



4th Annual International Conference

Primary Prevention of Risk Behaviour Rationality Meets Ideology

In collaboration of

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Venue: Prague City Hall Mariánské náměstí 2/2, Prague 1 (Staroměstská metro station, line A) Date: November 26 – 27, 2007 Focus of the conference:

The conference follows on from the previous annual conferences in 2004, 2005, and 2006. Its general part will focus on conceptual premises for successful primary prevention and the practical part will involve elective workshops on individual topics.

The main topic of the conference involves the relationship between rational and ideological approaches to primary prevention. The purpose of this confrontational topic is to create an atmosphere for discussing issues related to the effectiveness of preventive methods and approaches, the conclusiveness and record-keeping of this effectiveness, etc. The effort is to open a wider discussion about why the professional community makes such little use of findings from modern research into prevention, why we can still find practical examples of the use of methods and instruments which are demonstrably ineffective or even counterproductive, and why prevention is still so contaminated with an ideological approach and unfounded claims and assumptions. Inter alia, the discussion and presentations should involve the topic of the politicisation of primary prevention and the economic-political consequences of the medialisation of ideologically tuned claims.

The programme committee of the conference expects theoretically oriented contributions (theory and concepts) as well as ones with a practical focus or based on actual cases. Special space will be reserved for contributions from practice (case reports, examples of good practice). The programme committee wishes to support a variety of messages, which will be divided between the main thematic blocks of the conference (see below).

Main thematic blocks of the conference:

- Aggression and bullying
- Risk sports and risk behaviour in transportation
- Food intake disorders
- Racism and xenophobia
- Negative influence of sects
- Risk sexual behaviour
- Addictive behaviour (addictology)

The programme of the conference and up-to-date information will be published at www.adiktologie.cz www.addictology.org.

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