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● THE DEPARTMENT OF ADDICTOLOGY WAS AGAIN A PART OF THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LISBON ADDICTIONS

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The third year of the Lisbon Addictions international conference took place from 23 to 25 October 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon Addictions is a major European addiction-specific conference with over 1300 participants. The conference is co-hosted by the General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD), the Society for the Study of Addiction (SSA), the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), and the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE). Representatives of the Department of Addictology are regular participants in the event. Last year broke the record in this respect, as we had a total of eight representatives, including five current doctoral addictology students who had the opportunity to present the latest results of their work.



Lisbon Addictions 2019. Left to right: G. Rolová, A. Lososová, K. Zachová, B. Petruželka

The conference is conceived as multidisciplinary. Its topic last year was the future of the field of addictions in terms of policy, practice, and science. This overarching theme was reflected in all the conference sessions. We had a chance to see and experience the use of cutting-edge technologies, such as robots and smart watches, in the prevention and treatment of addictions. Of particular interest were

the sessions covering conflicts of interest in research and development, addiction education, and drug policies in different countries, and various short communication sessions which made it possible to obtain a number of useful contacts for collaboration within a limited amount of time. Bringing together the areas of prevention, treatment, policy, and research, the conference provides an excellent platform for professionals from different domains of the field to meet and establish partnerships.

The representatives of the Department of Addictology contributed a number of presentations to the conference programme, which are summarised below. All the abstracts are available from the conference website.

Contributions by the staff and students of the Department of Addictology:

Lososová Amalie

- A systematic mapping survey of academic degree university programmes focusing on addiction science: an updated overview (structured session)
- Preparing an effective addiction workforce: a challenge from the Czech perspective (short communication)

Petruželka Benjamin

- The impact of increased drug law enforcement on public health: first results from Czechia (poster)
- The impact of critical life events on ATS use trajectories (oral presentation)

Rolová Gabriela

- Health literacy in people with alcohol addiction – a pilot study (short communication)

Zachová Kateřina

- The media portrayal of alcohol does not match its real harm effects in Czechia (poster)

Gabrhelík Roman

- Methamphetamine use during pregnancy and weak evidence of adverse neonatal outcomes (oral presentation)

Mravčík Viktor

- Case study from the Czech Republic: the role of evidence in drug (de-) criminalisation in the Czech Republic (oral presentation)
- The current drug situation in Central Asia (oral presentation)

Nechanská Blanka

- Hospitalisation of children after prenatal exposure to methadone and buprenorphine: a national registry study from Czechia (poster)

Helena Fialová, a doctoral student, attended the conference but made no active contribution.

The next Lisbon Addictions conference is planned for November 2021. For more details visit www.lisbonaddictions.eu. The Department of Addictology will undoubtedly send its delegates, whether students or academic staff members.