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**College on Problems of Drug Dependence  
71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort, Reno/Sparks, Nevada  
June 20-25, 2009**

More than 1000 scientists will be meeting at the Seventy-first Annual Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) to discuss their latest findings on drug abuse and dependence. CPDD is the largest and oldest organization supporting research on the scientific explanation of drug use and dependence. A broad range of research will be presented addressing mechanisms for development of drug dependence, its prevention, and treatment, at **John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort, Reno/Sparks, Nevada**. Among the many research topics are symposia and workshops on how stress contributes to addiction vulnerability (**Sunday PM, Ponderosa B**), on the intersection between problem gambling and drug abuse (**Monday AM, Ponderosa B and Tuesday AM, Rose Ballroom A**), and on regulating nicotine in tobacco products (**Wednesday AM, Rose Ballroom A**).

On Sunday morning at the Plenary Session (**Rose Ballroom A**), achievement awards will be presented to outstanding individuals for their contributions to the field of addiction science. Those honored include **Dr. Robert Balster**, who will receive the Nathan B. Eddy Award for lifetime contributions to the field, **Dr. Laura Bohn**, who will be presented with the Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award, **Dr. George Bigelow**, who will be recognized for his efforts in mentoring junior drug abuse researchers, and **Dr. Nancy Campbell**, who will be presented with the CPDD/NIDA Media Award recognizing her outstanding contributions to the public understanding of scientific issues concerning drug use disorders. **Dr. Nora Volkow**, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, will address the Plenary Session. On Monday afternoon, the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship Award will be given to **Dr. Harriet de Wit (Rose Ballroom A)**. In addition, **Dr. William Dewey** will receive CPDD's Distinguished Service Award during the Public Policy Forum (**Wednesday AM, Rose Ballroom A**).

Sunday through Thursday afternoon, CPDD members will present new and exciting research findings in poster and oral presentations. Some of the highlighted presentations include reports discussing prescription drug use among baby boomers (**Striley et al., Sunday PM, Rose Ballroom B**), relative rates of prescription opioid abuse (**Butler et al., Monday AM, Rose Ballroom A**), how aerobic exercise can alter stimulant self-administration (**Smith et al., Wednesday PM, Pavilion**), and how drug use alters career employment trajectories (**Hser et al., Wednesday PM, Pavilion**). This is only a small sampling of the hundreds of reports and information sessions that will be presented.

Search the meeting program and abstract listings by clicking the "2009 Program Book" link on the CPDD website ([www.cpdd.vcu.edu](http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu)) for topics and themes of interest, times, and locations of presentations.

Media personnel are invited to the plenary and scientific sessions. Press information and interviews are in Carson.

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