

**ISSUP**

**INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIETY OF  
SUBSTANCE USE  
PROFESSIONALS**

# Background

- Global NGO
- A focal point for drug demand reduction
- With over 8,000 members
- Supports the development of a professional workforce in the substance use prevention, treatment and recovery fields
- Promotes evidence-based and high quality policy and practice in prevention, treatment and recovery
- Offers space for interactions and collaboration among civil society, governments, community-based organisations, health centres, universities, etc. at a national and international level







# Vision

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A connected, trained, knowledgeable, and effective international network of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery professionals undertaking and promoting high-quality, evidence-based, and ethical substance use prevention, treatment & recovery support.

## Funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and Colombo Plan - Drug Advisory Programme (DAP)

Originated from a group calling for coherence and collaboration in the field:

- U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)
- Colombo Plan - Drug Advisory Programme (DAP)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD - OAS)
- Applied Prevention Science International (APSI)
- African Union
- European Drug Monitoring Centre (EMCDDA)
- Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)



# How do we work?

ISSUP delivers through 3 channels:

## DIGITAL

- Website: [www.issup.net](http://www.issup.net)
- Networks
- Social media
- Newsletter

## ISSUP EVENTS

- An international conference offering training and networking opportunities

## ISSUP NATIONAL CHAPTERS

- Locally accessible knowledge, networks and exchange



# Latin America & Caribbean



Latin America and the Caribbean are a key population target:

- Specific events planned in the region
- Collaboration with CICAD is fundamental to our work
- Specific National Chapter developments are under way in Brazil, Chile, Argentina and Mexico with the potential for other National Chapter countries





## Website

- English, Spanish and Portuguese
- Knowledge Share
- Networks
- Membership (Standard, Advanced, Student)
- Training Info & Database
- Events
- Job Board
- National Chapters

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# Training Section

Access to information on training, in particular UPC/UTC/URC

- Training materials available in Spanish and other languages
- Training Database
- Education Providers
- Job Board



## Course 1: Physiology and Pharmacology for Addiction Professionals

20 training hours

The course presents a comprehensive overview of addiction; provides an understanding of the physiology of addiction as a brain disease; and describes the pharmacology of psychoactive substances.



## Course 2: Treatment for Substance Use Disorders- The Continuum of Care for Addiction Professionals

33 training hours

The course provides the foundation for learning about substance use disorder treatment. It gives an overview of recovery and recovery management, stages of change, principles of effective treatment, components of treatment and evidence-based practices.



## Course 3: Common Co-occurring Mental and Medical Disorders- An Overview for Addiction Professionals

20 training hours

This course offers an overview of the relationship between co-occurring mental and medical disorders and substance use disorder related treatment issues.



## Course 4: Basic Counselling Skills for Addiction Professionals

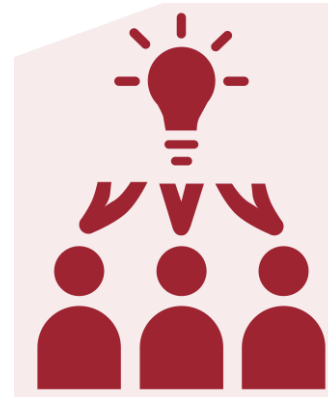
33 training hours

This course focusses on an overview of the helping relationship and the opportunity to practice core counselling including basic skills in motivational interviewing, group counselling and implementation of psychoeducation sessions.

# Knowledge Share

Central point of information:

- Latest Research
- Publications
- News
- Resources
- Country Profiles



# Networks

## Online defined interest groups

Allow health care professionals, researchers, practitioners and others working in the drug demand reduction field to share research, events, news, success stories and resources

65 networks

Over 1000 network posts



### Genetics

Network is dedicated to discussing the genetics of substance use dependence.

[Genetics Network](#)



### Honourable Men...

Network to express our appreciation of the contribution of people and organisations towards achieving the ISSUP mission - whilst they are still with us.

[Honourable Mention Network](#)



### Alcohol

Everything about alcohol / Todo sobre alcohol

[Alcohol Network](#)



### Co-Occurring Di...

Network is dedicated to the discussion of mental health and drug use disorders

[Co-Occurring Disorders Network](#)

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# Networks

## 3 types of networks:

- Self-organising interest groups
- Organised private groups
- Geographic regions



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### The Caribbean

Regional network for the  
Caribbean



### Latin America

Regional network for Latin  
America

**EMPLEO**

### Job / empleo

open positions / vacantes



Mental  
Health



Job  
Board




Regions




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Other




Substances



Recovery



Treatment



Prevention



Private  
Networks





## ISSUP Event



Thailand 2015

Brazil 2016

Mexico 2017


Kenya 2018

Vienna 2019

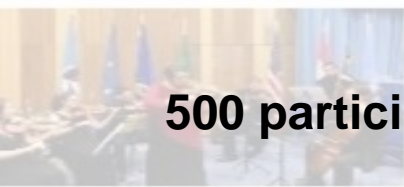
Abu Dhabi 2021







# Vienna 2019



500 participants from over 60 countries

Training from a range of international partners including Colombo Plan, UNODC, CICAD, CADCA, EMCDDA, DFAF, GCCC, ICUDDR and NAADAC

ISSUP National Chapters Meeting

Joanna Travis-Roberts  
Executive Director  
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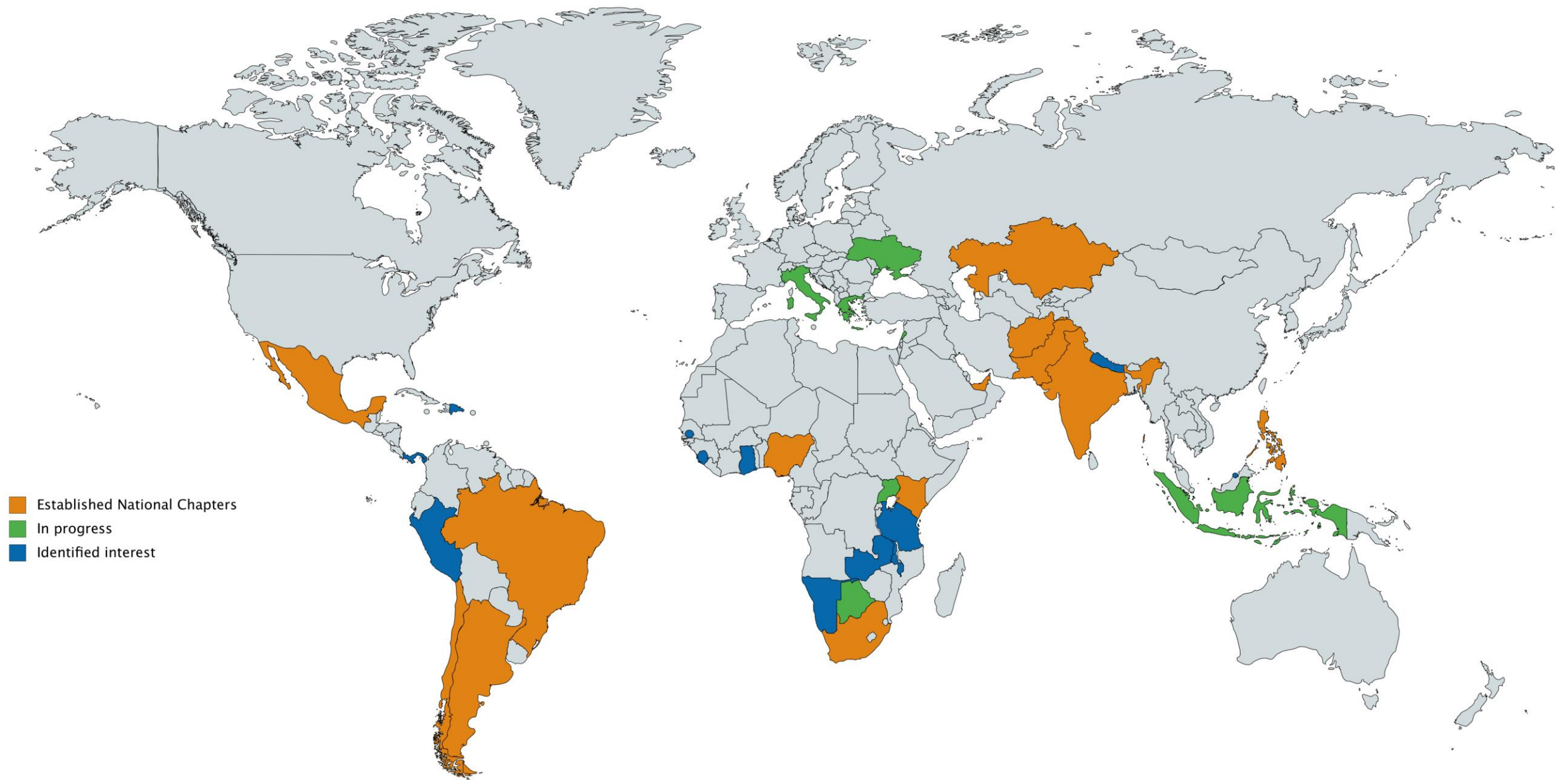
# National Chapters

- 13 established National Chapters
- 6 “in process”

## Latin America & Caribbean:

- ISSUP Argentina
- ISSUP Brazil
- ISSUP Chile
- ISSUP Mexico
- Discussions are underway with Peru





# National Chapters

- ISSUP's mission to be undertaken at the national level
- Encourages national and regional collaboration and communication between those active in prevention, treatment and recovery
- Allows national activity, research and information to be shared globally and international activity, research and information to be distributed nationally
- Hosted by a credible organisation working in the field or a new ISSUP entity
- Any organisation wishing to operate as an ISSUP National Chapter should contact us at [nationalchapter@issup.net](mailto:nationalchapter@issup.net)



# Keep in touch

Please join and share with your networks

**[www.issup.net](http://www.issup.net)**

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