

# Recent findings on the impact on Public Health systems of drugs use and abuse

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**T**his special issue of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health derives from a very strict selection of the more than 100 papers presented at the 8th ISSDP Conference (Rome, CNR, 21-23 May 2014).

The selection is aimed at reporting some very relevant findings on the consequences of drugs use and abuse on Public Health systems. Special attention was paid to the goals of enlightening the relations with general political aspects and of pursuing effectiveness of evaluation methods.

Due to sharp restrictions in printed pages, many high quality papers were not included. The editors highly regret for that and apologize with all participants, who contributed to make the Conference a real success. They are confident that such important works will find high level opportunities to be presented to scholars or to the general public.

In spite of the limitations cited above, the editors believe that the selection of the papers is effective in providing a reasonable coverage of the main medical, statistical and organizational themes which matter for Public Health systems for different drug user populations.

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