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New Trends? New Patterns? – Explanations for Changes in Alcohol and Illicit Drug Use

Message from the Guest Editor

Trends in different forms of addictive behaviour have been changing in many countries of the world. While most European countries have experienced a decline in both total per capita alcohol consumption and alcohol intake per occasion, several other countries in Asia, Africa and other regions have reported an increase in use. Trends in illicit drug use also show different tendencies by regions and countries. While some data demonstrate that the earlier increase in the prevalence of illicit drug use has stopped or even declined, the number of drug users has considerably increased in the world due to several socio-demographic changes.

Thus far, none of the studies analysing the new trends in risk behaviour and consumption patterns have provided clear evidence for this phenomenon. Hereby we call for papers for our current Special Issue that will address the changing habits in alcohol and illicit drug use and seek an explanation for these changes. Papers based on empirical surveys, focusing on the population in general or adolescents facing high academic standards and expectations are especially welcome.

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