HIV/AIDS Workgroup Inaugural Meeting at CPDD: Call for Abstracts

We are pleased to announce the inaugural meeting of a HIV/AIDS Workgroup, a 2-hour workshop at the 75th annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD). Since 1938, CPDD has brought together scientists from diverse disciplines to examine the biochemical, neuro-behavioral, and public health aspects of substance use and addiction. The 2013 CPDD annual meeting will be held from June 15-20 in San Diego (http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu/). It is our hope that the HIV/AIDS Workgroup will be held regularly at the CPDD annual meeting to promote interdisciplinary research in HIV/AIDS prevention with substance users as well as provide opportunities for networking and professional development to workshop attendees.

Groundbreaking randomized controlled trials demonstrated that both HIV treatment as prevention (TasP) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) decrease HIV incidence. However, substance users were excluded in many of these well-controlled efficacy trials. The HIV/AIDS Workgroup represents an important opportunity to inform the development of bio-behavioral approaches to optimize the effectiveness of TasP and PrEP with substance users. We strongly encourage you to join in this workshop by submitting abstracts that address issues relevant to combination HIV/AIDS prevention as well as the role of social and structural factors in HIV/AIDS prevention with substance users.

Abstract Guidelines: Original Research includes all prospective and retrospective studies that involve quantitative or qualitative methods. Abstracts of basic research or clinical studies must specify the following: hypotheses, number of participants, procedures, results, statistical analyses, and importance of findings (conclusions). The body of the abstract should be limited to no more than 300 words. Recently completed studies, as yet unpublished, are preferred and any in press work must have a publication date after July 1, 2013.

Overviews of newly emerging research topics are also encouraged. These abstracts should be limited to 300 words and include discussions of the new research questions that are being asked, the methods for addressing these questions, important findings to date, and implications for addressing problems of substance use and HIV/AIDS.

Abstract Submission: Abstracts that conform to the above guidelines will be accepted until February 15, 2013 (5 PM Pacific Standard Time). Abstracts should be submitted via email (cpddhiv@gmail.com). All abstracts will be peer-reviewed and notifications of acceptance for oral presentation during the 2-hour workshop will be made in late March. Please consider submitting an abstract for the HIV/AIDS Workgroup at the 2013 CPDD meeting in San Diego.

Regards,

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