



INTERNATIONAL THINK TANK – EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON ADDICTION

## **Proposal for a Major Session at the IHRA conference 2008 in Barcelona**

- Title** “Education and Training in Harm Reduction Strategies and Approaches – options, partnerships, perspectives”
- Objectives** To learn about training needs and options as perceived by local / regional harm reduction networks  
To learn about good practice examples of cross-border partnerships  
To prepare continued networking and international training cooperation
- Presentations**
1. “What do we know about needs and opportunities for training” (results of a preparatory enquiry) (Ambros Uchtenhagen)
  2. Lessons from partnership Switzerland-Central Asia (Jakob Huber)
  3. Lessons from partnership Italy-Balkan countries (Maurizio Coletti)
  4. “How to build an international network for education and training in harm reduction strategies and approaches; plans for preparing an evidence-based curriculum” (Joy Barlow)
- Perspectives for the future to be discussed in the session**
- To improve accessibility of scientific studies on “what works” in harm reduction to support adaptation of approaches to different socio-cultural norms and national legislations  
To allow for a better status of persons engaging in harm reduction services.

11.11.07 Ambros Uchtenhagen