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CHARLES DARWIN HOUSE CONFERENCE CENTRE, LONDON

‘DRUGS IN SOCIETY’

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PROGRAMME

12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	Academic break out session (to be held in Charles 1 room)
13:30 – 14:00	The use of automated direct sample analysis, DSA-ToF, for the rapid screening of illicit street drugs	Sean Daugherty Perkin Elmer
14:00 – 14:30	Prevalence of drugs in the UK workplace, 2007-2011.	Dr Simon Walker Concateno
14:30 – 15:00	'The clinical pharmacology of harm?'	Professor Robin Ferner City Hospital University of Birmingham
15:00 – 15:30	TEA	
15:30 – 16:00	Against the Legalisation of Drugs	Dr Anthony Daniels (aka Theodore Dalrymple) Psychiatrist & Writer Formerly City Hospital, Birmingham
16:00 – 16:30	Misuse of Drugs Act?	Dr Les King (retired) Formerly Forensic Science Service
16:30 – 17:00	BUSINESS MEETING	

Please could all Committee members arrive at 10:30 am for an Executive Committee meeting.

CHAIRMAN: David Whittle
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Dr Les King will cover:

1. The Misuse of Drugs Act is not an ideal vehicle for restricting new substances (e.g. inability to carry out a proper risk-assessment in many cases; law not being enforced; the Act being used as a pre-emptive measure rather than a reaction to specific harm to individuals or society; arguably too many substances now controlled; problems raised by generic control).
2. The ABC Classification bears no correlation with the harms of substances (e.g. evidence-based policy replaced by policy-based evidence; overuse of the precautionary principle).
3. Problems with Misuse of Drugs Regulations Schedule 1 substances (e.g. the difficulty of doing research and the almost impossible task of ever getting such substances such as psilocybin, MDMA or 2-bromo-LSD accepted into clinical practice; the illogicality of placing methoxetamine (currently a Temporary Class Drug) in Schedule 1).
4. The legal problems raised by the concepts of "product" and "preparation".