

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF DRUG POLICY (ISSDP)
CHARITY REGISTERED NO. 1177654
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Charity is registered with the Charities Commission, its registration number is 1177654.

The principal office of the Charity is 15a Hatley Rd London N43NN.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the charity are:-

Dr A O’Gorman (Vice President)

Dr G Lasco

Dr L Vandam

Prof RL Pacula (Immediate past president)

Dr C Hughes (President)

Dr R Askew

Prof P Reuter

Jessica Storbjork

Marie Jauffret Roustide

Bronwyn Myers-Franci

Yatan Pal Singh Balhara

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The International Society for the Study of Drug Policy is a registered charity (charity number 1177654).

The trustees meet regularly to discuss the charity's progress, formulate general policy and plan seminars and conferences that promote the charity's objectives. They are ultimately responsible for the day to day management of the charity, including the making, enforcing and altering of rules, and the authority for all expenditure. The current operational management of the charity is conducted by the trustees.

The income and property of the charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its Trust Deed. No proportion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of bonus or otherwise by way or profit, to members of the charity. No member of the board of trustees shall be appointed to any office of the charity paid by way or salary or fees. Neither shall they receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or kind from the charity

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected and/or re-elected in accordance with the provisions set out in the organisation's constitution. Elections take place every 2 years, while positions on the board as a trustee last 4 years.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP) is a society of scholars committed to advancing drug policy research. The ISSDP's objectives are to:

- ~ Be a forum for high quality drug policy analysis.
- ~ Develop relations among drug policy analysts and thus strengthen the field.
- ~ Develop the scientific base for policy decisions.
- ~ Improve the interface between researchers and policy makers.

We achieve this through our annual scholarly international conference. This event brings together many of the best known academics in the drug policy field with decision makers and policy-makers.

The ISSDP also supports emerging drug policy scholars, through scholarships to attend the annual scientific conference. Scholarships are available for doctoral students and scholars from developing countries and are advertised in the call for papers for each conference.

ISSDP also supports research through the availability of an online bibliography of grey literature relevant to drug policy.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

For the year 2024/25, the ISSDP has approximately 170 members, an increase on previous years as we continue to build our membership. In June 2024, the ISSDP co-hosted its annual conference with RAND Europe in Montreal, Canada. An anonymous donor, donates approximately \$3,500 each year to be awarded as a prize to an outstanding researcher identified by an ISSDP committee for outstanding work published in the past 3 years, in addition to \$500 stipend for the awardee to travel to a conference. This award and travel stipend was not taken up by the awardee this year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached receipts and payments accounts show the current state of the finances, which the Trustees considers to be acceptable. Total incoming resources were £13,892 (2024: £58,799) and total outgoing payments amounted to £5,087 (2024: £53,538), the net surplus for the year was £8,805. Unrestricted funds amounted to £26,830 (2024: £21,026), whilst restricted funds were £5,605 (2024: £2,604).

Reserves Policy

The ISSDP Organization does not have a formal reserves policy within its bylaws. Nonetheless, we have a historical precedent to retain £10,000 across our accounts to ensure ability to pay ongoing monthly activities that include website updates and administrative support.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning the future activities of the Charity. These are shown above in the section 'Objectives and activities'.

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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the trustees are to :-

- (1) keep proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity;
- (2) safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities;
- (3) manage other daily activities of the charity that are voted upon by the membership.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Caitlin Hughes

President

Date: 29.01.2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts				
Memberships	10,891	-	10,891	1,583
Conference	-	-	-	54,482
Scholarships	-	3,001	3,001	2,734
Donations	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,891	3,001	13,892	58,799
Payments				
Conference expenditure	-	-	-	44,366
Scholarships expenditure	-	-	-	2,933
Support costs	-	-	-	3,338
Accountancy	1,590	-	1,590	-
Travel	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
Other costs	3,497	-	3,497	2,901
Sub total	5,087	-	5,087	53,538
Asset and investment purchases	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,087	-	5,087	53,538
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,804	3,001	8,805	5,261
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward at 1 April 2024	21,026	2,604	23,630	18,369
Cash funds carried forward at 31 March 2025	26,830	5,605	32,435	23,630

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
CASH FUNDS				
Current accounts	26,830	5,605	32,435	18,369
Total cash funds	26,830	5,605	32,435	18,369
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
LIABILITIES				
Accruals	570	-	570	1,020
Total liabilities	570	-	570	1,020

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf



Caitlin Hughes

President

Date: 29.01.2026