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Dear Honorable guests, delegates, participants, friends,

Warm welcome to the 68th Session of the IOGT International World Congress. To call this a historic event is no exaggeration: For the first time in our 160-year long history is IOGT International holding a World Congress Session in Asia. And I am sure that Thailand, IOGT Thailand and Stop Drink Network will be wonderful hosts with their joyful hospitality and boundless kindness.

I am proud of the program we managed to put together and feel excited to discuss with you the crucial issues of our time.

Wherever we look, be it on global level or in grassroots communities around the world, we see that the alcohol industry is aggressively pursuing its thirst for ever more profits. We live in a world where one human being dies every ten seconds because of alcohol-related causes. We live in a world where alcohol marketing can still directly target children and young people and where women can still be portrayed as de-humanized objects. We live in a world where all too many people only know the myths about alcohol – carefully created and perpetuated by the alcohol industry; where too few people – including decision-makers – are aware of the fact that there is no safe amount of alcohol use, that alcohol consumption increases the risk for cancer and other diseases, that alcohol is an obstacle to development and that alcohol harm burdens the childhood of millions and millions of children around the world.

We live in a world today, where powerful interests keep pushing for the legalization of narcotic drugs, only to rake in profits and leave societies to deal with the costs. These are some of the challenges we will address in lively, constructive and productive discussions during the coming days.

And let me assure you, there is no need to feel daunted by our task. This World Congress Session will also help us understand the impact our work has, what kind of innovation we create and what kind of difference our heart-driven work does make.

We also live in a world where IOGT International has been growing over the last four years and where IOGT International together with our Member Organizations has been acknowledged for the benefits and importance of our work.

We do play an important role in global policy processes and we have expertise and experience to contribute with. This World Congress Session will highlight that and foster more exchange and inspiration in true IOGT spirit. In this sense, I can’t wait to get started.

I wish you and us all exciting workshops, fruitful discussions, and smart decisions made.

yours sincerely,
Sven-Olov
Dear Honorable guests, delegates, participants, friends,

Warm welcome to Thailand, to Cha Am and to the 68th Session of the IOGT International World Congress.

We are very happy and very proud to welcome you all in our beautiful country and to host the 68th Session of the IOGT International World Congress. It is a great honor for us to be the hosts and so let me assure you that we will do everything to make your stay and this event a full success.

The topic of this World Congress is AIAP – Alcohol in All Policies. It’s fitting for the Thai context because in our country alcohol harm, especially the social dimension of harm impacting other than the alcohol users themselves reaches into the remotest corners of our society. Violence against women and girls, street children, road traffic accidents, broken communities, lost productivity and the rising epidemic of chronic diseases such as cancer and heart disease are all examples for the burden of alcohol harm on the Thai society and in the wider ASEAN region.

Alcohol needs to be addressed in all relevant policy areas to reduce that burden and prevent harm – it is an issue of further fostering Thailand’s development. That is the context for this event, from our perspective.

We couldn’t be more honored to welcome you all and look forward to learning from you, your work and your experiences. We also hope to share with you our experiences and the lessons we have learned.

Together with the World Congress Session we are also hosting a youth camp with young people from all around Thailand and the ASEAN region. To empower young people in safe and enabling environments is what we as organizers deeply care for and so we’re happy to host the youth camp as part of the 68th World Congress of IOGT International – as history shows, IOGT International has succeeded in educating, empowering and supporting youth.

We look forward to all the opportunities this event will provide for you – opportunities for mutual learning, generating new ideas and stimulate new projects.

In this spirit, we look forward to organizing a week for you that creates many unforgettable memories and beautiful impressions – about Thai food and culture, our customs and our country.

Dear participants of the 68th Session of the IOGT International World Congress, on behalf of the organizing committee I would like to warmly welcome you to Thailand and Cha Am.

yours sincerely,

Chavalit
Program elements

PLENARY SESSIONS

The World Congress session will start on Tuesday 28th October by the official opening in the plenary room where all the delegates from the participating organisations will meet. The report of the IOGT International Board will be presented and questions of the delegates will be answered. A new Plan of Action and budget, Alcohol Policy and Narcotic Drugs Policy will be proposed, discussed and adopted. And finally a new International Board will be elected.

CONFERENCE TALKS

There will be three Conference Talks arranged on 28th and 29th October. The Talks will be given by keynote speakers in the plenary room. The Talks serve to provide state of the art updates and essential facts in three crucial areas: Narcotic Drugs policy, Alcohol Policy and Alcohol and Development. The talks will create a good basis for deeper discussions in the workshops that follow each of the three Conference Talks sessions.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Each Conference Talk is followed by three or four workshops related to the topic of the respective Talk. The participants will be split into groups and are invited to discuss the topics with the keynote speakers in relation to the Congress documents proposed by the International Board: Alcohol Policy, Narcotic Drugs Policy and the Plan of Action.

IF TALKS

IF Talks are about IOGT International’s Inspire freedom work for women’s rights and gender equality. The IF Talks will open the space to discuss that work in general and explore more deeply the following issues: violence against women; alcohol industry tactics; feminism and gender equality in IOGT International.

EXHIBITION OF PROMISING PRACTICES

IOGT International has more than 110 member organisations in over 50 countries in the world. That gives us a very rare variety of activities, approaches and methods working towards our common vision. We welcome all the participants to this unique fair of best practices and success stories to share with each other, learn from each other, find inspiration and start new collaborations.
Monday

09.00 - 12.00  Registration

12.00 - 17.00  Get to know each other - Cooking School
Thai cuisine with its specialties will bring us all together. In multicultural themes we will pick ingredients and prepare our own food. We hope for a real mixture of characters that will complement each other and empower each other for the coming days.

17.30 - 18.30  IF TALK
The special workshop series for those interested in contributing to and developing IOGT International’s work on women’s rights. The workshops feature the Canadian best-selling author Ann Dowsett Johnston.

18.00 - 20.30  Barbecue
Tuesday

09.00 -12.00 Opening of the Congress
Keynote speech
Election of congressional committees
Report from the credentials committee
Attendance and roll call
Approval of the convening of the Congress
Approval of the agenda
Election of presiding officers
Election of two persons counting votes
Admission of new member organisations
Reports from the International Board
Financial reports and auditors’ report
Reports from Regional Committees

12.00 -13.30 Lunch

13.30 -16.30 The society & narcotic drugs
Harmful substances and child rights
The road map to UNGASS 2016

16.30 -18.00 Junior platform
Leaders and leadership training
Safe meetings
Rehabilitation
Rehabilitation work in IOGT International
Francesco Piani, ESAEP, Italy
Helge Kolstad, IOGT Norway

18.30 Dinner
Opening ceremony
Welcome dinner hosted by the Thai Government

Keynote speakers
Chuangpit Choomwattana, ONCB Thailand
Chwin, Nepal
Rachanikorn Sarasiri, ONCB Thailand

Moderator: Dag Endal

Wednesday

09.00 -10.30 Building alliances
Taxation
Marketing
Trade

10.30 -12.00 Curbing Big Alcohol - campaign
Trade

12.00 -13.30 Lunch

13.30 -15.30 HIV and alcohol use
Alcohol control for development
Post 2015
NCDs and alcohol

15.30 -17.00 GBV, HIV and alcohol
NCDs and alcohol
Post 2015

17.30 -19.00 Cultural show

Thaksaphon Thamarangsi, HPR Thailand
Weranuch Wongwatanakul, MoPH, Thailand
David Jernigan, John’s Hopkins University, Baltimore
Fifa Rahman, CAHR Projects, Malaysia

Moderator: Sven - Olov Carlsson

Monica Swahn, Georgia State University
John Mututho, NACADA Kenya
Pubudu Sumanasekara, ADIC Sri Lanka
Øystein Bakke, FORUT Norway

Moderator: Kristina Sperkova

Note: The Junior workshop will be translated to Thai.
**EXCURSION Group 1**

Maruekhathaiyawan Palace, also called “The Palace of Love and Hope” between Cha-Am and Hua Hin was build by King Vajiravudh (Rama VI) as a seaside summer retreat in 1923. The Palace is built raised from the ground on pillars and entirely made from teak wood. Its very attractive architectural style is completely different from that of other Thai Palaces. The overall design of the Palace was done by the King himself.

**EXCURSION Group 2**

Lunch

Floating Market

**Thursday**

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**Panel debate**

IDYDC, Tanzania<br>WOCHIVI, Tanzania<br>IOGT Poland<br>Active

**Workshops**

- 09.00 - 11.00 Junior platform<br>- 11.00 - 17.00 EXCURSION Group 2<br>- 17.30 - 19.00 INSPIRE FREEDOM
Friday

09.00 - 12.00
PLENARY SESSION
Attendance and roll call
IOGT International Alcohol Policy
IOGT International Narcotic Drugs Policy
Plan of Action 2015 - 2018

12.00 - 13.30
Lunch

13.30 - 17.00
PLENARY SESSION
Attendance and roll call
Membership fees
Budget 2015 - 2018
Officers allowances
Statements from the Congress
Election of officers and auditors
Time and venue for the next Congress
Closing

18.00
DINNER
Closing Ceremony

Keynote speakers

Ann Dowsett Johnston
Canadian award winning writer and editor. Her latest book is the best seller “Drink: The Intimate Relationship Between Women and Alcohol”
Monday I 17.30 - 18.30 I IF Talks

Chuanpit Choomwattana
Senior Advisor, Drug Demand Program at the Office on Narcotics Control Board, Thailand
Tuesday I 13.30 - 16.30 I The society and narcotic drugs

David Jernigan
Director of Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth
Baltimore, USA
Wednesday I 09.00 - 10.30 I Marketing

Fifa Rahman
Policy Manager at the Malaysian AIDS Council
Wednesday I 09.00 - 10.30 I Trade
Keynote speakers

John Mututho
Chairman of the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Kenya
Wednesday I 13:30 - 15.30 I Alcohol control for development

Monica Swahn
Associate Vice President for Research at Georgia State University, USA
Wednesday I 13:30 - 15.30 I HIV and alcohol use

Øystein Bakke
Senior advisor at FORUT Norway
Wednesday I 13:30 - 15.30 I NCDs and alcohol

Pubudu Sumanasekara
Executive Director Alcohol and Drug Information Centre
Sri Lanka
Wednesday I 13:30 - 15.30 I Post 2015

Keynote speakers

Rachanikorn Sarasiri
Deputy General Secretary, the Office on Narcotics Control Board; Thailand
Tuesday I 13:30 - 16.30 I The road map to UNGASS 2016

Thaksophon Thamarangsi
Director Health Promotion Policy Research Center
Thailand
Wednesday I 09.00 - 10.30 I Building alliances

Weranuch Wongwatanakul
Health Promotion Policy Research Center
Thailand
Wednesday I 09.00 - 10.30 I Taxation