

Richard Phillip Mattick of Australia elected as new member of International Narcotics Control Board

VIENNA, 9 April (UN Information Service) – Following his election by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Professor Richard Phillip Mattick of Australia has become a new member of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB).

Prof Mattick's membership of the Board is effective immediately until 2017 and he will first attend a Board meeting in this position at the 113th session of the Board in May 2015.

In accordance with the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, Prof. Mattick was elected from among three candidates nominated as of 18 November 2014 by the World Health Organization, following the resignation of Wayne Hall (Australia), member of the International Narcotics Control Board.

Prof. Richard Phillip Mattick currently serves as an Australian Government National Health and Medical Research Council Principal Research Fellow, and Professor of Drug and Alcohol Studies, and Professor of Brain Sciences at the University of New South Wales, Australia. He graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Doctorate in Philosophy, Master and Bachelors in Psychology and Certificates in Neuroanatomy. He has conducted research and clinical trials in the management of opioid dependence, psychostimulant substitution therapy, the treatment of young drug dependent people and the effects on cognitive and psychological functioning of exposure to alcohol, psychostimulants, opioids and cannabis.*

The 13 members of the International Narcotics Control Board serve in a personal capacity, not as Government representatives.

Further details about the election and [biographical information](#) can be found in the following [ECOSOC press release](#) and on the International Narcotics Control Board [website](#).

INCB is the independent, quasi-judicial body charged with promoting and monitoring Government compliance with the three international drug control conventions: the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and the 1988 Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

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* Paragraph revised (clarifies Prof. Mattick's current title and field of research)