature and investigative reporting to narrate the story of the Camorra and of organized crime more generally. Since 2006, following the publication of his bestselling book GOMORRAH, where the clandestine particulars of the Camorra business are described. Saviano has received numerous threats from Camorra cartels leading The Italian Minister of the Interior to grant him a permanent police escort. His courageous stance has provoked appeals on his behalf from numerous Nobel prize winners. In his book ZeroZeroZero he produces a study of the business around the drug cocaine, covering its movement across continents and the role of drug money in international finance. Mr Saviano has also collaborated with numerous important Italian and international newspapers and currently writes for the Italian publications 'L'Espresso' and 'la Repubblica'.

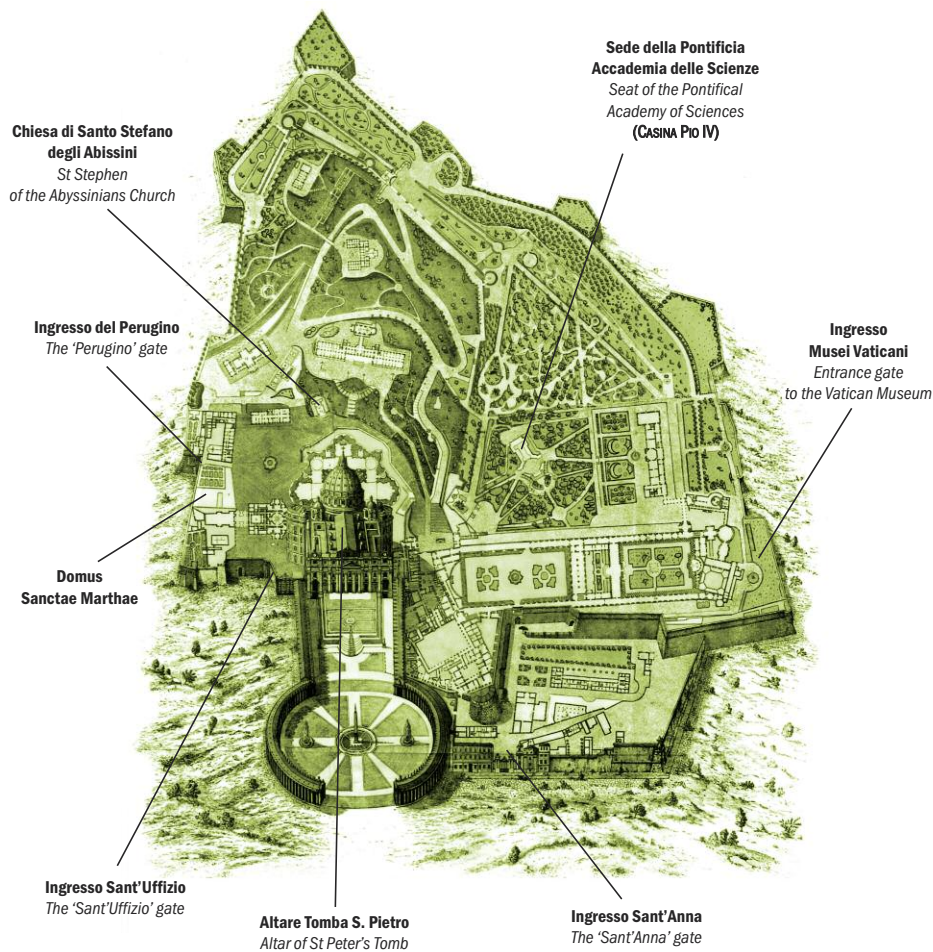
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