

International Conference on Opioids, June 10-12, 2012

The first International Conference on Opioids was held in Boston, June 10-12, 2012, at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School. Attendees from around the world participated in this two plus day conference that featured renowned speakers from many countries presenting the latest research, ethics, legal and clinical application of opioids.



(Left to Right) Dr. Paul Sloan, Dr. Carol Warfield and Opening Keynote Speaker, Dr. Daniel Carr.



(Left to Right) Dr. Carol Warfield, Dr. James Giordano and Dr. Paul Sloan. Dr. Giordano and colleagues (below) delivered an extensive presentation on the neuro-ethical issues of opioid use and their implications for future use of opioids.



(Left to Right) Dr. Barry Eliot Cole, Dr. Mark Boswell, Dr. Jane Ballantyne, Dr. Daniel Hall-Flavin and Dr. James Giordano offering their expertise during the opioid case study session.



Dr. Douglas Throckmorton, USFDA speaking about opioid abuse and the goals of the REMS programs.



Posters were presented over two days in the unique “skyway” at the Joseph B. Martin conference center.



(Left to Right) Dr. Paul Sloan and Prof. Jürgen Sandkühler. Prof. Sandkühler traveled from Austria to present his findings “Erasure of a Spinal Memory Trace of Pain by a Brief, High-Dose Opioid Administration” which drew intense interest from the audience.



(Left to Right) Dr. Lucy Chen, Dr. Robert Jamison, Dr. Carol Warfield, Dr. Paul Sloan and Dr. Jianren Mao. Dr. Chen, Dr. Jamison and Dr. Mao presented a symposium on the neurobiological mechanisms and clinical implications of opioid induced hyperalgesia.



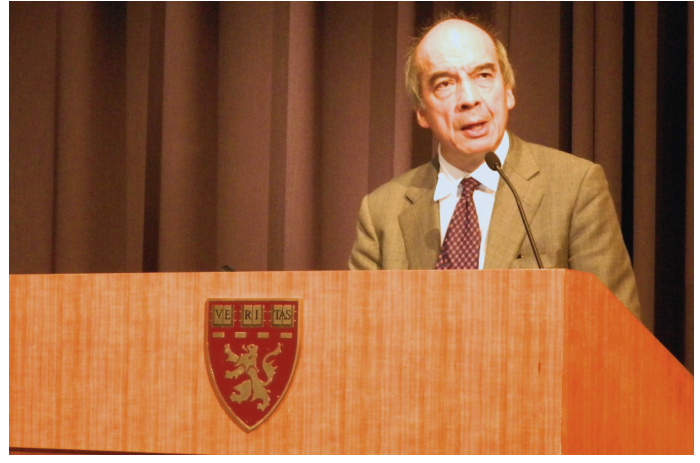
Dr. David Benjamin sharing a lighter moment during his presentation on the medical, legal and regulatory aspects of opioid prescription.



(Left to Right) Robert Lubran, Director at SAMSHA and Dr. Paul Sloan. Director Lubran’s presentation detailed SAMSHA’s many programs to reduce opioid abuse.



Question and answer sessions were quite lively and passionate.



Professor Geoffrey Hanks traveled from the United Kingdom to present: “New EAPC Recommendations on the Use of Opioids in Cancer Pain”