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Introduction

The International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) is a global network of NGOs and professional networks specialising in a wide range of issues related to the production, distribution and use of controlled drugs. The Consortium aims to promote objective and open debate on the effectiveness, direction and content of drug policies at the national and international level, and supports evidence-based policies that are effective in reducing drug-related harm.

The past year has seen the debate over effective drug policies reach into the mainstream of politics and mass media. Latin American countries have led the way in questioning the ability of the existing system of international drug control to meet the demands of the 21st century. Its origins lie across a full century of historical development, and its last major restructuring occurred fifty years ago with the signing of the 1961 Single Convention. The world has changed greatly in the intervening period: globalisation, mobility and social interconnection – as well as the growth of organised criminal networks taking advantage of this new world structure; the advent of mass consumer societies, multi-culturalism and social diversity; and the growing HIV and HCV epidemics – these represent just some of the major challenges to which the current regime must adapt.

It is this process of adaptation and change that IDPC seeks to facilitate, bringing together a range of civil society organisations possessed of the appropriate knowledge and expertise in order to contribute to the process of review and renewal. This second Progress Report of the IDPC, highlights the key activities of the consortium implemented over the past twelve months.

The IDPC vision, mission and principles

Our vision

IDPC's members share a concern that national and international policies and programmes regarding controlled substances are excessively focused on harsh law enforcement and punishment. This approach often results in ineffective strategies that not only have limited impacts in reducing the harmful consequences of illicit markets, but can themselves lead to significant adverse consequences.

IDPC's vision is that national and international drug policies and programmes are grounded in the principles of human rights, social inclusion and public health, and that civil society has a meaningful input into their design and implementation.

Our Mission

IDPC aims to promote evidence-based policies by focusing on three sets of activities:

- Facilitating communication and co-operation between civil society stakeholders and supporting collaborative activities/endeavours.

- Producing and disseminating information and analysis to highlight the failings of law enforcement-dominated approaches to drug policy and promote a public health and human rights based approach.
- Creating channels and advocacy tools for our members and partners and building their capacity to better engage with and influence the policy making processes of national governments and international agencies.

Our policy principles

IDPC members promote the following policy principles in our advocacy work with national governments and international agencies.

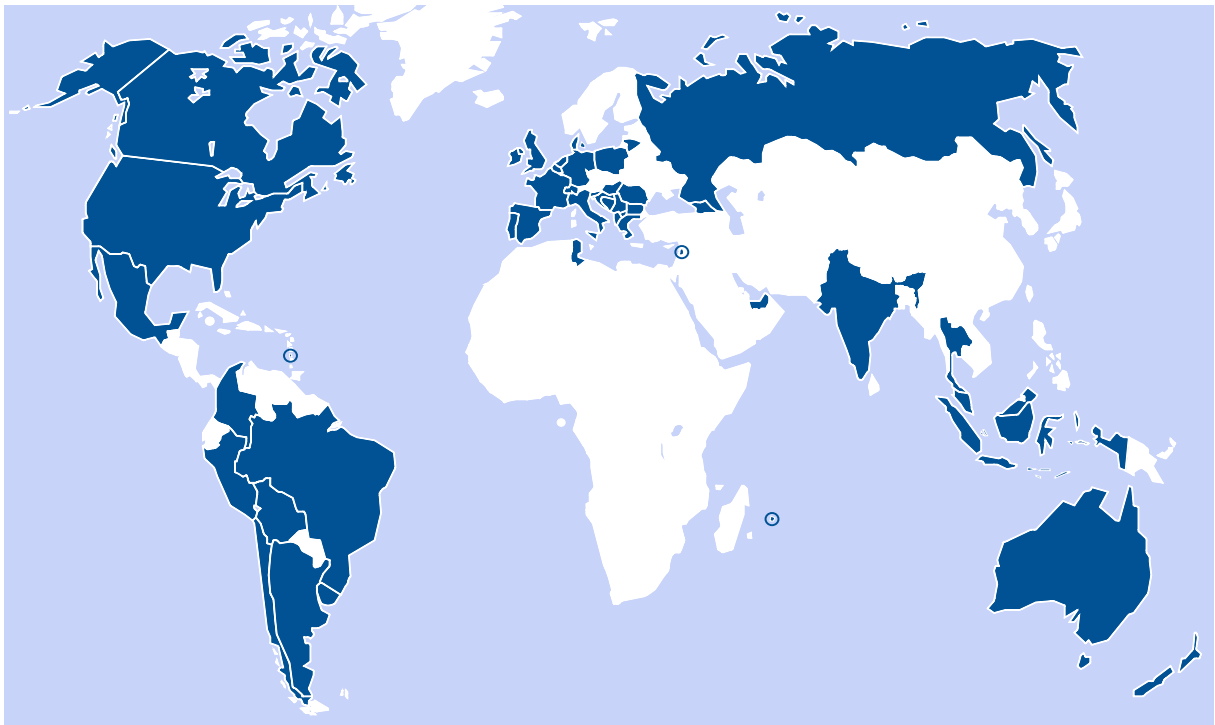
- Drug policies should be developed through a structured and objective assessment of priorities and evidence.
- All activities should be undertaken in full compliance with international human rights law.
- Drug policies should focus on reducing the harmful consequences rather than the scale of drug use and markets.
- Policy and activities should seek to promote the social inclusion of marginalised groups, and not focus on punitive measures towards them.
- Governments should build open and constructive relationships with civil society in the planning, development and delivery of their strategies.

IDPC Membership – A continuing expansion

The Consortium works from the ground up to reform and humanise drug policies and programmes, and form channels of communication between policy makers, academic and NGO experts, and those who face the consequences of drug control in their daily lives.

Our members collaborate on a number of key issues in the acknowledgement that we are stronger if we maximise our collective impact. We therefore include our members in all aspects of our work. IDPC members are consulted on policy and advocacy positions, IDPC 'core' publications, and are asked to approve new membership applications. We also work hard to support and promote the work of individual members.

IDPC has two levels of membership, each with different levels of engagement: our *partner members* contribute to designing the work plan and to advocacy work, whereas our *network members* engage in less intensive network collaborations, and mostly contribute to disseminating our news and materials. The Consortium has been successful in expanding the network into most of the world's regions, and this trend has continued in the last twelve months. Beginning in 2007 with 6 members, our membership has since increased to 88 members in 46 countries. The full listing of members may be seen on page 15. Particularly significant are this year's increases in Consortium representation in Western Europe and South East Asia. In addition, we were delighted to have been joined by our first member from Sub-Saharan Africa, the [Collectif Urgence Toxida](#) (CUT).



Our key achievements

Over the past year, public debate on the effectiveness or otherwise of the present system of drug control has intensified, spreading beyond the traditional policy community and into the mainstream of politics and popular culture. The work of the [Global Commission on Drug Policy](#), which was fronted by several highly prominent statesmen, was amongst the most significant of a number of interventions which helped to widen the terms of acceptable debate, as was the campaign by online advocacy group Avaaz calling for drug policy reform. The parameters are now sufficiently broad to include, for example, discussion of options such as the trial of regulated drug markets. IDPC has contributed to this process of change through advocacy and analytical work across a broad range of contexts, in particular to link the widening debate with the more restricted and often remote discourse of the global drug control system.

Box 1. IDPC Key achievements April 2011 to March 2012

- Stronger involvement and engagement with policy makers at the 2012 CND.
- Involvement in two international projects advocating for drug policy reform at national and international level, one in collaboration with TNI, the other in collaboration with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and a number of other organisations.
- Expansion of our activities in new regions, such as Sub-Saharan Africa, and increased involvement in South East Asia, Latin America and Western Europe.
- Direct engagement with national-level policy makers in Western Europe, Latin America, South East Asia and South Asia.

- 13 new members in 12 different countries. We are delighted to welcome our first member in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Publication of the Second Edition of the IDPC Drug Policy Guide, including up-to-date information on best practice, and detailed recommendations for the design and revision of national drug policies.
- Publication of 20 multilingual reports and analytical briefings on a number of drug-related issues, and in collaboration with our members.
- Launch of new IDPC website in seven languages.
- IDPC Monthly Alert sent to over 12,000 subscribers in English, French and Spanish.

International impact

IDPC's activities at the 55th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)

Our primary objective at the 2012 CND was to maximise civil society input into the proceedings. In order to build on the success of previous years, IDPC provided more support to our members and other partners participating in the meeting. We produced our annual [Guide for NGOs attending the CND](#), an IDPC Special Alert, and a series of updates as the event approached; these actions enabled our membership to be fully informed of the evidential basis of our policy positions. We organised an orientation briefing immediately prior to the start of CND, and assisted in preparing statements for the Plenary and round table sessions.

In addition, the IDPC secretariat, in collaboration with Youth RISE, coordinated this year's [CND Blog](#), providing live reporting from the CND, and offering a more transparent account of the often arcane CND proceedings. This enabled us to report on plenary speeches, deliberations on the resolutions and side events. This service is highly valued by our membership and the wider policy community as minutes of the CND meeting are not made public and the official report of the proceedings does not provide details about the main debates happening at the event.



Launch of IDPC Drug Policy Guide at 2012 CND. From left to right: Fransiska Asmin (Indonesian Coalition for Drug Policy Reform), João Goulão (Portuguese Drug Czar), Ann Fordham (IDPC) and Diana Guzmán (DeJusticia)

In the margins of the CND, IDPC also organised a number of side-events, which provided a forum for discussion of key points with an audience made up of NGOs, government delegates and UNODC and INCB staff. These events focused on:

- The recommendations of the [Global Commission on Drug Policy](#), at which Ruth Dreifuss (a Commissioner and former President of Switzerland) and Michel Kazatchkine (Executive Director, Global Fund on AIDS, TB and Malaria) spoke on the need to break the taboo on discussing drug policy reform at the CND.
- The launch of the second edition of the [IDPC Drug Policy Guide](#), which aims to facilitate a debate on new approaches to drug policy by advising on international experience and best practice.
- A discussion on the future of the UN drug control conventions jointly hosted with the [Transnational Institute](#) (TNI). This was an event on an appropriate topic for discussion given the INCB and UNODC celebration of 100 years of drug control.
- A discussion on the Latin American drug policy reform movements, co-hosted by IDPC, the [Washington Office on Latin America](#) (WOLA) and [TNI](#), at which Latin American experts presented new research on the lack of proportionality in the region's drug laws and two government representatives commented on the growing calls across Latin America for serious drug policy reform.

For a full report of the 55th CND, see our [Proceedings document](#).

IDPC's engagement with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

The IDPC has sought to engage positively with the newly appointed Executive Director of UNODC, Mr Yury Fedotov, across his first year in the role. However, it has gradually become apparent that Mr Fedotov is unwilling to proactively engage with groups like IDPC, particularly with regard to issues such as harm reduction and human rights. While we are critical of some of the work and positions of the UNODC, there are many areas in which we have a shared interest in promoting reform and best practices. We have therefore maintained an on-going engagement with several sections of the UNODC, including those working on HIV/AIDS, organised crime, rule of law, demand reduction and policy analysis, as well as the UNODC civil society unit, and UNODC regional and country offices.

IDPC and the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)

During this year, we facilitated meetings between [INCB](#) delegations and IDPC members on some of their country visits. We also engaged in correspondence related to the nomination of new members, in particular the nomination by the [World Health Organisation](#) (WHO) of Hamid Ghodse for another 5 years. In July 2011, IDPC also published a response to the INCB Annual Report for 2010 (the INCB publishes its Annual Reports several months after the end of the relevant year), and we are now preparing our response to the 2011 INCB Report, which will analyse and critique the thematic first chapter of the document, as well as address the obstructive stance of the INCB toward progressive drug policies, in particular the Bolivian government's proposal in relation to coca-chewing.

IDPC/TNI project on innovative policies for international drug control

For the past year, IDPC and [TNI](#) have worked together on a project funded by the European Commission which seeks to promote debates on innovative drug policy alternatives through the organisation of expert seminars and the writing of reports and briefing papers to inform the debate

on specific drug policy issues. IDPC and [TNI](#) co-organised a series of seminars focusing on quantity thresholds, proportionality in sentencing, mild plant stimulants, and the future of the UN drug conventions.¹

IDPC's role in the Community Action on Harm Reduction project

[Community Action on Harm Reduction](#) is an ambitious project led by the [International HIV/AIDS Alliance](#) and funded by the Dutch Department of Foreign Affairs. The project aims to expand harm reduction services to more than 180,000 people who inject drugs, their partners and children in China, India, Indonesia, Kenya and Malaysia, over a four year period.



IDPC is involved as a technical partner in the project, in collaboration with a number of country and other international technical partners.² This year, IDPC focused national-level advocacy activities on Kenya, Malaysia and Indonesia (see below for more details). At the international level, IDPC has led in the development of a statement, "[Support don't punish: A campaign to stop HIV by calling for reform of government actions on drugs](#)", which will be used for the project's advocacy actions internationally, as well as nationally.

Our regional representation and activities

Latin America

IDPC members in Latin America constitute one of the most vibrant and active IDPC regional networks. Once again, this year, Latin American members became engaged in a number of coordinated activities to promote drug policy reform in the region. We are delighted to have welcomed two new Latin American members this year – [Asociación de Estudios del Cannabis del Uruguay](#) (AECU, Uruguay) and [Rede Brasileira de Redução de Danos e Direitos Humanos](#) (REDUC, Brazil).

The highlight of the work in Latin America this year was the Third Annual Latin American Conference and First Mexican Conference on Drug Policy. Organised by [Intercambios](#) and [CUPIHD](#) – two IDPC members, the conference brought together activists, experts, government officials and others from around the

1 For more information about the project, please visit: <http://idpc.net/policy-advocacy/special-projects/tni-idpc-eu-project>

2 For more information about CAHR, please visit: <http://idpc.net/policy-advocacy/special-projects/cahr-project> and <http://www.cahrproject.org/>



Informal meeting between NGOs and policy makers in Mexico City, Mexico

region. In the margins of the meeting, IDPC members had the opportunity to engage with prominent academics and officials from the [Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas \(CIDE\)](#), a Mexican research institute, and the Human Rights Commission of the Federal District of Mexico to present the work of IDPC and of the [Global Commission](#). The Mexico conference was also an opportunity for all IDPC members to meet in order to review new opportunities for regional advocacy, our future work plans, and improving internal communications.

A week later, IDPC participated in another important regional event hosted by [Viva Rio](#) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: the First Strategic Encounter on Public Security and Drug Policy, which brought together more than 30 police officials and experts from around the region.

Additional collaborated efforts also included a [regional statement](#) on the 40 years of Nixon's war on drugs, signed by 74 organisations from the region, and calling for a new focus in drug policies encompassing social development, education, universal healthcare and human rights. A few IDPC members also worked together to denounce the drug dependence treatment programmes in Peru following the death of a number of residents in a drug detention centre in the country.

Finally, at the regional level, IDPC members joined forces to advocate for evidence-based policies in a number of forums, including the [Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission \(CICAD\)](#), the [Organisation of American States \(OAS\)](#), the [Pan-American Health Organisation \(PAHO\)](#) and the [Union of South American Nations \(UNASUR\)](#). We are now involved in the [Cooperation Programme between Latin America and the European Union on Drug Policies \(COPOLAD\)](#), which we hope will create a bridge between our activities in Europe and Latin America.

South East Europe

In March 2012, the [South East Europe Drug Policy Network \(SEE Network\)](#) held its annual meeting in Vienna, Austria. The programme of the meeting, organised by [Diogenis](#) and IDPC, focused on the international drug control structures and the UN drug control conventions, Austrian drug policy with special reference to young people who use drugs, and the work plan of the SEE Network for the coming year.³ The SEE Network discussed upcoming events of interest and advocacy opportunities for the coming year. We are delighted that [Aksion Plus](#) submitted a proposal to the European Commission in the name of the SEE Network to finance these activities and consolidate the work of the Network.

³ For a full account of the meeting, please see: International Drug Policy Consortium (2012), *Report of the South East Europe Drug Policy Network Meeting – The international drug control structures, the UN drug control conventions and drug policy in Austria*, <http://idpc.net/publications/2012/04/report-of-the-south-east-europe-drug-policy-network-meeting-vienna-march-2012>



The South East Europe Drug Policy Network at the Vienna International Centre, Austria

Western Europe

This year, IDPC was delighted to welcome a number of new members in the region, some coming from countries where we did not have a presence. This includes the [Réseau Français de Réduction des Risques](#), the [Street Lawyers](#) (Denmark) and the [Students for Sensible Drug Policies](#) (UK).

At the EU level, the IDPC Secretariat and a number of IDPC members participated in the European Commission [Civil Society Forum of Drugs](#) to encourage the establishment of evidence-based and humane drug policy at the EU level. IDPC notably participated in a drafting committee responsible for writing a set of recommendations to inform the next EU drug strategy.⁴ IDPC also submitted a [statement](#) in the framework of a European Commission consultation, 'Towards a stronger policy on drugs in Europe' to express concerns about the consultation which focuses mainly on a law enforcement based approach to drug control, and call on the European Commission to adopt a balanced and evidence-based drug policy.⁵

At the national level, we engaged with policy makers and NGO colleagues on visits to various countries in the region, including France, the UK, Portugal, and – for the first time – Spain.

Together with [TNI](#), we co-organised two Expert Seminars; the first, held in Amsterdam, focused on herbal stimulants and legal highs, while the second was held in Prague and explored the future of the UN drug control conventions.

Middle East/North Africa

In April 2011, IDPC participated in the Pre-Youth Conference organised by Youth RISE in Jounieh, Lebanon, a few days prior to the International Harm Reduction Conference which, this year, took place in Beirut, Lebanon. The Pre-Youth Conference was an opportunity for IDPC to introduce our drug policy advocacy activities to a group of young people from the region and discuss advocacy possibilities in the Middle East/North Africa (MENA).

⁴ For more information, please see: <http://idpc.net/alerts/2012/04/idpc-attends-the-7th-meeting-of-the-eu-civil-society-forum-on-drugs>

⁵ The IDPC statement was also published as an Advocacy Note and can be accessed here: <http://idpc.net/publications/2012/01/idpc-advocacy-note-european-commission-drug-policy-at-crossroads>

A few days later, IDPC representatives travelled south from Jounieh to Beirut, to attend the International Harm Reduction Conference. The conference was an important opportunity for networking and meeting civil society representatives from the region and beyond. IDPC also participated in a panel discussion organised in the conference's Dialogue Space. Finally, at the margins of the conference, we organised a follow up meeting to the [seminar](#) we had organised in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in 2011. The meeting was a key opportunity to engage with new NGOs from the region, as well as with MENAHRA, a key partner in the MENA region.

Unfortunately, IDPC activities in MENA were reduced after April owing to political unrest taking place across the region. However, we continued to send regular communications to our network of regional contacts, and have welcomed one new member from MENA - [Skoun Lebanese Treatment Centre](#) (Lebanon).

Sub-Saharan Africa

Sub-Saharan Africa has been one of our priority regions this year. We are delighted to have welcomed our first member in the region, the [Collectif Urgence Toxida](#) (CUT), from Mauritius.



IDPC presentation at pre-ICASA workshop



Intervention from KANCO at pre-ICASA workshop

For the past year, IDPC has been involved as a technical partner in the [CAHR](#) project. As one of the countries of focus of CAHR is Kenya, IDPC took the lead in supporting national advocacy activities in the country, in partnership with the [Kenyan AIDS NGOs Consortium](#) (KANCO).

We have worked closely with [Harm Reduction International](#) (HRI) to organise a series of events that would take place at the International Conference on HIV/AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in December 2011. We organised a pre-ICASA advocacy and networking workshop for civil society organisations working in the region with the aim of increasing awareness of drug policy, HIV, harm reduction and Human Rights issues in Sub-Saharan Africa. We also organised a satellite event at ICASA to promote evidence-based drug policies and present the conclusions of the Global Commission on Drug Policy in an African context.

In addition, IDPC and [HRI](#) have launched a small-scale scoping exercise, commissioning the [International HIV/AIDS Alliance](#) knowledge hub in Kenya to undertake the work. This scoping exercise involved a literature review and a series of interviews with key stakeholders in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia in order to gather information on the drug policy and harm reduction situation in those four countries. The findings of the study will be collated in a briefing paper in the coming months.

Eurasia

Our work in Eurasia has mainly consisted in supporting activities conducted by IDPC members in the region, especially those of the [Eurasian Harm Reduction Network \(EHRN\)](#). We have become engaged in discussions around Russia's drug policy over the past few months and are preparing a joint advocacy action in partnership with Eurasian partners.

South East Asia

This year, IDPC is very pleased to have welcomed three new members from Indonesia – the [Indonesian Coalition for Drug Policy Reform](#), the [Indonesian Association of Addiction Counsellors](#) and the [Indonesian Harm reduction Network](#).

At the regional level, IDPC attended the 10th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) which took place in Busan, South Korea in August 2011. A key theme at ICAAP was the policy and legislative barriers to an effective HIV response in the region and a number of sessions highlighted harm reduction and drug policy issues. IDPC members from the region met informally in the margins of the conference to discuss how and where the report of the [Global Commission on Drug Policy](#) could be useful to influence regional debate.

At the national level, IDPC has mainly focused activities on Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, deepening our relationships with policy makers and regional members that have been built up over the last few years. Thailand has been a major country of focus this year. Early in the year, the previous Thai Government announced widespread crackdowns on people who use drugs and a scale up in forced rehabilitation. The change of government in August 2011 ushered in a spate of media stories indicating the return to repressive drug policies in the country. We were among a number of NGOs monitoring the situation in Thailand, and urging the government to apply evidence-based harm reduction and human rights approaches to drug treatment.

In Malaysia, IDPC worked in partnership with our member, the [Malaysian AIDS Council \(MAC\)](#), on the policy and advocacy component of the CAHR project. Malaysia is receiving a great deal of positive attention in South East Asia and the wider region given the introduction of voluntary-based drug treatment in the form of the 'Cure and Care' model. There are plans to scale up these centres in the coming years, and IDPC will work with MAC to utilise the newly opened space for debate in the country.

In Indonesia, as part of the CAHR project, IDPC held a civil society advocacy workshop with Malaysian and Indonesian participants on drug policy issues and identified opportunities for reform in both countries. In December, IDPC engaged with Indonesian government agencies and civil society organisations to discuss the forward plan for reform in Indonesia and how IDPC can be of support.

South Asia

IDPC worked with the [Lawyers Collective](#), one of our key members in India, and [HRI](#) to prepare a submission to the Indian Parliamentary Committee convened to examine the amending of India's National Drug Control Act. We recommended the removal of the death penalty and the decriminalisation of drug possession for personal use. The Committee Report drew heavily on our submission, but still makes some unhelpful recommendations, particularly on harm reduction. We will continue our engagement in the parliamentary debate on the issue in coming months.

Our communications and media work

Launch of the new IDPC website and social networking

This year saw IDPC launch its [new website](#), which features a much more engaging format, an effective search function and strongly highlights the work of our members. The new site is also more dynamic and interactive, and fully incorporates our increasingly sophisticated social networking presence via [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Google +](#). The site was launched in seven languages (English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Italian, Portuguese and Russian) in March 2012. Our website receives over 7,000 visitors a month, coming from more than 190 countries and territories across the world.

We have disseminated information about the implementation of this year's work plan and about the work of our members through the website. We have also created an [IDPC Blog](#) hosted by the [TalkingDrugs website](#). As TalkingDrugs drives a large proportion of traffic to our website, the objective of hosting the blog here is to increase our visibility.

Our Monthly Alert

Our news and latest publications are also through our [multilingual Monthly Alert](#), which reaches out to more than 12,000 subscribers from around the world. The Alert is available in English, Spanish and French.

Press and media

IDPC has been involved in a number of media activities to support the launch of the report of the [Global Commission on Drug Policy](#), "[War on drugs](#)". In addition to disseminating the press release around the launch of the report to our media contacts, IDPC was involved in telephone interviews and a TV interview with BBC Arabic and Al Jazeera.

We also coordinated the drafting of a [statement](#) in collaboration with our Latin American members and partners on the 40 year anniversary of the US war on drugs. The statement was signed by 74 Latin American organisations and sent out to media contacts.

Throughout the year, we have also supported the media activities of our member organisations.

Our expert and multi-lingual publications

The keynote publication in the past year has been the revised and updated [Second Edition of the IDPC Drug Policy Guide](#). Our global network of experts worked to update the evidence, provide case studies and examples of best practice, and strengthen the document's recommendations.

In parallel with the Guide, and in collaboration with [EHRN](#), we have also started working on a set of training materials on drug policy advocacy. As requests for training increased over the year, we decided to put together these materials in order to facilitate the delivery of trainings and workshops in priority countries and regions. The materials will include components on the principles of drug policy, international drug control system, civil society engagement, and harm reduction advocacy.



In addition, we have continued to produce and disseminate to our network and the policy community a series of briefing papers, advocacy notes and analytical reports. Many of these documents were produced in close collaboration with our members.

IDPC Reports

- [Guide for NGOs attending the 2012 Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#)
- [Report of the IDPC/TNI Expert seminar on herbal stimulants and legal highs](#)
(in collaboration with TNI)
- [Report of the IDPC/TNI expert seminar on proportionality of sentencing for drug offences](#)
(in collaboration with TNI)
- [Response to the UNODC 2011 World Drug Report](#) (in English and Spanish)
- [Response to the 2010 Annual Report of the International Narcotics Control Board](#)
(in English and Spanish)
- [IDPC Report – 3rd IDPC South East Europe Drug Policy Network Meeting](#)
(in collaboration with Diogenis)
- [2012 Commission on Narcotic Drugs: Report of proceedings](#) (in English and Spanish)

IDPC Advocacy Notes

- [European drug policy at crossroads](#)
- [IDPC response to the EMCDDA – The European Union and illicit drug market indicators](#)
- [Bolivia's legal reconciliation with the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs](#)
(in English and Spanish)

IDPC Briefing Papers

- [The UN drug control conventions: The limits of latitude](#) (in collaboration with TNI)
- [Towards a revision of the UN drug control conventions: The logic and dilemmas of like-minded groups](#) (in collaboration with TNI, in English and Spanish)
- [Opioid substitution therapy in Eurasia: How to increase the access and improve the quality](#)
(in collaboration with EHRN, in English and Russian)
- ['Legal highs': The challenge of new psychoactive substances](#)
(in collaboration with TNI, in English and Spanish)
- [IDPC response to the EMCDDA: The European Union and illicit drug market indicators](#)
- [Policy responses to drug issues in Malaysia](#)
- [Conviction by numbers: Threshold quantities for drug policy](#)
(in collaboration with TNI, in English and Spanish)
- [Kratom in Thailand: decriminalisation and community control?](#)
- [The Obama Administration's drug control policy on auto-pilot](#) (in English and Spanish)

IDPC Magazine

- [Drug control and development: Making a positive choice](#)
(in collaboration with Release/Talking Drugs)

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International AIDS Society
 International Harm Reduction Development Programme
 International Network of People Who Use Drugs
 Médecins du Monde – France
 Transnational Institute
 Women's International Harm Reduction Network
 World AIDS Campaign
 Youth RISE

Western Europe

Agência Piaget para o Desenvolvimento
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 Association Prevent
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 Diogenis, Drug Policy Dialogue in South East Europe
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 Health Connections International
 Hungarian Civil Liberties Union
 Polish Drug Policy Network

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Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Drug Policy Alliance

Harm Reduction Coalition

Institute for Policy Studies

Washington Office on Latin America

South East Asia

Asian Harm Reduction Network

Asian Network of People Who Use Drugs

Indonesian Addiction Association Counsellors

Indonesian Coalition for Drug Policy Reform

Indonesian Harm Reduction Network

Malaysian AIDS Council

Thai AIDS Treatment Action Group

Oceania

Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia

Asia-Pacific Committee on Drug Issues

Australian Drug Foundation

New Zealand Drug Foundation

South Asia

Indian Lawyers Collective

Society for the Promotion of Youth & Masses

Caribbean

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IDPC Governance

Steering Group

The IDPC Steering Group is responsible for the implementation of our work plan. It is composed of individuals representing the regions in which we have expanded our activities. The Steering Group for 2011/2012 were:

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