**International seminar**

**Persisting burden of alcohol in Central and Eastern Europe: recent evidence and measurement issues**

**June 21-23, 2017**  
**Artis Centrum Hotel, Totorių str. 23, Vilnius, Lithuania**  

**Program**

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| 9:30-11:00    | **Welcome words**  
*Juozas Augutis (Rector of Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)*  
*Sonata Jarmalaitė (Deputy director of National Cancer Institute, Lithuania)*  
**Keynote session**  
*David Leon (LSHTM, UK) and Domantas Jasilionis (MPIDR, Germany / Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)* - **Introduction**  
*Kevin Shield (WHO IARC)* - **Health and alcohol: a global problem**  
*Robin Room (Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, Australia)* - **Alcohol and health: where science meets policy** |
| 11:00-11:30   | Coffee break                                                          |
| 11:30-13:00   | **Session 1: Alcohol-related mortality across and within countries (1)**  
*Chair: Vlada Stankūnienė (Demographic Research Centre, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)*  
*David Leon (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK), Marketa Pechholdova (University of Economics, Czech Republic)* - **Measuring the mortality burden of alcohol.**  
*Pavel Grigoriev (MPIDR, Germany) et al.* - **Spatial patterns of alcohol-related mortality in Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, and Russia.**  
*Sergi Trias Llimos, Fanny Jannsen (University of Groningen, Netherlands)* - **Alcohol-attributable mortality convergence across Europe**  
*Mall Leinsalu (SCOHOST, Södertörn University, Sweden; National Institute for Health Development, Estonia), Domantas Jasilionis (MPIDR, Germany / Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)* - **Alcohol-related mortality among ethnic Russians in Estonia and Lithuania** |
<p>| 13:00-14:00   | Lunch                                                                  |</p>
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| 14:00-15:30  | **Session 2: Alcohol-related mortality across and within countries (2)**  
**Chair:** Deborah Shipton (NHS Scotland, UK)  
Marketa Pechholdova (University of Economics, Czech Republic) - Alcohol comorbidity in the Czech Republic: evidence from data on multiple causes of death.  
Sandra Mekšrūnaitė (Institute of Hygiene, Lithuania), Romualdas Gurevičius (Institute of Hygiene, Lithuania) – Liver cirrhosis in Lithuania: the past and the future.  
Gleb Denissov (Cause of Death Register, Estonia), Luule Sakkeus (Estonian Institute for Population Studies, Estonia) - Alcohol-Induced Conditions as Underlying and Contributory Cause of Death: an Application of Multiple-Cause Analysis to Alcohol-Related Mortality in Estonia.  
Anastacia Bobrova (Institute of Economics, Minsk, Belarus) - Alcohol-caused mortality and its determinants in Belarus: first evidence from population register data. |
| 15:30-16:00  | Coffee break                                                                                                                              |
| 16:00-17:30  | **Session 3: Interventions and policy monitoring**  
**Chair:** David Leon (LSHTM, UK)  
A) Global perspective:  
Jürgen Rehm (Institute for Mental Health Policy Research, CAMH, Canada)  
B) United Kingdom experience:  
Deborah Shipton (NHS Scotland, UK) – Minimum Unit Pricing in Scotland  
John Holmes (Sheffield University, UK) - Modeling alcohol interventions on disease burden  
C) Experience of Lithuania:  
Mindaugas Štelemėkas (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences) - Policy monitoring of the Lithuanian Parliament 2012-2016 in the field of alcohol and tobacco control: specialized rating of the politicians as a tool of communication with the society.  
Vaida Liutkutė (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences) - Communicating evidence on alcohol harms to policy makers and the public: alcohol industry interference. |
| 17:30-18:30  | **Side meeting 1: Demographic challenges in Central and Eastern European countries: consequences and search for adequate policy responses (Lithuania-Belarus project “Contemporary demographic problems in Belarus and Lithuania: variations, similarities, and ways for transition to sustainable development”)**  
Pavel Grigoriev (MPIDR, Germany), Anastacia Bobrova (Institute of Economics, Minsk, Belarus) - An overview of recent anti-alcohol policies and their effects on mortality trends in Belarus  
Domantas Jasilionis (MPIDR, Germany / Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), Daumantas Stumbrys (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania) - Growing socio-economic disparities in alcohol-related mortality and their demographic costs in Lithuania.  
Participants: Domantas Jasilionis (MPIDR, Germany / Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), Anastacia Bobrova (Institute of Economics, Belarus), Vlada Stankūnienė (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), Pavel Grigoriev (MPIDR, Germany), Andrei Piliutsik (Institute of Economics, Belarus) |
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| 9:30-11:00   | **Session 4: Alcohol and risk of cancer, cardiovascular system diseases, and other causes of death** | Chair: Jacek Moskalewicz (Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology, Poland) | Rūta Everatt (National Cancer Institute, Lithuania) - Alcohol consumption and cancer: a 30 year cohort study in Lithuania. 
David Leon (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK), Vladimir M. Shkolnikov (MPIDR, Germany) - Cardiovascular system diseases and alcohol in Russia
Ričardas Radišauskas (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences), Abdonas Tamošiūnas (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences), Dalia Lukšienė (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences), Gailutė Bernotienė (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences) - Relationships between alcohol and risk of cardiovascular diseases.
Alvydas Benošis (State Forensic Medicine Service, Lithuania) - Alcohol consumption in Lithuania according to medical forensic autopsy data |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break                                                            |                                                        |                                                                                        |
| 11:30-13:00 | **Session 5: Measurement of alcohol and consumption**                    | Chair: Kevin Shield (WHO IARC)                        | Jacek Moskalewicz (Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology, Poland) - Unrecorded sources of alcohol and individual harm in Poland and elsewhere.
Tomas Rudys (Statistics Lithuania, Lithuania) - Measuring alcohol consumption in official statistics of Lithuania.
Kersti Pärna (University of Tartu, Estonia) - Trends in alcohol consumption and alcohol policy in Estonia.
Katrin Lang (University of Tartu, Estonia), Inge Ringmets (University of Tartu, Estonia) - Estimating recorded and unrecorded alcohol consumption in the Baltics by IARD study
Edita Šakytė (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences) - Estimating unrecorded alcohol consumption in Lithuania using indirect methodologies. |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch                                                                   |                                                        |                                                                                        |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Session 6: Harm to the others: the emerging research**                | Chair: John Holmes (Sheffield University, UK)          | Robin Room (Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, Australia) - Development of thinking about and research on alcohol’s harm to others
Ilona Tamutiene (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), Birutė Jogaitė (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania) - Disclosure of alcohol’s harm to children living with alcohol abusing parents: alcohol’s input to adverse childhood experiences.
Jaroslaw Jastrzebski, Slawomir Slaski (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland) - Family of origin and the meaning of life in adult children of alcoholics (AcoA).
Birutė Jogaitė (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania) - Help possibilities |
for „other than drinkers” in Lithuanian Addiction Treatment Centres.

Orratai Waleewong (Ministry of Health, Thailand) - Harm from other’s drinking-related aggression, violence and misconduct: findings from five Asian countries.

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| 16:00-17:00   | **Side meeting 2**  
|               | Cancer and alcohol: a well established relationship?                  |
|               | Participants: Sonata Jarmalaitė (National Cancer Institute, Lithuania), Giedrė Smailytė (National Institute for Health Development, Estonia), Mati Rahu (National Institute for Health Development, Estonia), Kaja Rahu (National Institute for Health Development, Estonia), Kevin Shield (WHO IARC), Rūta Everatt (National Cancer Institute, Lithuania), Ieva Vincerževskienė (National Cancer Institute, Lithuania) |
| 16:00-17:00   | **Side meeting 3**  
|               | Summarising international evidence: lessons for Lithuania and Belarus (Lithuania-Belarus project “Contemporary demographic problems in Belarus and Lithuania: variations, similarities, and ways for transition to sustainable development”)  
|               | Participants: Domantas Jasilionis (MPI DR, Germany / Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), Anastacia Bobrova (Institute of Economics, Minsk, Belarus), Vladislava Stankūnienė (Vytautas Magnus University, Pavel Grigoriev (MPI DR, Germany), Andrei Piliutsik (Institute of Economics, Minsk, Belarus) |

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| 09:00-11:00   | **Discussion forum**  
|               | Policy, politics, and alcohol control: what has to be done in Lithuania?  
|               | Moderator: David Leon (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK)  
|               | Felikzas Jankevičius (National Cancer Institute, Lithuania) – Welcome words.  
|               | Aurelijus Veryga (Minister of Health, Vilnius, Lithuania) - Challenges for reducing alcohol problem in Lithuania.  
|               | Mindaugas Štelemėkas (Lithuanian University of Health Sciences), Domantas Jasilionis (MPI DR, Germany / Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania) - Lithuania: where are we?  
|               | Deborah Shipton (National Health Service Scotland) - Individual freedom and legality issues.  
|               | Comments: Robin Room (Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, Australia), Jacek Moskalewicz (Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology, Poland), Kevin Shield (WHO IARC)  
|               | Discussion  
|               | Closing the seminar and future outlook  
| 11:00-11:30   | Press conference                                                        |
| 11:00-12:00   | Coffee and informal discussions                                        |
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