

## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

### COLIN BLAKEMORE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Colin Blakemore, FMed Sci, Hon FRCP, FRS, is Waynflete Professor of Physiology at the University of Oxford (presently on secondment from University of Oxford), and he became Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council in October 2003. From 1996-2003 he was Director of the Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience at Oxford. Colin Blakemore studied Medical Sciences and Experimental Psychology at Cambridge and completed a PhD at the University of California, Berkeley.

His research has been concerned with many aspects of vision, early development of the brain and plasticity of the cerebral cortex. His prizes and medals from medical and scientific academies and societies include the Robert Bing Prize from the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences, the Prix Netter from the French Académie Nationale de Médecine, the Gregg Medal of the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists, the John P. McGovern Science and Society Medal from Sigma Xi, the international Alcon Prize for vision research and the Royal Society Michael Faraday Prize for furtherance of the public understanding of science. He has been President and Chairman of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, President of the British Neuroscience Association, the Physiological Society and the Biosciences Federation.

Colin Blakemore is a frequent broadcaster on radio (including the 1976 BBC Reith Lectures, *Mechanics of the Mind*) and television (including the 1982 Royal Institution Christmas lectures on the senses, and *The Mind Machine*, a 13-part series on brain and mind, broadcast on BBC2 in 1988). His books for the general public include *Mechanics of the Mind* (for which he won the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science), *Images and Understanding*, *Mindwaves*, *The Mind Machine*, *Gender and Society* and *The Oxford Companion to the Body*.

### VIKTOR CHERKESOV

CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL CONTROL OF NARCOTICS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Born in 1950 in the city of Leningrad. After graduating in 1973 from the law faculty of the Leningrad State University, worked for prosecution bodies. Since 1975, he has worked in state security organisations. He was the First Deputy Director of the Federal Security Service of Russia. Since 2000, he has been the Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the Northwest federal region. At present, he heads the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation. General of the Police. Jurist emeritus. Married with two children.

MARGARET HAMILTON  
SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE  
CHAIR, MULTIPLE AND COMPLEX NEEDS PANEL, VICTORIA

Margaret Hamilton has over thirty years experience in the alcohol and drug field including clinical work, education, research and policy development. She has a background in public health and social work. She has carried out drug research in epidemiology, evaluation (prevention and treatment), young people and drugs, women and alcohol, drug problems in remote Australia and policy.

She has been a policy advisor to various bodies including many Australian national committees, such as the current appointment to the National Council on Drugs; delegate to the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs; and Premiers Drug Prevention Council in her home state of Victoria. She has been involved in legislative reviews, summits, and academic and community-based drug policy forums.

She has also been Chair of the Capital City Lord Mayors Drug Advisory Group; Deputy Chair of the National Expert Advisory Committees on Alcohol; Part of the NH and MRC National Illicit Drug Strategy Working Committee; Foundation Board member for the Youth Substance Abuse Service; Member of the National Expert Advisory Committee on Illicit Drugs; Chair of the National Illicit Drug Campaign Reference Group, Chair of the Editorial Reference Group for 'Of Substance', and Deputy Chair of the Cancer Council, Victoria. Her publications include articles (Hamilton, M., King, T & Ritter, A. (Ed's) "Drug Use in Australia – Preventing Harm", Oxford University Press, 2003), research monographs, and reports.

MARK KLEIMAN  
PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AND DIRECTOR OF THE DRUG POLICY ANALYSIS  
PROGRAM, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, UCLA

Mark A.R. Kleiman is Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Drug Policy Analysis Program in UCLA's School of Public Affairs. His teaching and research cover drug policy, crime control policy, theories of imperfect rationality, and methods of policy analysis.

In addition to his scholarly work, Prof. Kleiman regularly advises governments at all levels on policies for controlling crime and drug abuse. He is currently at work, under United Nations auspices, on a plan for managing the problem of drug-related violence in El Salvador. Before entering academic life, he worked on Capitol Hill as Special Assistant to Edwin Land at Polaroid, as Deputy Director of Management and Budget for the City of Boston, and as Director of Policy and Management Analysis for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Professor Kleiman is the editor of the *Drug Policy Analysis Bulletin* and the Chairman of BOTEK Analysis Corporation, which provides policy advice to governments at all levels on drugs, crime, and health. His books include *Marijuana: Costs of Abuse, Costs of Control* and *Against Excess: Drug Policy for Results*. He is currently at work on *When Brute Force Fails: Getting Deterrence Right*. Before moving to UCLA, he taught at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, where he received his Masters and Ph.D. degrees in public policy.

## JOSEF RADIMECKY

NATIONAL DRUG POLICY COORDINATOR, CZECH REPUBLIC

Josef Radimecky established the third therapeutic community for addicts in the Czech Republic in 1993, which was the first to introduce a complex model of involving relatives into the therapy of drug users. Since 1999, he has worked as a National Drug Coordinator in the Czech Republic. In 2003, he finished a postgraduate MSc course in *Drug Use: Evidence-based Intervention and Policy* at Imperial College in London. He publishes mainly within the governmental National Drug Commission monographies and periodicals and in Czech professional journals.

## PETER REUTER

PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY,  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Peter Reuter is Professor in the School of Public Policy and in the Department of Criminology at the University of Maryland. He has just completed five years as editor of the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

From 1981 to 1993 he was a Senior Economist in the Washington office of the RAND Corporation. He founded and directed RAND's Drug Policy Research Center from 1989-1993; the Center is a multi-disciplinary research program begun in 1989 with funding from a number of foundations. His early research focused on the organization of illegal markets and resulted in the publication of *Disorganized Crime: The Economics of the Visible Hand* (MIT Press, 1983), which won the Leslie Wilkins award as most outstanding book of the year in criminology and criminal justice. Since 1985 most of his research has dealt with alternative approaches to controlling drug problems, both in the United States and Western Europe. His book (with Robert MacCoun) entitled *Drug War Heresies: Learning from Other Places, Times and Vices* (Cambridge University Press) appeared in August 2001. Recent papers have appeared in *Addiction*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, and *Science*.

Dr. Reuter was a member of the National Research Council Committee on Law and Justice from 1997-2002. He served on the Institute of Medicine Committee on the Federal Regulation of Methadone (1992-1994) and the IOM panel on Assessing the Scientific Base for Reducing Tobacco-Related Harm (2000). He was a member of the Office of National Drug Control Policy's Committee on Data, Research and Evaluation from 1996-2002. The Attorney General appointed him as one of five non-governmental members of the Interagency Task Force on Methamphetamine in 1997. He testifies frequently before Congress and has addressed senior policy audiences in many countries, including Australia, Chile, Colombia and Great Britain. He has served as a consultant to numerous government agencies (including GAO, ONDCP, NIJ, SAMHSA) and to foreign organizations including the European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Abuse, United Nations Drug Control Program and the British Department of Health. Dr. Reuter received his PhD in Economics from Yale.

## MIKE TRACE

CO-DIRECTOR, BECKLEY FOUNDATION DRUG POLICY PROGRAMME

Mike Trace is currently Co-Director of the Beckley Foundation Drug Policy Programme and Chief Executive at RAPT (Rehabilitation of Addicted Prisoners Trust), one of the UK's foremost providers of drug addiction treatment.

After leaving a secondment to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in January 2003, Mike Trace worked as the Chief Executive at The Blenheim, an independent drug treatment service provider in West London. From June 2001 to November 2002, he was the Director of Performance at the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse, a special health authority charged with overseeing the expansion and improvement of the substance abuse treatment sector in England. From November 1997 to June 2001, he was the Deputy UK Anti-Drug Co-ordinator. This role involved giving advice to UK government ministers on all aspects of drug policy, the creation of the 10-year strategy, *Tackling Drugs To Build A Better Britain*, and overseeing its implementation.

Previous to this, Mike worked in and managed projects tackling drug-related offending for many years. From 1987 to 1995 he was Head of the Criminal Justice Service at The Cranstoun Projects, one of the largest independent sector providers of drug services. In 1986 he worked for the California Youth Authority on rehabilitation for drug-using offenders in the USA. Mike was a member of the Criminal Justice Working Group of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) from 1992 to 1995 and was a full member of ACMD until 1997. From 1995 to 1997, he was Chief Executive of the Rehabilitation of Addicted Prisoners Trust (RAPT) and Chair of the Criminal Justice Forum of the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse.

Mike has chaired United Nations technical committees on the drugs issue and was for 2 years Chairman of the Lisbon-based, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction where he was responsible for overseeing the collection and analysis of objective, reliable information concerning drugs and drug addiction at a European level.

## FRANZ TRAUTMANN

HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS UNIT,  
TRIMBOS INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS

Franz Trautmann (educational scientist) is head of the Unit International Affairs of the Trimbos Institute - Netherlands Institute of Mental Health and Addiction (Utrecht, the Netherlands).

After having worked for several years in different drug services in the Amsterdam region he joined the Netherlands Institute of Alcohol and Drugs and later the Trimbos Institute. Main themes in his work have been the development of harm reduction low-threshold treatment services, Rapid Assessment and Response as project development tool, project management and drug policy in the EU framework. He has been responsible for various projects in the field of drug policy and drug prevention, treatment and care in Central and Eastern European countries.

JAN WIARDA  
CHAIRMAN, EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF POLICE

Jan Wiarda was born in 1940 into a farmer's family of the Frisian minority.

1959	Police Academy
1962	Municipal Police- Utrecht
1968	District commander
1975	Innovation team- Policing in change
1979	Security Director- Private bank
1983	Chief Constable- Municipal Police Utrecht
1989	Change manager- Police Region Utrecht
1994	Chief Constable- Regional Police Utrecht
1997	Chief Constable- Haaglanden (The Hague)
From 1989	International Affairs of the Dutch police
From 2000	Head of Dutch delegation- European Police Chiefs Task Force