



# Annual Report

## 2020 / 2021

A year of impact through uncertainty.

Image from Kirketon Road Centre COVID-19 outreach film.





Dried Blood Spot test taking place in Cairns, Australia.

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# 2020 - 2021 at a glance

Our vision is a world where people who use drugs have equitable access to evidence-based services, treatment, and support needed to improve health and live well.

With a focus on hepatitis C, other infectious diseases and harms related to drug use, our work spans knowledge exchange, education and advocacy.

## 299

members representing

## 33

countries around the world



## 11

 board members - read more on page 18 >

## 4

 international committees, with

## 52

 committee members

## 1

 special interest group **INHSU Prisons**, with

## 116

 members - read more on page 17 >

## 1

 Connecting with Care Film.

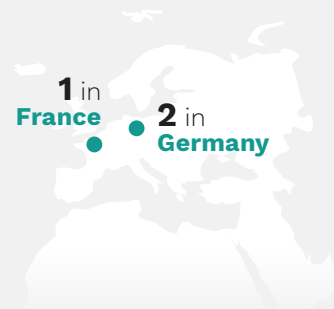
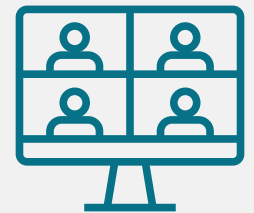
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## 277

attendees at

## 8

virtual events



## 5

 education workshops delivered in

## 3

 countries, with

## 110

 attendees in total

# Key achievements



1

## New strategic direction

2020/2021 saw the launch of INHSU's new strategic direction which broadens our scope from hepatitis C to include other infectious diseases and the broader health of people who use drugs.

2

## New website & identity

Our modern, interactive new website and visual identity has received strong praise from partners and peers with website traffic increasing by over **400%**.

3

## Connecting with Care

This project shares innovative models of hepatitis C care from across the world via emotive storytelling. Despite COVID-19 restrictions we've added another film to the series, focussing on **Cairns, Australia**.

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## Virtual educational workshops

Our HCV workshops were moved online due to COVID-19. This seamless transition has seen **110** people educated across **3** countries.

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## Virtual event series

We held **8** virtual events and webinars across the course of the year with **1,437** people signing up to attend, across **48** countries. We welcomed over **42** speakers in total.

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## INHSU 2021 conference

Taking place in **October 2021**, the preparation for the 9th International Conference of Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users took place this year with the development of a new virtual event platform.

7

## Steering committees

Across the organisation, we have **52** people from across the world on various steering committees and boards, fostering knowledge exchange and creating professional development opportunities.

Koketso Mokubane cuddles his mother as they stand together outside his home for a portrait. Koketso Mokubane is a peer officer with the Community Oriented Substance Use Program (COSUP) in South Africa.



# President's report



It is an honour to be President of INHSU at an important moment in our history. INHSU is an organisation that remains committed to impacting change and is well respected by the networks and communities we serve.

This Annual Report and financial accounts cover a period during which the COVID-19 crisis continued to change the world and how we work. It is unfortunate that the pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on people who use drugs. Globally, members of INHSU have been at the front line of the pandemic response.

This marks a year when we have been unable to come together at our annual conference, to exchange knowledge, and enjoy the hallway conversations that make the INHSU conference such a pleasure to attend. I look forward to coming together virtually at our conference in October 2021 and to learning about the innovations that have taken place since we last met.

It is also the first year of our new strategic direction as we seek to increase our impact and broaden our work beyond hepatitis C prevention, treatment, and care to respond to the health issues of people who use drugs more broadly.

We know that we must connect with the network of people working in this area across the globe, particularly in low and middle-income countries, and I am pleased that our partnerships have continued to be nurtured and strengthened in Africa.

I am proud to lead a highly respected international Board who generously give their time and knowledge, who connect us with the communities we serve, and provide the network with access to global experts to support our work. Thank you to my Board colleagues for your guidance and expertise.

On behalf of the Board, I thank the INHSU staff team for their dedication to delivering innovative and impactful work. It is a small

team with big capacity and their commitment realising the vision of INHSU is integral to our achievements. I would like to especially thank Emma Day, our Executive Director, who has worked tirelessly in her efforts to continue to drive forward innovation and excellence within the organisation. I would also like to thank ASHM for their ongoing operational support, conference management expertise, and valued partnership on our education programs.

But above all, I thank our members. INHSU is a network of members that we represent and while the next 12 months continues to present challenges, as we learn to live with COVID-19 and look beyond life in a global pandemic, the importance of global connection and collaboration has never been more important. We thank you for your ongoing involvement in our community.

**Jason Grebely,**  
INHSU PRESIDENT



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**Emma Day,**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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In a year of understandably competing priorities, I am so incredibly thankful to all our members for supporting the network.  
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# Director's report



The 2020/21 Annual Report reflects on a year when we have been unable to come together in person. Despite this, INHSU has continued to facilitate knowledge exchange, encourage good practice, and support policy and advocacy work that impacts the lives of people who use drugs.

The launch of our new website and strategic direction has seen us focus our communications work on the people of the network through our Meet the Members and View from the Board series. It has been a pleasure to showcase the work and various voices of our international community and has brought us closer together at a time when we have often felt far apart.

In a year of understandably competing priorities, I am so incredibly thankful to all our members for supporting the network.

INHSU is only as strong as our members and that you have continued to play an active role in the organization spurs us on to continue our efforts.

This year we have had to reinvent how we approach projects, connect with collaborators, design the annual conference, and support our members. We, like so many, have continued to adjust to a virtual way of working. Thankfully, we are a small team and an agile organization and so the adjustment has been smooth.

For the first time, we have had a full team of staff – a privilege during a

pandemic when so many have lost their livelihoods – which has allowed us to undertake impactful new projects.

Of note are the Connecting with Care project that highlights innovative models of hepatitis C care, inspires services to introduce new ways of working, and provides the tools and resources with which to implement interventions to enhance the hepatitis C care cascade, and our policy and advocacy work with partners in South Africa.

The 2019/20 financial year saw us host our first regional conference; INHSU Africa in Cape Town. The conference proved catalytic and this year we have been privileged to continue to work with partners to progress policy discussions around methadone and direct-acting antiviral access in South Africa. Investment in this project, and the expertise

# Director's report



leveraged from the INHSU network, have expanded INHSU's relevance beyond high-income settings and into Africa. INHSU has benefitted greatly from this expansion as we work towards meeting the network's strategic goals of increasing activities in low and low-middle income countries and on focussing efforts on policy and advocacy work that impacts change.

Financially, despite the postponement of the 2020 conference, the organization is stable and although our staffing costs have increased markedly this year, this is balanced by project income to support the work so ably led by our team.

Thanks go to our conference organizing committees and the ASHM conference team for their unwavering commitment to providing INHSU with the best possible conference experience.

We were disappointed not to meet in 2020 but are excited for our first virtual conference in October 2021 and look forward to reuniting in person in 2022.

As we look forward to 2021/22, I see many exciting things on the horizon for INHSU and look forward to supporting the network in our goal to improve the health of people who use drugs.

*Emma Day*

**Emma Day,**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Rozanne, Kathy and Tracey smile for a portrait. All three women were treated for hepatitis C at Cairns Sexual Health Service.

# What we do



We believe the most powerful impact is achieved when researchers, clinicians, policy makers, advocates and communities of people who use drugs come together to share knowledge, learn from each other, and put those insights into action.

Our work spans three key areas; knowledge exchange, education and advocacy. Through all three, we are committed to the human rights of people who use drugs. Their contribution is central to our work.



## Knowledge Exchange

We bring together stakeholders to share evidence-based knowledge on good practice to improve the health of people who use drugs. This exchange focuses on research that seeks to improve access to prevention, treatment, and care for hepatitis C, other infectious diseases, and harms that can occur from drug use.



## Education

We educate healthcare providers, program managers, harm reduction experts, researchers, policymakers, and others to improve their knowledge, confidence and skills around key issues impacting people who use drugs.



## Advocacy

We work with our international partners to develop evidence-based calls to action and encourage decision-makers to implement proven interventions that improve the health of people who use drugs in local communities, countries, regions, and globally.

Sally Chessell, a Wayside Chapel Outreach worker on an outreach shift in La Perouse with a team from the Kirketon Road Centre.





# In detail...

## Knowledge exchange



“We support, facilitate, and foster research, scientific exchange, and dissemination of knowledge.”

### Conference archive

The new INHSU website features a searchable database of every single abstract, presentation and recording from INHSU’s global conferences from 2015 till today. **That’s over 500 high-quality pieces of research available at the touch of a button.**

### Virtual event series

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, INHSU’s 2020 conference was postponed. To continue the global facilitation of knowledge exchange, we launched a series of virtual events and webinars.

### Kirkton Road Centre (KRC) film launch & Q&A

In March 2021, over 100 people attended from across the world to watch the launch of an INHSU-funded film portraying the innovative COVID-19 outreach work by KRC. After the premiere we were joined by experts from Australia, Iran and South Africa to discuss how the pandemic had impacted people who use drugs in their regions.



KRC nurse Brett talks with a community member before undertaking a COVID-19 test.

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It was so interesting and informative. Great to see a community event about how people in the drug health sector rose to the challenges of COVID, and be able to attend online.

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FILM LAUNCH ATTENDEE



During an outreach visit to downtown Pretoria, where many people struggle with homeless and substance use live, peer officer Rethabile Seshabela talks with a young man named Thapelo.

# Knowledge exchange



## INHSU Prisons events

Across three virtual events we welcomed 115 people from 17 countries. The events included a global debate and two 'speed geeking' events. Over 15 speakers from across Europe, North America and Australia shared their knowledge and expertise on health issues impacting people who use drugs in prison.

*"This was the first time I have experienced an event like this. I really don't like zoom but this was a refreshing change. I really liked the smaller group as it made it seem more personal."* EVENT ATTENDEE

*"The information in the global debate gave me perspectives and valid opinions to consider when exploring research opportunities."* EVENT ATTENDEE

## World Hepatitis Day

To mark World Hepatitis Day 2020 in July, we held a virtual event in partnership with TB HIV Care and the South African Network of People who Use Drugs (SANPUD). The event focussed on hepatitis C elimination in South Africa and 37 people attended.

## INHSU news section

The new website features a news section where we feature interviews with members, thought leadership articles from the board and round-ups of research. Since February, 30 articles have been published for the INHSU network and our broader readership.

## Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference

On 31 May 2021, INHSU facilitated a session at the 12th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference. The session launched the Cairns Connecting with Care film (see advocacy section later in this report) and featured a Q&A, facilitated by INHSU.

# In detail...

## Education



“We educate people who use drugs, advocates, healthcare providers, program managers, harm reduction experts, researchers, and policy-makers on health issues faced by people who use drugs including hepatitis C prevention, screening, linkage to care, and treatment.”

### Hepatitis C in Primary Care and Drug and Alcohol Settings Education Program

Our flagship education program moved online for the first time, due to travel restrictions and health concerns during the global pandemic. The three-part education program now includes an online learning module, the new online workshop facilitated by in-country experts, and resources and tools.

The program is delivered in partnership with the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) and the Kirby Institute at the University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney), and in collaboration with local organisations in each country.

### Two virtual workshops in Germany

The first educational workshop to move online, the German workshops welcomed 40 healthcare providers and six in-country speakers. The German program is endorsed by organisations including Deutsche Leberstiftung, Akzept, Deutsche Aidshilfe, Dagnae, Deutsche Leberhilfe and accredited by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

*“This workshop will allow me to better educate my clients about the new treatment options.”*

WORKSHOP ATTENDEE

### Virtual workshop in France

Attended by 23 people and held in partnership with Fédération

Française d'Addictologie and Fédération Addiction.

*“Congratulations on the quality of this training, from the resources to the discussions.”*

WORKSHOP ATTENDEE

### Two virtual workshops in Canada

Attended by 47 practitioners, these workshops were delivered in partnership with CATIE, the Canadian Network on Hepatitis C and the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver. Accredited by the College of Family Physicians Canada, an average of 95% of respondents of the post course survey indicated their learning needs were entirely met.

*“I feel more confident and less tentative to enter conversations with patients.”* WORKSHOP ATTENDEE



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This was the final education push I needed to proactively implement HCV treatment in our program.

”

WORKSHOP ATTENDEE

# In detail...

## Advocacy



“We collaborate with other societies, government organisations, professional associations, community members, institutions, and individuals to enable evidence to be accessed to demonstrate what works and to advocate for better health outcomes for people who inject drugs including hepatitis C prevention and care.”

### Connecting with Care

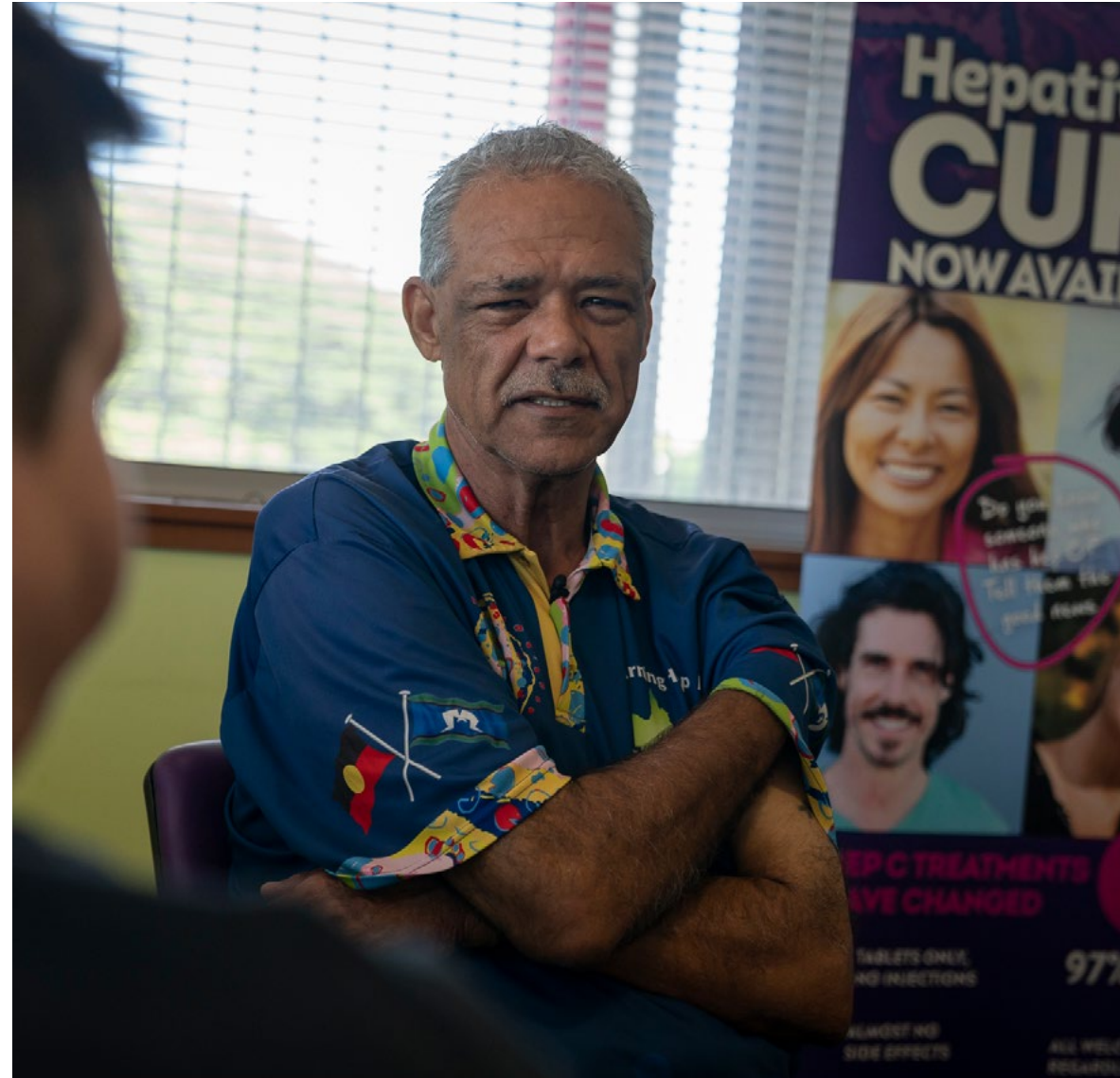
Connecting with Care uses powerful storytelling to profile innovative models of care for hepatitis C elimination among people who use drugs.

**These films give a voice to the community, telling their stories and showcasing best practice from across the globe.**

Building on last year’s award-winning Canadian films, this year saw the creation of the Connecting with Care Cairns film.

Filmed by visual storyteller Conor Ashleigh it profiles the partnership between Cairns Sexual Health Service, Cairns Hepatitis Action Team, Youthlink’s Needle & Syringe Program, and a team of Aboriginal health workers and their invaluable work impacting their community.

[Watch the film here.](#)



Cairns Sexual Health Service Indigenous Health Coordinator Morgan Dempsey talks with health promotion colleague Rhonda Lewis about a new hepatitis C initiative they’ve developed for Indigenous prisoners.



A young man named Thapelo stands smiling for a portrait after receiving clean syringes from the Harmless outreach team.

# Advocacy



## Brief: Harm Reduction Responses in the Age of COVID-19

INHSU, TB HIV Care, the South African Network of People who Use Drugs (SANPUD) and other partners released a brief documenting harm reduction service access in South Africa.

Before COVID-19, people who use drugs in South Africa had limited access to harm reduction services. The pandemic and the consequent lockdown created new challenges in providing treatment, care and support to people who use drugs. The report features detailed learnings and recommended actions for national, local, and provincial governments.

Building on this project, we delivered an advocacy roundtable event on supporting harm reduction and HCV testing and treatment for people who use drugs in the era of COVID-19. The event aimed to:

- Highlight innovations and emergent good practice in harm reduction service delivery

- Connect national, provincial, and local government decision-makers
- Generate partnerships to prioritise harm reduction and viral hepatitis advocacy goals

Following high-level invited speaker presentations, attendees joined breakout rooms to discuss successes, opportunities and challenges related to Hepatitis C, Opioid Substitution Therapy or Needle and Syringe Services. This event has been catalytic, leading to further advocacy activities in the space.

## South African Policy Brief

We collaborated with multiple South African organisations to develop a viral hepatitis policy brief that provides evidence-based data and recommendations to aid informed policy decision making.

[View the Brief here.](#)

## Kirketon Road Centre (KRC) COVID-19 film

KRC is a walk-in, targeted, primary health care service in Sydney, Australia which has been operating since 1987.

When COVID-19 hit, KRC knew they had to adapt quickly if they were going to be able to continue to support the communities they serve. Our film – filmed by Conor Ashleigh – profiled this work.

*“Thank you for a great event. It takes a lot of hard work and logistical know-how for these things. You all did a fantastic job.”*

EVENT ATTENDEE



KRC outreach worker Stephanie and peer connector Michelle head out for the NSP outreach service offered by KRC to people in the Sutherland area.

# Our network



Our network brings together a diverse range of people working across sectors to improve the health of people who use drugs. It includes people who use drugs, advocates, healthcare providers, program managers, harm reduction experts, researchers and policymakers.

As a membership organisation, members are core to INHSU, but the network expands much further than just members.

It also includes partner organisations across the globe, expert speakers who join our virtual and in-person events, our database of 3,000+ email subscribers, our educational workshop attendees, and the steering committees and focus groups involved in all of our projects.

We thank all of you for your tireless dedication and passion in furthering INHSU's vision.



**299**  
members



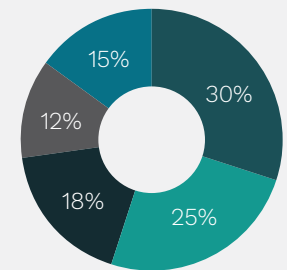
**32**  
countries represented



**116**  
INHSU Prisons members

## Professional affiliation:

- Researcher
- Practitioner
- Community
- Student
- Other



# Our network



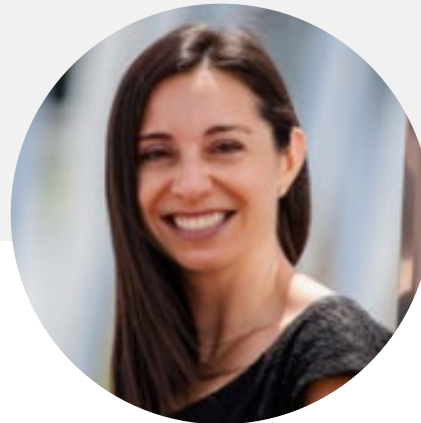
“

INHSU is an inspiration for my daily work. It provides me with input and new ideas on how I can improve health care at our centre. It is an exciting community of engaged people from different professions and disciplines with an immense power to move things forward.

”

PHILLIP BRUGGMANN

*INHSU founder, current member and Head of Internal Medicine at the Arud Centre for Addiction Medicine in Zurich, Switzerland.*



“

Once you join, you'll never look back; it's a vibrant and forward-thinking network.

”

DR. NADINE KRONFLI

*INHSU member and Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, McGill University, Montréal, Canada.*



“

INHSU connects me with like-minded individuals, who are all committed to improving the lives of people who use drugs. Being part of INHSU has helped empower me to do my Masters in Public Health. Join now whilst we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to eliminate hepatitis C.

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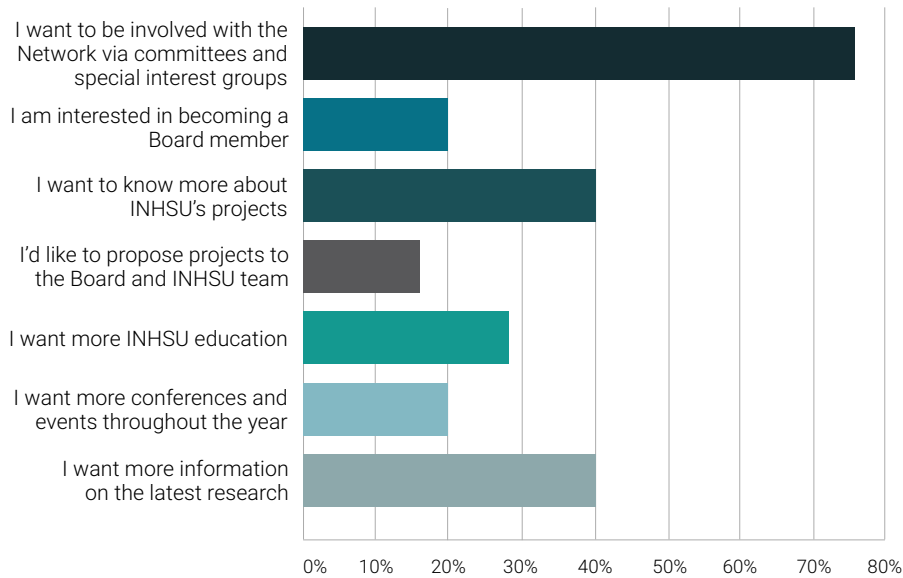
LOUISE HANSFORD

*INHSU member and Hepatitis C Elimination Coordinator South for the NHS APA (NHS Substance Addiction Providers Alliance), South England, UK*

# Membership survey

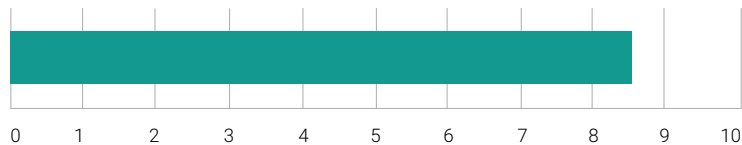
Our annual membership survey took a new direction this year, with our objective being to find out more about what our members want from INHSU and how we can help. This information will guide how we involve members in our future projects.

## What do you want more of from INHSU?




## Would you recommend INHSU membership?


*This is a Net Promotor Score, it is a leading metric for measuring satisfaction and loyalty. Generally, a score above 8 is considered world class.*



## Our members' experience

 **72%** have capacity building expertise, and

 **12%** would like to learn more

 **68%** have expertise in policy and advocacy, and

 **16%** want to learn more

 **48%** have expertise in implementation science with

 **40%** wanting to learn more

 **48%** joined to support an organisation whose values align with their own.

 **76%** want to know how to be involved with the network via committees and special interest groups.

 **96%** plan to renew their membership in the next financial year.



# INHSU Prisons Special Interest Group



As part of our goal to provide new opportunities for our members to connect and engage with each other, we support special interest groups in areas of particular interest for our network.

The first of these to be established was INHSU Prisons, launched at the INHSU 2019 conference in Montreal.

The group aims to:

1. Facilitate information exchange to for HCV prevention and care in the custodial sector
2. Develop prison-focused HCV education programs adapted to diverse prison settings
3. Facilitate translation of health services research to support advocacy and drive policymaking

2020/2021 was a busy year for the group with the launch of three virtual events, and the welcoming of new members from across the globe.



**116**  
members



**33**  
countries  
represented



**450**  
members signed  
up to INHSU  
Prisons news

**Watch this space**  
Due to the success of INHSU Prisons we plan to establish other Special Interest Groups as a vehicle for networking, professional development and engagement.



**3**  
virtual events with  
115 attendees



**1**  
article published  
in The Lancet  
Gastroenterology  
Hepatology



# In memory of Jude Byrne

It was with a heavy heart that we learned of the death of INHSU board member Jude Byrne, who passed away on 5th March 2021 surrounded by friends and family. There are no words that can sum up the heartbreak that INHSU feels at the loss of Jude – our friend, mentor and fearless advocate for people who use drugs.

Jude was a globally recognised, powerful advocate who fought to advance the health and human rights of people who use drugs with her formidable intelligence, honesty and dignity.

An injecting drug user for over 40 years; Jude brought a feminist perspective and her profound understanding of the social and political repercussions of being singled out as a member of a marginalised community was invaluable to her work.

We were deeply honoured to have Jude serve on the INHSU board since 2018. During her time, she made many important contributions to the network and our projects, always ensuring that the focus was firmly on people who use drugs.

Jude, you'll be forever missed.



# A thank you to our board

Our work wouldn't be possible without the tireless dedication of the INHSU board. This year we welcomed three new board members Matthew Bonn, Ann Eriksen and Andrew Scheibe as well as seeing Natasha Martin move into the role of Vice President and Erika Castro as Treasurer. We also thank Andrew Lloyd who, as Chair of the INHSU Prisons Special Interest Group, contributes to the board as an ex officio member.



**Jason Grebely**  
PRESIDENT

Head of the Hepatitis C and Drug Use Group at the Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales, Sydney and Senior Editor for the International Journal of Drug Policy.



**Natasha Martin**  
VICE PRESIDENT

Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Public Health in the Department of Medicine at the University of California and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Bristol.



**Erika Castro**  
TREASURER

Internal and addiction medicine specialist, who also leads the micro elimination project HepC Virtual Clinic Switzerland. Castro also chairs several addiction medicine education initiatives in Switzerland.



**Matthew Bonn**  
BOARD MEMBER

Program coordinator with the Canadian Association of People Who Use Drugs, a National Board member with Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy and a freelance journalist.



**Julie Bruneau**  
BOARD MEMBER

Professor in at Université de Montréal, Adjunct Professor at the Family Medicine Department, McGill University. Head of the Primary Care Department at the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal.



**Ann Eriksen**  
BOARD MEMBER

Ann is NHS Tayside's Executive Lead for sexual health and blood-borne virus. NHS Tayside's governance includes three major hospitals alongside a number of community hospitals and 60 GPs.



**Margaret Hellard**  
BOARD MEMBER

Deputy Director at the Burnet Institute, Head of Hepatitis Services in the Infectious Diseases Unit at The Alfred Hospital, Adjunct Professor of Infectious Diseases Epidemiology at Monash University and University of Melbourne.



**Matt Hickman**  
BOARD MEMBER

Professor in Public Health and Epidemiology, NIHR Senior Investigator, Head of Population Sciences and Deputy Head of Bristol Medical School at University of Bristol.



### **Andrew Scheibe**

BOARD MEMBER

Medical doctor working in harm reduction research, technical advisor for TB HIV Care and a researcher at the University of Pretoria. Focuses on the intersections between infectious diseases, determinants of health and rights.



### **Tracy Swan**

BOARD MEMBER

Consultant and Hepatitis C activist Swan has been an outreach worker, run HIV counselling and testing programs, designed HCV education programs and worked for Treatment Action Group among others.

# The INHSU secretariat

### **Emma Day**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Emma oversees INHSU's operational activities, policies, and strategy. She has worked with INHSU since 2016 and is experienced in clinical workforce development, governance, business development and strategic planning.

### **Nikitah Habraken**

PROGRAM MANAGER

Overseeing INHSU's projects Nikitah's expertise covers program management, partnerships, business development, clinical workforce education and program evaluation.

### **Brooke Nolan**

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING MANAGER

Brooke leads on INHSU's global marketing strategy and implementation, delivering communications initiatives for INHSU as a whole and our projects.

### **Michelle Kwok**

PROJECT OFFICER

Michelle supports all INHSU activities, including project delivery and organisation operations. Michelle also leads on membership liaison.

# 2020/2021 financial report

**International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users INHSU, Zürich**  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 2021  
(with 2020 comparative figures)

	Notes	30.06.2021 EUR	30.06.2020 EUR	30.06.2021 CHF	30.06.2020 CHF
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	3.1.	519'642	298'463	576'803	318'102
Trade receivables		332'245	5'000	368'792	5'329
Other receivables	3.2.	30'009	30'009	33'310	31'984
Prepaid expenses	3.3.	554	4'223	615	4'501
Work in progress		-	33'752	-	35'973
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>882'450</b>	<b>371'447</b>	<b>979'520</b>	<b>395'889</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>882'450</b>	<b>371'447</b>	<b>979'520</b>	<b>395'889</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Trade creditors		65'568	53'333	72'781	56'843
Deferred income and accrued expenses	3.4.	506'010	20'175	561'671	21'503
<b>Total current borrowed capital</b>		<b>571'578</b>	<b>73'508</b>	<b>634'452</b>	<b>78'346</b>
Balance carried forward		297'939	269'303	317'543	308'648
Currency translation adjustment		-	-	13'373	-
Profit of the period		12'933	28'636	14'152	8'895
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>310'872</b>	<b>279'939</b>	<b>345'068</b>	<b>317'543</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>882'450</b>	<b>371'447</b>	<b>979'520</b>	<b>395'889</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

# 2020/2021 financial report

## International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users INHSU, Zürich BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 2021 (with 2020 comparative figures)

	Notes	From 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 EUR	From 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020 EUR	From 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 CHF	From 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020 CHF
Conference fees		-	698'954	-	765'943
Membership fees		12'945	7'275	14'165	7'972
Management fees		115'327	25'519	126'195	27'965
Sponsorship fees		392'486	548'307	429'471	600'858
Other fee income		28'005	-	30'644	-
Surplus of education programs		-	63'609	-	69'705
Other income		-	4'514	-	4'947
<b>Total operating income</b>		<b>548'763</b>	<b>1'348'178</b>	<b>600'475</b>	<b>1'477'390</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>					
Administration expenses	3.5.	38'750	45'638	42'402	50'012
Other operating expenses	3.6.	267'309	493'935	292'498	541'275
Staff costs	3.7.	231'079	148'049	252'854	162'238
Conference expenses		-	623'993	-	683'798
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>537'138</b>	<b>1'311'615</b>	<b>587'754</b>	<b>1'437'323</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>11'625</b>	<b>36'563</b>	<b>12'721</b>	<b>40'067</b>
<b>Financial income / (costs)</b>					
Exchange rate, net (loss) / income		2'210	(7'541)	2'418	(8'264)
Financial costs		(902)	(386)	(987)	(423)
<b>Total financial income / (costs)</b>		<b>1'308</b>	<b>(7'927)</b>	<b>1'431</b>	<b>(8'687)</b>
Currency translation adjustment		-	-	-	(22'485)
<b>Profit of the period</b>		<b>12'933</b>	<b>28'636</b>	<b>14'152</b>	<b>8'895</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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**International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users INHSU**, Zürich

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

## 1. General information

International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU), Zurich is an Association (so called "Verein" under Swiss Code of Obligation) established on October 20, 2010 and registered in the Swiss Register of Commerce on December 17, 2010 with the purpose to improve the knowledge exchange, knowledge translation, and advocacy focused on hepatitis C prevention and care with people who use drugs. In particular the Association aims to support and facilitates scientific exchange and dissemination of knowledge among specialists, strives to educate international health professionals, researchers, community organisations, people who use drugs and policy makers on hepatitis C prevention, screening, linkage to care, and treatment among people who use drugs and seeks to collaborate with other societies, government organisations, professional associations, community members, institutions and individuals to advocate for hepatitis C prevention and care among people who use drugs.

The Association is established in Schützengasse 31, 8001 Zürich, Switzerland.

## 2. Key accounting and valuation principles

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law (Swiss Code of Obligations) and the articles of incorporation.

The main accounting and valuation principles used are described as follows.

### *Functional currency and conversion of the financial statements*

The Association's functional and presentation currency is EUR.

Consequently, as required by Swiss law, these financial statements present also the comparative figures in CHF under the following rules:

- Equity: historical exchange rate;
- Balance sheet: closing exchange rate at June 30, 2021 of EUR/CHF 1.1 (June 30, 2020: EUR/CHF 1.0658);
- Profit and Loss account: average exchange rate of the period July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021 of EUR/CHF 1.0942 (July 1, 2019 -June 30, 2020: EUR/CHF 1.0958 ).

### *Conversions of foreign currency items*

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted in EUR at the exchange rate on the day the transaction takes place.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted into EUR accounts at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date. Any profits or losses resulting from the conversion are recorded in the profit and loss account.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted at the foreign exchange rate at the time of the transaction. Any foreign exchange profits resulting from the conversion at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date are deferred in the balance sheet whereas exchange losses are recorded in the profit and loss account.

### *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at their nominal value.

### *Trade receivables and Other receivables*

Trade receivables and Other receivables are presented at their nominal value.

If a debtor is considered unlikely to be able to pay the debt, a value adjustment is made.

### *Prepaid expenses and accrued income*

Prepaid expenses and accrued income are recorded at their nominal value.



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### *Trade creditors and Other liabilities*

Trade creditors and Other liabilities are recorded at their nominal value.

### *Deferred income and accrued expenses*

Accrued expenses are recorded at their nominal value.

### *Taxes*

According to the Swiss tax authorities the Association is tax-exempt.

### *Revenue recognition*

The Association finances its activities through annual membership fees, sponsorship fees and conferences.

### **3. Information relating to items on the balance sheet and profit and loss account**

#### **3.1. Cash and cash equivalents**

The item includes bank account balances for EUR 519,642, equivalent to CHF 576,803 as at June 30, 2021 (June 30, 2020: EUR 298,463 equivalent to CHF 318,102).

#### **3.2. Other receivables**

The caption, amounting to EUR 30,009 equivalent to CHF 33,310 as at June 30, 2020, relates to receivables for conference seed funding (June 30, 2020: EUR 30,009 equivalent to CHF 31,984).

#### **3.3. Prepaid expenses**

Prepaid expenses amounting to EUR 554 equivalent to CHF 615 as at June 30, 2021 (June 30, 2020: EUR 4,223 equivalent to CHF 4,501) mainly relate to amounts paid in advance for insurances.

#### **3.5. Deferred income and accrued expenses**

This caption can be split as follows:

	30.06.2021 EUR	30.06.2020 EUR	30.06.2021 CHF	30.06.2020 CHF
Deferred income	501'010	16'175	557'231	17'239
Accrued expenses	4'000	4'000	4'440	4'263
<b>Total deferred income and accrued expenses</b>	<b>506'010</b>	<b>20'175</b>	<b>561'671</b>	<b>21'503</b>

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### 3.5. Administration expenses

*This caption can be split as follows:*

	From 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 EUR	From 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020 EUR	From 01.07.2020 to 30.06.2021 CHF	From 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020 CHF
Governance and planning	4'101	7'412	4'487	8'122
Bookkeeping and financial management	5'767	6'889	6'310	7'549
Website maintenance	219	1'899	240	2'081
Service provider	12'774	-	13'978	-
Insurance expenses	4'367	2'467	4'779	2'703
Consulting & Professional service fees	5'330	5'279	5'832	5'785
Travel and accommodation expenses	312	13'223	314	14'490
Various expenses	5'880	8'469	6'434	9'281
<b>Total administration expenses</b>	<b>38'750</b>	<b>45'638</b>	<b>42'402</b>	<b>50'012</b>

### 3.6. Other operating expenses

The caption, amounting to EUR 267,309 equivalent to CHF 292,498 as at June 30, 2021 (June 30, 2020: EUR 493,935 equivalent to CHF 541,275) mainly relates to expenses for the funding of INHSU projects.

### 3.7. Staff costs

ASHM engages 2 full time and 2 part time employees (June 30, 2020: three) on behalf of INHSU to work on INHSU strategy and operational matters. Whilst the related employment costs have been recorded as Staff Costs in this Financial Report, the employee's contract is with ASHM and is subject to Australian workplace law.

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### **Independent auditor's report to the members of International Network on Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU), Zurich**

I have audited the statutory financial statements of INHSU which comprise:

the balance sheet as at June 30, 2021

the profit and loss account for the period ended June 30, 2021

the notes to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021

In my opinion, the statutory financial statements of INHSU:

give a true and fair view of the state of IN HSU' s affairs as of June 30, 2021 and of its profit of the period ended June 30, 2021

have been properly prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP.



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Zurich, August 11, 2021

# Thank you



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