



- Editorial
- Utrecht conference
- News
- An Elisad member: SIIIS, Madrid
- A new member: Drugtext Foundation
- Publications
- OnlineDocs
- Agenda

A new Elisad member :



The Drugtext Foundation

Mario Lap, Director



Mario Lap

THE DRUGTEXT FOUNDATION was founded in 1995 by Ernest Drucker, Erik Fromberg and Mario Lap as a non-profit foundation under the Dutch Law.

Its aim was to establish an Internet based multilingual library containing information on substance use, dependence, harm reduction and substance use related policies.

After 15 years of development, its website (www.drugtext.org) now contains a unique wealth of information such as a full text report section (from 1894 until today), a full text article section, a full text books section, a legal texts section, and useful manuals and handbooks.

The evolution of the project

Since the setting up of Drugtext the substance misuse information sector has changed with many of the vital international and national libraries dealing with substance

use under threat of closure or have become non-accessible and some have been done away with.

Therefore emergency initiatives and measures are required to ensure:

1. Unique substance use related library collections and content worldwide is saved.
2. The contents of these libraries according to a priority list set out by Drugtext foundation in cooperation with an international network of experts are digitalised.

In order to provide for the necessary infrastructure and facilities to undertake this important task the following has been done:

- High end redundant Internet hosting facilities¹,
- Book and large format scanners, laptops with OCR and processing applications,
- Specialised physical storage facilities for the preservation of vulnerable documents,
- Peer review style network of editors and co-operators,
- International operation and editing team.

The staff

The Board is consisting in the President, Mario Lap, a Treasurer, Lars Lommen, and a secretary Talitha Doayne.

There are four webmasters, working in different places, one for each language: English, French, Dutch and German. Mario Lap is in charge of the English one.

Thirteen European well known experts in the drugs field are members of the Scientific Committee who work on editing, selecting documents, and peer-review material for uploading to the site.

Further activities to be undertaken

- Translation as well as (re)development or rewriting of handbooks, manuals and other key material focussed on the reduction of substance use related risks.
- Development and maintenance of partnerships with existing libraries and organisations.
- Acquisition of further financial backing, partnerships, grants and development of a low priced paid section for original and translated material.

For a further description of the current project, we can provide Elisad members with the full Drugtext project report.

The entrance of the Drugtext computing service at the SARA centre, University of Amsterdam



¹ 19 inch rack with open source based Content Management and Digital Library software servers (centos, plesk, joomla & OCLC) at the SARA, computing and network centre of the University of Amsterdam (www.sara.nl/index_eng.html), fall back hosting facilities at the London and Frankfurt Internet exchanges, as well as dedicated backup facilities at the Internet service provider XS4ALL (www.xs4all.nl/en/).

Drugtext Foundation

Koninginneweg 189
1075 CP - Amsterdam
The Netherlands
Phones: + 31 20 66 44 086
and: + 31 20 67 31 139
Email: mario@lap.nl