



International Narcotics Control Board
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UPDATE ON PROJECT ION AND IONICS

**SIDE EVENT ON NPS
THE FIFTH INTERSESSIONAL MEETING
COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS**

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General updates

- Project ION Goal: Prevent NPS from reaching consumer markets > contribute to prevention of health harms
- CND resolution 59/8 and UNGASS outcome document
- Increased IONICS users (Apr-Oct: 183 from 75 countries > over 200 from 79) and further activated information sharing through IONICS (Apr-Oct: 634 incidents > almost 800) and FP network

Bangkok III Conference

- 21 – 24 February 2017
- To take “stock” of achievements and discuss challenges
- Expected discussion topics include:
 - Follow-up to the outcome document and recommendations of the Bangkok II conference;
 - Latest trends in suspicious shipments of, trafficking in, and manufacture of NPS and precursors;
 - Update on the latest NPS emergence trend and scheduling;
 - Operational investigative activities, networking and information-sharing and more

NPS Task Force Meeting

- 29-30 September, Tokyo
- 34 experts from 16 countries, 2 organisations and INCB attended
- TF members shared information on real cases including ongoing ones
- TF agreed:
 - To update the international surveillance list of NPS;
 - To conduct an operational survey on fentanyl, other opioid-type NPS and their precursors later this year; and
 - To consider an operation on NPS in South, East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific.

Fentanyl intelligence-gathering survey

- Risks of fentanyl and designer fentanyl being prevalent worldwide
- To examine global patterns of the sources, flows, illicit manufacture and trafficking
- Joint survey with INCB projects Cohesion and PRISM
- Will be conducted once the draft survey questionnaire is finalised

Updated NPS surveillance list

- Disseminated for operational and intelligence purposes in Nov 2015
- Planned to be updated regularly
- Removing 3 substances placed under int'l control and adding 8 substances proposed
- To be finalized and disseminated soon



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Thank you for your attention!



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