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**College on Problems of Drug Dependence  
74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
The La Quinta Resort & Club, Palm Springs, CA  
June 9-14, 2012**

More than 1100 scientists will be participating in the 74th Annual Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) to discuss their latest findings on drug abuse and dependence. CPDD is the largest and oldest organization supporting research on the scientific explanation of drug use and dependence. A broad range of research will be presented addressing mechanisms for development of drug dependence, its prevention, and its treatment, at the **La Quinta Resort & Club, Palm Springs, CA**. Among the many research topic presentations are symposia and workshops on the rapidly emerging drug problem, Bath-Salt abuse (**Sunday PM, Flores 4**), on mobile treatment interventions for substance abuse (**Tuesday PM, Flores 6-8**), and on drug effects in the developing brain (**Wednesday PM, Flores 4**).

On Sunday morning at the Plenary Session (**Flores 4/5**), achievement awards will be presented to outstanding individuals for their contributions to the field of addiction science. Those honored include **Dr. Edward Sellers**, who will receive the Nathan B. Eddy Award for lifetime contributions to the field, **Dr. Joshua Lile**, who will be presented with the Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award, **Dr. Kathryn Cunningham**, who will be recognized for her efforts in mentoring junior drug abuse researchers, and **Mr. Dirk Hanson**, who will receive the CPDD/NIDA Media Award for outstanding contributions to the public understanding of scientific issues concerning drug use disorders. In addition, **Dr. Nora Volkow**, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), will present a Report From NIDA, and **R. Gil Kerlikowske**, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), will address the Plenary Session with a presentation entitled "National Drug Control Policy: Emerging Opportunities for Policy and Biomedical Research".

CPDD will hold its President's Symposium entitled "Addressing the Challenges of Tobacco and Alcohol Use" (**Sunday PM, Flores 4/5**).

Other CPDD award ceremonies occur on Monday morning (**Flores 4/5**), when **Dr. Marilyn Carroll** will be presented with the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship Award and on Wednesday morning during the Public Policy Forum (**Flores 4**) when **General Barry McCaffrey, U.S.A. (Retired)**, will receive the Martin and Toby Adler Distinguished Service Award. General McCaffrey will present an address entitled "Decreasing Addiction with Emphasis on the Military, Veterans, and Their Families."

Sunday through Thursday afternoon, CPDD members will present new and exciting research findings in poster and oral presentations. Highlighted presentations include reports on prescription opioid diversion patterns (Cottler et al., **Sunday PM, Flores 6-8**), on unmet substance abuse treatment needs among veterans (Golub et al., **Monday PM, Flores 6-8**), on excess hospital utilization by illicit drug users (Kertesz et al., **Tuesday PM, Fiesta**), on the reduction in oxycontin exposures since its reformulation to deter misuse (Coplan et al., **Wednesday PM, Fiesta**), and on how restrictive state laws on graduated driver licensing reduce teen drinking and driving (Cavazos-Rehg et al., **Thursday AM, Fiesta**). This is only a small sampling of the hundreds of reports and information sessions that will be presented.

To learn more about these events and to find topics of interest, search the freely downloadable meeting program and abstract listings by clicking the "2012 Program Book (pdf)" and "2012 Abstract Book (pdf)" links, respectively, at [www.cpdd.vcu.edu](http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu).

**Media personnel are invited to attend Plenary and Scientific sessions.**

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