



The College *on* Problems
of Drug Dependence

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

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WELCOME TO CPDD

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE

Welcome to CPDD! We are honored to have you as a member. By becoming a CPDD member, you join the oldest and largest organization in the US dedicated to advancing a scientific approach to substance use and addictive disorders. We actively promote basic scientific research in all aspects of substance abuse, and we facilitate the sharing of knowledge and new discoveries among scientists of diverse backgrounds, both nationally and internationally. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), formerly the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence, has been in existence since 1929 and is the longest standing group in the United States addressing problems of drug dependence and abuse.

As a member here are some of the benefits you receive:

- Complimentary digital subscription to Drug and Alcohol Dependence journal, which in impact is among the highest rated for substance abuse journals.
- Access to Members Only section of CPDD Web site, containing directory information, easy e-mail to other members, committee reports.
- Membership SimpleLists, for rapid communication of items of interest to the entire membership and posting of job opportunities
- Impact on public policy, including educating our representatives and other governmental officials on the need to support addiction research, ensuring the science base for new policies as well as programs, dealing with human and animal research issues
- Mentorship activities for trainees and junior faculty
- Opportunities to serve on CPDD committees
- Discount on registration fees to attend the annual scientific meetings
- Eligibility to submit abstract for Late-Breaking News session

Throughout this member packet, you will find information regarding all your benefits as a member, our leadership, navigating our resources and opportunities to engage in CPDD. Please browse the document at your convenience and let us know if you have any questions. Our Executive Office is more than happy to help you navigate and maximize your CPDD membership!

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Did you know that CPDD is more than an annual conference? Although our conference is the most prominent extension of us, the society offers wonderful things all year long! From webinars to relevant articles, we're your go to place for all thing's substance use disorder. CPDD is not just a membership-based scientific society, it is a community and one that values your participation. Stay in the know, be part of the conversation and stay connected!



STAY CONNECTED

SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Annual Scientific Meeting: Since 1938, a major focus of the CPDD's activities has been its sponsorship of an annual scientific meeting. This conference serves as a forum bringing together basic scientists and clinical investigators from industry, academia, and government. Representatives of regulatory agencies, as well as scientists and professionals in diverse disciplines interested in the biochemical, behavioral, and public health aspects of drug dependence participate.

Special Conferences: Periodically, the College sponsors conferences focused on timely topics of interest to researchers, government, industry, and the public. In recent years, CPDD has organized meetings on Abuse Liability Assessment of CNS Drugs; Drug Formulation and Abuse Liability; Pre-Clinical Abuse Liability Testing; Women and Smoking: Understanding Socioeconomic Influences; and Risk Management and Post-Marketing Surveillance for CNS-Acting Drugs.

Sponsorship of Drug & Alcohol Dependence: The CPDD sponsors the journals Drug and Alcohol Dependence (DAD), and Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports (DADR) published by Elsevier. A principal goal of the journal is to provide a source of quality, timely reports of scientific advances in substance abuse research. The journal is international in scope and interdisciplinary in coverage. The CPDD invites contributors.

Scientific & Professional Affiliations: The College on Problems of Drug Dependence has a liaison relationship with numerous scientific, professional, and governmental organizations, including Friends of NIDA.



CPDD MEMBER BENEFITS

All Active Members Receive the Following Benefits:

- Reduced rates for conferences and symposia sponsored by CPDD
- Free access to past recorded webinars as well!
- Online subscription to DAD, Drug and Alcohol Dependence and DADR, Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports
- Access to the members-only portion of the CPDD website, which includes the following:
 - An online searchable membership directory for up-to-date member contact information
 - Access to CPDD Job Board with up-to-date listings
 - Funding opportunities
 - Early career resources through Member-In-Training memberships
 - CPDD Newsletter: News from the Hill
 - FBR Smart Briefs
 - NABR Updates
 - Online continuing education materials, and more!
- Member Listservs for the entire CPDD membership
- Opportunity to serve on CPDD committees and be elected to office
- Opportunity to build bridges to, and a network with, other similar and complementary organizations and professions



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CPDD invites and encourages members to serve on one of a variety of committees. If you are seeking ways to engage in CPDD in a meaningful way explore the following committees.

ANIMALS IN RESEACH COMMITTEE

The mission of the Animals in Research Committee of CPDD is to address issues related to the conduct of biomedical research using laboratory animals. The purpose of such research is to understand, treat, and prevent disease. In particular, the members of CPDD are interested in understanding drug addiction. Research using animals has the promise of elucidating the basic mechanisms that lead to addiction, evaluating therapeutic drugs for treatment of addiction, and developing strategies to prevent addiction.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The CPDD Awards Committee is responsible for six awards given by the organization: the Nathan B. Eddy Memorial Award, the Marian Fischman Lectureship Award for An Outstanding Woman Scientist, the Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award, the J. Michael Morrison Award, the CPDD Mentorship Award, and the Innovator Award (see below). The Awards Committee administers all but the CPDD/NIDA Media Award. The Media Award is delegated to the Communications Committee.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE

The Code of Conduct Committee will be responsible for processing received complaints.

EARLY CAREER MEMBERS COMMITTEE

The mission of the CPDD Early Career Members Committee (ECMC) is to facilitate the professional development and educational experiences of early members of CPDD. The Committee will provide structured outlets for early career members of the College to liaise with senior members of the College for the purposes of outreach, mentoring, training, networking, and collaboration. ECMC serves current early career members of the College and those interested in becoming members including masters, doctoral and postdoctoral level students, and early career professionals

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The functions of the Education Committee include: Promoting excellence in SUD research, fostering the development of a large range of scientists, educating clinicians, scientists and educators about SUB treatment and prevention strategies, advocating for continues SUD research, promoting inclusion and representation of a wide variety of scientist in meetings, committees and leadership, and promoting associations between academia, government agencies and private industry to advance the science and research of SUDs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The function of the "Finance Committee" is to advise the Treasurer and the CPDD Board of Directors regarding issues related to budget and finance. The Committee's main concerns are to protect the organization's 501c3 status and to provide fiduciary counsel to the Treasurer.

HUMAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The function of the Human Research Committee is to identify issues relating to clinical research in the drug abuse field and recommend actions to the Board of Directors. Issues of concern to the Committee include topics relating to the ethics and safety of research with humans, methodological issues relating to design and measurement in studies with human subjects, and scientific issues of interest to clinical researchers and CPDD in general.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The mission of the International Committee is to encourage substance abuse research and treatment at the international level by recognizing promising scientists, assisting the NIDA International Program, and assisting CPDD members in other countries to promote the scientific study of drug dependence.

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LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Long-Range Planning Committee is to address the charges given by the President of CPDD that is associated with any long-term goals or directions for the organization.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is advisory to the Executive Committee and is generally responsible for reviewing CPDD policies and procedures that pertain to College membership. The Committee attends primarily to activities that address recruitment of new members and retention of current members. The Committee works toward the final goal of enlisting committed professionals with interests in furthering basic and clinical science related to the problems of drug dependence to become active members of the College.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee has the following major missions, all of which pertain to the Annual Meeting: 1) Solicit, critically review, and select Symposia and Workshops for presentation at the annual meeting, 2) Critically review and select abstracts for communication at the annual meeting via oral or poster presentation, 3) Coordinate any special lectures that are of interest to the College and 4) Organize and present any special sessions for the membership. In the process, the Program Committee is committed to developing new and interesting ways for the membership to gain more from attending the annual meeting. By ensuring that the program represents the breadth of interests in the field of drug abuse, non-members may realize the value of the College and decide to become members.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

To continue to review and update the Bylaws as needed. Provide Bylaws interpretation as requested

TRAVEL AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Travel Awards Committee determines the selection criteria and recipients for travel awards connected to the Annual Meeting.

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BROADENING PERSPECTIVES in ADDICTION SCIENCE COMMITTEE

The overall mission of the Broadening Perspectives in Addiction Science (BPAS) Committee of CPDD is to guarantee the participation and involvement of all groups in CPDD activities. The BPAS committee's primary focus is to assure that the perspectives of all individuals involved in addiction science are portrayed in CPDD membership and CPDD meeting attendance. This aligns with CPDD's broader **Core Values** (A Pluralistic Academic Setting; Collegiality; Compassion in Clinical Care; Integrity; Leadership and Service; and Scientific Excellence and Discovery).



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