

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

The Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research has combined with the International Drug Abuse Research Society to hold a conference at the Westin Hotel in Sydney from August 18th to 21st 2015.

This will include a full day program on *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders* on August 18th with some additional talks on FASD on Wednesday 19th August.

Keynote international/national speakers include:

Ken Warren, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), USA

Ed Riley, University of California, San Diego, USA

Elizabeth Elliott, University of Sydney, Australia

Sharman Stone MP, Australia

Other international/national speakers include:

Olga Talabut, Philippines; Margaret Murray, USA; Denis Lambin, Reunion; Ira Chasnoff, Hawaii;

Christine Rogan, NZ; Dipak Sakar, USA; Ruth Napper, NZ Linda Chezem, USA; and Michael Thorn

Karen Moritz, Carol Bower and Heather D'Antoine (Australia).

The program will also feature: oral and poster presentations of research, with awards for the best poster and the best oral research presentation.

Topics include: a history of FASD; an international perspective on alcohol use in pregnancy and FASD; FASD - brain and behaviour; clinical and public health challenges of FASD; FASD in Aboriginal communities; outcomes of prenatal alcohol exposure in animal models; epigenetic effects of prenatal alcohol exposure; gross and fine motor, behavioural, cognitive and other outcomes following prenatal alcohol exposure; and educational resources for justice professionals.

The final session on policy and legal perspectives will include short presentations and a panel discussion.

This conference will be relevant to: health professionals, teachers, justice professionals, disability and child protection authorities, researchers, public health officers, service providers and policy makers.

One day registration is available for the FASD day on Tuesday August 18th using the following link <https://ekiddna.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/4th-apsaar-5th-idars-conference/event-info-site>

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