

**Pre-Conference Workshop**  
**“Psychopharmacology for Addiction Psychiatry”**  
**Mexico City, 14 November 2024**  
**Organized by Addiction Psychiatry Section of WPA**

**Abstract:** This is a course designed for psychiatrists and other prescribers in mental health to optimize their medication prescriptions in the context of substance/behavioral use disorders and their comorbidities. We will discuss both new medications/protocols and traditional algorithms and how to optimize them in the field of psychiatry.

**Course Co-Chairs:** Hamed Ekhtiari and Alexander Baldacchino

**Course Agenda:**

**Panel One:**

8:30-8:45 Welcome Notes and Workshop Overview

8:45-9:30 What Neuroscience Can Teach Us in Prescribing Medications for Addiction Treatment, Hamed Ekhtiari, University of Minnesota, USA

9:30-10:15 Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder: From Detox to Maintenance and Relapse, Christos Kouimtsidis, University of London, UK and Rama Kamal, Naufar Center, Qatar

10:15-10:30 Break

**Panel Two:**

10:30-11:15 Medications for Stimulants (Meth and Cocaine) Use Disorder and Its Comorbidities, Kathleen Brady, Medical University of South Carolina, USA

11:15-12:00 Medications for Opioid Use Disorder including Pain and Dependency, Alexander Baldacchino, University of St Andrews, UK

12:00-13:00 Lunch

**Panel Three:**

13:00-13:30 Medications for Psychotic Comorbidities with Substance Use Disorders, Christian Schuetz, University of British Columbia, Canada

13:30-14:00 Medications for Mood and Anxiety and Cognitive Comorbidities with Substance Use Disorders, Hamed Ekhtiari, University of Minnesota, USA, Hugo Gonzalez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico

14:00-14:30 Advances in Medications for Behavioral Addiction (Gambling and Gaming), Marc Potenza, Yale University, USA

14:30-15:00 Conclusions and Discussions