First National Conference on Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis August 19th & 20th in Salt Lake City: Science and Repsonse: 2005

With a theme of Science and Response: 2005, this biannual conference has been designed to provide an arena in which our nation's preeminent scientists, providers and professionals will gather to discuss the intersection between Methamphetamine use, HIV, and Hepatitis, as well as other relevant issues. The conference program is currently being developed and will include plenary sessions, break-out sessions, and opportunities for discussion.

(PRWEB) April 7, 2005 -- The Harm Reduction Project welcomes prospective attendees to the First National Conference on Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis. The conference is set to take place August 19-20 in Salt Lake City. As it has become abundantly clear to workers and researchers in the public health, substance abuse treatment and prevention, and criminal justice fields, the specter of methamphetamine use presents a significant challenge to existing philosophies and strategies. The cost of inaction, especially on a matter as serious as the consequences of methamphetamine use, would be too costly to bear.

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The organizers express their gratitude to those supporting the First National Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis Conference - Science and Response: 2005. It is a unique opportunity for those committed to dealing with these important issues to share a common platform, highlight the broader community and acknowledge the challenges faced by all in dealing with what is undoubtedly a significant public health crisis.

From The Lancet: Apirl 5th: A national conference will be held on the problem later this year. The conference, Methamphetamines, HIV and Hepatitis, is being organised by the Harm Reduction Project, a nonprofit group based in Salt Lake City, Utah, dedicated to reaching out to marginalised groups to reduce the social and physical harm caused by risk-taking behaviours such as drug use.

According to Harm Reduction Project executive director Luciano Colonna, the conference will bring health workers and researchers from the public and private sectors together with law enforcement officials to discuss strategies to combat the rise in methamphetamine use in both heterosexual and gay, as well as rural and urban communities. "We would like to see education, prevention, treatment, and response, with science being the guiding light versus judgment or quick fixes," he said.

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