



37th WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence

Monday, 16 November 2015

WHO, Geneva, Room Salle C

09:00-11:00

AGENDA FOR OPEN SESSION

- 09:00 Welcome and introduction
Dr Kees De Joncheere, Director of the WHO Essential Medicines and Products Department
- 09:05 Role and Mandate of the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence
Dr Gilles Forte, Policy, Access and Use of Essential Medicines
- 09:10 Ketamine and international control
Christopher Hallam, Research and Analysis, International Drug Policy Consortium
- 09:20 Examining the benefits vs harm of ketamine: a careful global perspective
Dr Thomas Burke, Chief of Division of Global Health and Human Rights, MGH, Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School, Center for African Studies, Harvard University
- 09:30 The Impact of Ketamine on Global Surgery
Dr Walt Johnson, Emergency & Essential Surgical Care Programme Lead, WHO
- 09:40 Role of ketamine in the work of MSF and ICRC
Mr Christophe Perrin, Pharmaceutical Coordinator at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- 09:50 *Discussion*
- 10:00 Protecting Ketamine as an Essential Medicine
Dr Jason Nickerson, Bruyère Research Institute in Ottawa, Canada
- 10:10 The Veterinary Profession Position Statement in Opposition to the International Scheduling of Ketamine.
Dr René Carlson, President of the World Veterinary Association (WVA)
- 10.20 Statement on Ketamine
Prof. Walid Habre, World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists & European Society of Anaesthesiology
- 10:30 Cannabis, an irreplaceable botanical medicine of long standing human use
Michael Krawitz Executive Director, Veterans For Medical Cannabis Access
- 10.40 Global Patient Populations Need International Medical Cannabis Policies to Evolve
Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access
- 10.50 *Discussion*
- 11:00 Closure