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MASON WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

APRIL 14, 2018

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

FAIRFAX, VA

DRUGS: POLICIES, PRACTICES,

PREVENTION EDITION



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"What I now know is that the drugs themselves are not the problem. The real problems are poverty, unemployment, selective drug law enforcement, ignorance and the dismissal of science surrounding these drugs. As a scientist, I'm doing my best to lessen the ignorance by disseminating the science." ~Dr. Carl Hart

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Delegates, Faculty, and Esteemed Guests,

On behalf of the MasonWHO Secretariat, I am absolutely delighted to welcome each of you to the third annual Mason World Health Organization Conference!

The MasonWHO Conference provides an open platform for student delegates of all backgrounds to engage in global health policy, collaborating with an interdisciplinary team of delegates in order to create a comprehensive legislative document that aims to improve health conditions globally. The Conference empowers students to creatively explore viable solutions to current health concerns worldwide. With a centralized theme of Drugs: Policies, Practices, and Prevention this year, students will have an opportunity to go beyond traditional and theoretical health applications to employ their knowledge in influencing drug health policy development. At the Conference, students from all interests and majors will analyze and contribute to ideas on current global issues and conflicts relating to drugs.

The Secretariat has worked tirelessly for several months to plan and implement this year's conference. Each member of the Secretariat has brought a unique skillset to the team. From future neurosurgeons, to mathematicians, and aspiring policy makers, the Secretariat embodies the diversity and innovative spirit found at Mason. We believe in this initiative and we aspire to shift delegates understanding to international issues outside of the microcosm that is our campus.

Currently, nations around the world are faced with several challenges due to the increasing presence of legal and illegal drugs within their societies. Such challenges include, but are not limited to, the illicit production and trafficking of cocaine and opium in the Americas, West Africa, Central and Southeast Asia; the question of legalizing and regulating the quantity and quality of prescription and recreational drugs; how societies deal with drug effects; how corruption inhibits efforts to fuel the drug trade; the use of drugs in war zones; and the tactics used between human and drug trafficking in Southeast Asia. Actors at the local, national, and international level need to cooperate and collaborate with one another in order to effectively address these escalating concerns. All perspectives need to be acknowledged and analyzed to ensure a successful strategy in countering the rising implications of drugs.

MasonWHO will encourage you to research, prepare, debate, and persuade your fellow delegates of your stances on specific issues relating to drug policies. You will develop the traits essential to upholding the responsibilities that come with joining a network of proponents for international development. You will learn to effectively communicate your opinions and develop tangible next-steps in addressing the critical issue of drug trade, production, and consequences.

I am truly excited and humbled to welcome you to MWHO Conference 2018. I hope each of you leave this year's Conference with new experiences, perspectives, and refined goals for the future. I look forward to meeting each of you on April 14th!

Best Regards,
Aisha Shafi
Executive Director, MasonWHO 2018

SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

- 8:00 AM: **Registration Opens**
INNOVATION HALL LOBBY 2ND FLOOR
- 8:30 AM: **Delegate Training A**
INNOVATION HALL 103
- 9:00 AM: **Registration Closes**
- 9:00 AM: **Delegate Training B**
INNOVATION HALL 103
- 9:30 AM: **Opening Ceremonies**
INNOVATION HALL 103
- 10:45 AM: **Committee Session I**
- 1:00 PM: **Lunch**
- 1:30 PM: **Professional Development Workshops**
- 2:30 PM: **Committee Session II**
- 3:45 PM: **Break**
- 4:00 PM: **Plenary Session/Committee Session III (INTERPOL)**
INNOVATION HALL 103
- 5:30 PM: **Closing Ceremonies**
INNOVATION HALL 103

MASONWHO LEADERSHIP



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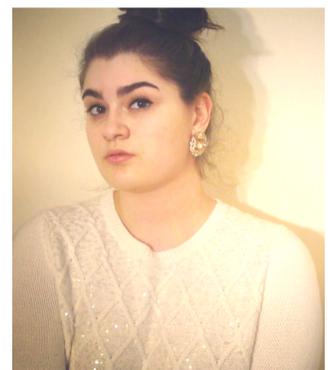
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Jonathan Sanchez



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Tandis Nejat

The MasonWHO Secretariat is a team of ten undergraduate students who have been involved in the planning and implementation of the second Model World Health Organization Conference at George Mason University.

From Conflict & Analysis, to Mathematics, to Community Health, the Secretariat represents the diversity and innovation found at Mason. Each member of the Secretariat has brought their own unique experiences and have contributed to the success of this year's conference. After seven months of planning, the Secretariat is thrilled to see the conference come into fruition and hope to see MasonWHO grow in the future. The Secretariat welcomes delegates, faculty, and esteemed guests to MasonWHO 2018 and look forward to collaborating on tangible global health policy, one resolution at a time.

THEME

Summary by Matthew Owens, Theme Director

This year, the conference theme is Drugs: Policies, Practices, and Prevention. With the increasing presence of both legal and illegal drugs in our societies comes significant and relevant challenges for nations across the globe. Such challenges include, but are not limited to, the illicit production and trafficking of cocaine and opium in the Americas, West Africa, Central and Southeast Asia, the question of legalizing and regulating the quantity and quality of prescription and recreational drugs, and various matters in how societies deal with drugs affect and/or correlate with other topics such as how corruption inhibits efforts to stem the drug trade, the use of drugs in war zones such as Syria, and the similar tactics used between the trafficking of drugs and of persons in Southeast Asia. In such a myriad of challenges, mutual efforts of collaboration and cooperation between actors on the local, national, and international levels is important to successfully respond to such drug-related challenges.

THEME TEAM

The MasonWHO Theme Team consists of a hard-working group of 10 George Mason University undergraduate students. They collaborated over the last four months to produce background guides for the regional and specialized committees under the direction of Matthew Owens, MasonWHO Theme Director. Working as partners, these students did extensive research on emergency responses within their respective assigned committee.

MASON WHO 2018 THEME TEAM WRITERS

WHO Africa Region

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INTERPOL

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MASONWHO 2018 COMMITTEES

AFRO (African Regional Office):

The African Regional Office (AFRO) is a committee consisting of nations within sub-Saharan Africa. AFRO is consistent of delegates from 47 nations that discuss and debate topics relevant to the nations within the African continent. Such topics include tackling the questions of drug-related corruption and of the use of West Africa as a transit between South America and Europe.

AMRO (American Regional Office):

The American Regional Office (AMRO) is a regional committee consisting of nations within North America, South America, and the Caribbean with the regional headquarters in Washington D.C. AMRO is the regional office where nations in the Western Hemisphere discuss and debate topics relevant to the American region such as the trafficking of illicit drugs through Central America into primarily the United States and the question of drug legalization by nations across the region.

EMRO (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office):

The Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) is a regional office of the World Health Organization for primarily states within the Islamic world. Centered in Cairo in Egypt, EMRO is a committee where Middle Eastern and North African states discuss topics that are relevant to their region. Such topics that would be discussed include the production and trafficking of opium from the Golden Triangle of Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan and the use of narcotics in conflicts such as Somalia, Syria, and Yemen.

EURO (European Regional Office):

The European Regional Office (EURO) is a committee consisting of mostly European nations as well as various outlying regions such as the Caucasus, Central Asia, and the State of Israel. Consisting of nations from the United Kingdom to Uzbekistan, EURO centered in its headquarters in Denmark debates and discusses topics relevant to the European region. Such prevalent drug-related issues involve legal prescription drugs and the trafficking of illegal drugs into Europe from abroad.

SEAWPRO (Southeast Asian and Western Pacific Regional Offices):

The Southeast Asian and Western Pacific Regional Offices (SEAWPRO) is a committee consisting of two World Health Organization regional offices focused on East Asia and Oceania. Consisting of 48 states, the two regional organizations meet to respond to topics relevant to the region such as drug production in the Golden Triangle states of Myanmar, Laos, and Thailand, and the international trafficking of both narcotics and of persons.

INTERPOL (International Criminal Policing Organization):

The International Criminal Policing Organization (INTERPOL) is an international policing organization that initiates cooperation between national police while also remaining a politically neutral entity. With the mission of “preventing and fighting crime through enhanced cooperation and innovation on police and security matters”, it is the responsibility of members within the INTERPOL committee to work with their fellow delegates as well as outside actors ranging from nations and intergovernmental organizations to non-governmental organizations and tech companies in order to combat global drug trafficking efforts.

INTERPOL is designed as a Crisis Committee: a fast-paced committee that requires delegates to have quick thinking and to be able to create solutions on the fly to crisis situations that could appear at any time during committee. While this committee is open to everyone, it is highly recommended for those with previous experience in MWHO, Model United Nations, or any similar activities.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Ruben Baler, Ph.D.
Health Science Administrator
Office of Science Policy & Communications
National Institute of Drug Abuse

Dr. Ruben Baler received his Ph.D. in Microbiology and Molecular Biology from the University of Miami in 1993. He carried out his postdoctoral training at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development where he specialized in Molecular Chronobiology. He then moved to the National Institute of Mental Health, where he conducted basic research on the molecular basis of circadian gene expression in vertebrates. In October 2004 he joined the Science Policy Branch in the Office of Science Policy and Communications at the

National Institute on Drug Abuse as a Health Scientist. His early publications have focused on the temporal regulation of gene expression in the brain's clock. Since joining NIDA, he has written and lectured about the Neurobiology of Drug Abuse and Addiction. Dr. Baler has gathered critical insight from diverse disciplines, which he combines to advance NIDA's scientific mission. These include cellular and molecular biology, genetics, immunology, bioinformatics, neuroscience, and neuroethics.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Departments and Individuals

ALLAN WEISS

Allan Weiss is the Office Manager in the Global and Community Health Department. Allan has been a constant support for the MWHO team and we are truly grateful for all his efforts.

DR. ALI WEINSTEIN

Dr. Ali Weinstein is the faculty mentor for MasonWHO. Dr. Weinstein is an Associate Professor of Global and Community Health (GCH), the Interim Director of the Center for Study of Chronic Illness and Disability (CCID), and the Graduate Programs Coordinator for GCH. She has extensive experience conducting human biobehavioral experiments in the laboratory and field, conducts survey research, as well as a small research portfolio of qualitative research. The MasonWHO team is grateful for her continued guidance and support of the conference. She has been integral to the planning, implementation, and success of the event. Dr. Weinstein is an excellent mentor and we thank her for her dedication to MasonWHO 2018.

BRIAN GILLETTE

Brian Gillette is the Undergraduate Academic Advisor to Global and Community Health students in the College of Health & Human Services. Brian has supported the student organization's growth this year in all aspects.

HONORS COLLEGE

The Honors College draws the most academically talented students to George Mason University and offers them the attention they would receive at a small college while also providing access to the resources of a large research university. Special thank you to Kevin Stoy, Marilyn Clark, and Dean Burr.

DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH

The College of Health & Human Services (CHHS) Department of Global & Community Health (GCH) allows students to engage in research and scholarly activities in order to improve the lives of individuals, families, and entire communities. Graduates enjoy meaningful careers as clinicians, educators, social workers, researchers, administrators, and policymakers. Special thank you to Dr. Weiler and Allan Weiss for their support for MasonWHO 2018.

OFFICE OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Through leadership experiences, dynamic events, and opportunities, Student Involvement ignites the spirit of campus through events and outreach to students of various backgrounds. Student Involvement encourages students to be involved, think creatively, embrace diversity, create experiences, and be leaders on the GMU campus. MasonWHO was funded through the Student Funding Board and supported by International Week 2017. Special thank you to I-Week's organizers, Amber Duffey, Sonya Henry, and Kerry Longbottom.

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Partnering Student Organizations

ALPHA EPILSON DELTA GMU

Alpha Epsilon Delta is the National Health Pre-professional Honor Society at GMU dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in pre-professional health scholarship, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary, and others.

ETA SIGMA GAMMA GMU

The mission of Eta Sigma Gamma is promotion of the discipline by elevating the standards, ideals, competence and ethics of professionally prepared men and women in Health Education. Members are encouraged to be involved in health education opportunities and serve in the community.

MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF PRE + HEALTH STUDENTS (MAPS)

MAPS encourages and prepares students to become competitive applicants for medical school or other health field programs. This organization is committed to promoting diversity and enhancing the recruitment of culturally diverse students in the healthcare field.

MASON MODEL WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS (STUDENT ORGANIZATION)

The Model World Health Organization Conference aims to introduce and educate students with the realistic roles of a WHO World Health Assembly meeting. MWHO mimics the political, social, cultural, and economic realities defining global health policies.

Student delegates will debate, prepare legislation, and vote on resolutions that could potentially be forwarded to the WHO headquarters for consideration. The student organization and its members have directly supported MasonWHO 2018.

MEDX GLOBAL GMU

MedX is designed to engage undergraduate students in global health development with an emphasis on healthcare as a human right. The purpose of MedX Global is to involve the clinically-oriented in the intersection of medicine and globalization, and to engage others by mapping diverse experiences to the future of global health development.

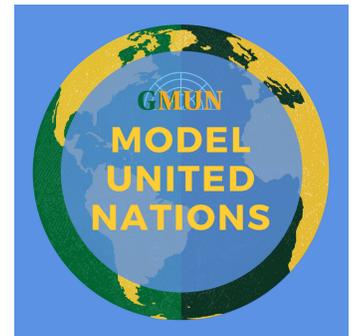
MODEL UN GMU

Model UN allows students the opportunity to explore a wide range of international policy issues through debate at a variety of conferences each year. We attempt to spread understanding of international cultures, how they interact, and how our world came to be and where it is going by holding cultural events throughout the year.

ROOSEVELT @ MASON

The George Mason University chapter of the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network empowers students with the resources and environment to become effectively involved in the policy process at the local, state, and national levels. The group promotes communication and coordination with community members and stakeholders in order to create real policy-oriented solutions.

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