



# WORLD CANNABIS CONFERENCE 2023

IX International Cannabis Forum

March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

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## *World Cannabis Conference*

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The **World Cannabis Conference** were born to fulfill the necessity to materialize all the advancements and efforts made in regards to cannabis over the last few years.

We will be able to go deep into the **different dimensions** of cannabis and its evolution through lectures and **open forums** organized in themes.

Since we are living in such important times in Spain, we think it's essential to approach **cannabis policy** from a national and international standpoint, understand the issues through a **legal and scientific view** to achieve better understanding of the potential and viability of regulation, understand the **medical needs of patients** and analyze the huge progress done despite prohibition.

In this event of worldwide exposure, attendees will be able to be a part of **debate**, interact with speakers and express their insights and concerns.



# WCC2023



## L'Auditori de Cornellà Barcelona, Spain

The conferences will be held at **L'AUDITORI DE CORNELLÀ** which will be directly accessible for all Spannabis attendees.

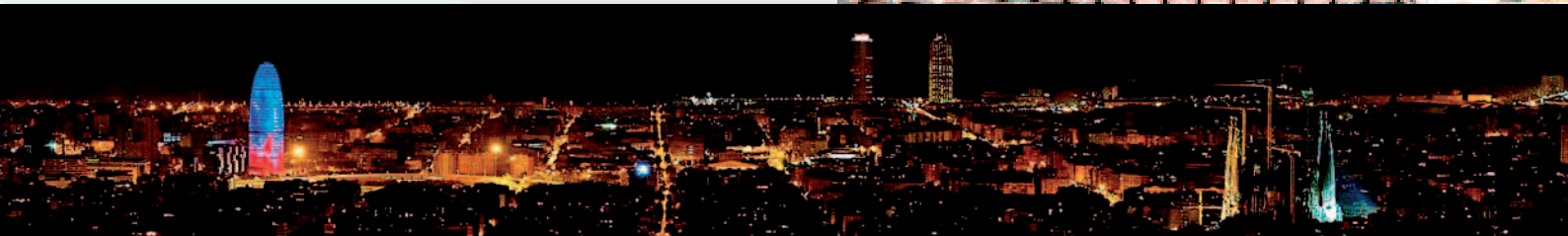
**Spannabis** has **30,000 visitors** each year and is in the forefront of international tradeshows related to cannabis.

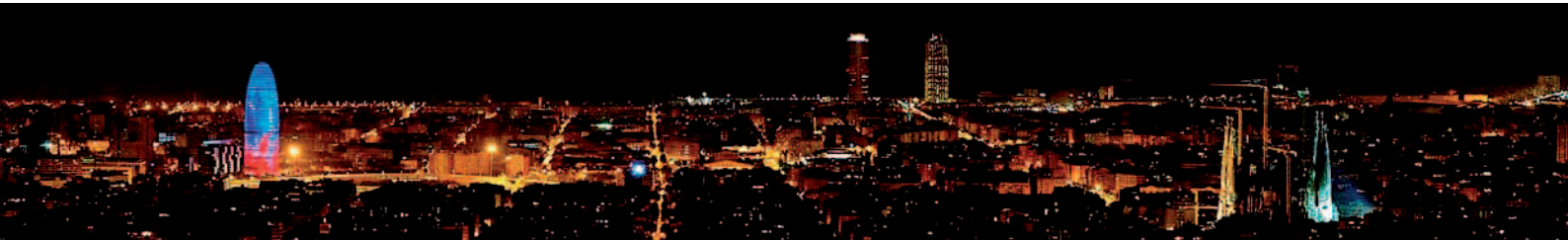
This large attendance offers the perfect frame for the celebration of an event like the ***World Cannabis Conferences***.

The Auditorium of Cornellà is equipped with the most advanced **audio visual** technology and will be able to offer live **wireless translation**.

The auditorium holds **800 seats** to guarantee that nobody will miss out on the opportunity to enjoy of this event.

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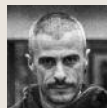




# Program

## MEDICINAL

11:45 - 12:30



### "Cannabinoids and cancer, what's new?"

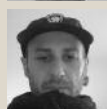
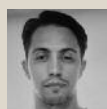
Between 1970 and 2018, around 800 scientific investigations on cannabis and cancer were published. In the last three years (2019-2022) the number has risen to more than 900. The study of the applications of cannabis and cannabinoids as antitumor agents is an effervescent field in which new developments appear every few months. In the conference we will review the most significant ones.

**Fernando Caudevilla.** Family Doctor and regular contributor to Cannabis Magazine. He works on different assistance, research and teaching projects related to the field of drugs, including the therapeutic use of cannabis.

**Raúl del Pino (moderator).** He studied Psychology at UNED. His great passion has been modified states of consciousness and psychedelics as tools for personal growth. In 1996 he created the first website in Spanish dedicated to drugs, since then he has been committed to reporting on the subject of psychoactive substances. He is currently responsible for the digital area of Feria del Cáñamo.

## THE MUSEUM

12:45 - 13:30



### "Stay Stoned: Madness, Cannabis & Tattoos"

The book *Stay Stoned*, by Samuele Salvadori "Sem Boy" and Gilberto Cannarozzi, like the exhibition, is a compilation of cannabis flash tattoos by contemporary tattoo artists investigating and celebrating their experiences with cannabis.

**Gilberto Cannarozzi.** Multidisciplinary Italian artist passionate about graphic design, fanzines, tattoos and skateboarding. He is a guest curator of the *Stay Stoned: Madness, Cannabis & Tattoos* exhibition at the Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum.

**Samuele Salvadori "Sem Boy".** A tattoo artist since 2012, he has brought his love for cannabis into his practice, making it a recurring theme in his designs. He is a guest curator of *Stay Stoned: Madness, Cannabis & Tattoos*.

**Ana Rodríguez (moderator).** Art historian and manager of the Hash Marihuana & Hemp Museum in Amsterdam and Barcelona, she has spent the last 10 years spreading the history and uses of the cannabis plant.

## Break

## ACTIVISM

15:00 - 16:00



### "Re-Evolution of the Cannabis Social Club: are we what we were?"

The Confederation of Cannabis Associations (ConFAC) is a non-governmental and non-profit organization. For more than twenty years, he has defended the initiative of the Cannabis Social Clubs (CSC) as an alternative to access cannabis for millions of users.

This conference deals with the political work that has been carried out during the last legislature to regulate cannabis and presents the new project of the confederation: "Re-Evolution of Cannabis Social Clubs, a proposal for the future from the roots".

**Patricia Amiguet.** Cannabis activist, anti-prohibitionist and feminist. Graduated in Management and Finance and student of the degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology at UNED. Founder of the Pachamama Cannabis Association, president of CatFAC, co-founder of REMA and the project Mujeres Cannabicas and co-spokesperson of the ConFAC.

**Ana Afuera.** Political scientist and activist with more than ten years of experience in drug policy. She is currently coordinator of the Political and Social Advocacy area at ConFAC and a member of the Inner Circle of ENCOD. He has participated in numerous publications and seminars on drug regulation models, destigmatization of users and CSC.

## INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY

16:15 - 17:30



### "Legalization of cannabis in the world: justice or business?"

The regulation of the different uses of this plant and the industry is developing at a breakneck pace. In this round table, Kenzi Riboulet-Zemouli will present an update on the global cannabis situation and Rubén Valenzuela will analyze the regulation of cannabis in Thailand, both in terms of the situation for consumers and the business opportunities offered by the country.

**Kenzi Riboulet-Zemouli.** Independent and interdisciplinary researcher, focusing on the legal, political, cultural, social, economic and environmental outcomes of drug control laws and policies. Addresses cannabis and hemp from the perspective of ethics and sustainable development.

**Ruben Valenzuela.** Agricultural and industrial engineer, co-founder and CTO of the Valenveras company and co-founder, together with the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, of the Cannabis HUB UPC.

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**Virginia Montañés (moderator).** Journalist, social anthropologist and naturopath. For more than two decades, she has worked as a researcher in the field of drug policy. He has coordinated CERCA and the ENCOD section in Spain. She currently directs the Centro Karissa comprehensive health center (centrokarissa.com) and is a regular contributor to *El Cultivador*.

## REGULACIÓN NACIONAL

17:45 - 19:00

## "Lobby and political incidence of the industrial sector and medicinal self-cultivation"



The presentation will address the different aspects of the defense of the cannabis sector in Spain, the work of the OECCC in relation to the defense of users and self-cultivators, the regulation process opened by the Subcommittee of Congress and the current situation of the growshops and seed Banks sector. We will also value the performance of the Cannabis Industry Guild (GIC) which, together with the OECCC, has launched the MUSC Group to centralize the legal defense of the sector.



**Hector Brotons.** CEO of Brotsanbert Abogados. Criminal, public health, human rights and cannabis policy specialist. Lawyer for Pannagh and for Albert Tio's pardon. He has obtained licenses from the AEMPS. Defends industrial hemp and CBD companies. He has defended, together with his team, more than a thousand cases. As an activist he is a spokesperson for the OECCC.



**David Saulina.** Always linked to activism and self-cultivation of cannabis. In 2001, together with some colleagues, he founded Alchimia. In 2006 he co-founded the Philosopher Seeds seed bank and made it compatible with co-directing the grow shop alchimiaweb.com. Currently working to boost the sector from the GIC and enable a future where self-cultivation is recognized.



**Noe Sánchez.** Graduate in Psychology, master's degrees in Neuropsychology and Neurosciences, postgraduate in Psycho-oncology and PhD in Neurosciences. He has worked on research projects at the Universitat de les Illes Balears, in studies on chronic pain. She is the director of the OECCC Cannabis Survey project and associate professor at the University of Valencia, where she participates in research projects on cannabis in collaboration with FesHoBé!



**Marta de Luxán (moderator).** Lawyer with almost fifteen years of experience practicing as a defense attorney, mainly in crimes against public health. In 2014, after his experience at the Private Cannabis Club, he founded The High Class Club Association.

19:30 - 20:00

Awards ceremony of the **Spannabis Champions Cup**

## CULTIVATION

11:45 - 12:30

## "California Cannabis Breeding at a Crossroads"



**Ali Bektas.** Ali is the Chief Science Officer at Purple City Genetics, a leading cannabis nursery and breeding company based out of Oakland, California. He was one of the first scientists to identify Hop Latent Viroid within cannabis populations.

## CULTIVATION

12:45 - 13:30

## "How Gelato Changed the World"



**Mario Guzmán.** Mario Guzman is a Mexican American entrepreneur most known for creating the globally grown gelato strain. Mario as he says it "partnered with the plant" and is here to share his journey

## Break

## SCIENCE

15:00 - 16:00

## "From cannabis to psychedelics: pharmacological, therapeutic, cultural and legal issues"



**José Carlos Bouso.** José Carlos Bouso is a psychologist, doctor in Pharmacology and director of scientific projects at the ICEERS Foundation, where he conducts research on psychoactive plants such as cannabis, ayahuasca or ibogaine.

## SCIENCE

15:00 - 16:00



## "Can CBD really reduce the effects of THC?"

CBD seems like it can reduce the effects of THC, but is that true? In this talk we will address the scientific evidence on this topic.



**Alberto Sainz.** Graduated in Psychology, Master of Research in Neurosciences and predoctoral candidate in Psychopharmacology of cannabinoids. He has collaborated in research projects on genetics, physiological and neurocognitive effects of cannabis and its medicinal properties. He currently collaborates with the ICEERS foundation on projects related to medical cannabis.

## NATIONAL POLICY

16:15 - 18:00



## "After the law propositions, how to advance to the next step?: comprehensive regulation"

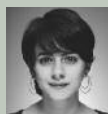
A year and a half has passed since four comprehensive regulation laws were registered in the Courts, but this has not meant any change for users and the sector. In this table we will analyze why more progress has not been made. In addition, we will talk about the possibility of establishing the regulation of cannabis as a condition for the formation of the Government in the next legislature.



**Lucía Muñoz (Unidas Podemos).** Born in Palma in 1993. Graduated in Political Science from the Carlos III University of Madrid and Master's Degree in International Cooperation from the Complutense University of Madrid. After finishing her studies, she returned to the island and worked as a project technician in an NGO until she ran for the general elections. She is currently a deputy in Congress and, among other responsibilities, she handles the issue of cannabis regulation in the *Unidas Podemos* parliamentary group.



**Jorge Moruno (Más País).** Sociologist and deputy in the Madrid Assembly for *Más Madrid*. In the Akal publishing house he has published *No tengo Tiempo* (I don't have time), *Geografías de la precariedad* (Geographies of precariousness, 2018) and *La fábrica del emprendedor. Trabajo y política en la empresa-mundo* (The entrepreneur's factory. Work and politics in the company-world, 2015).



**Marta Rosique (Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya).** Graduated in journalism, she later began to study political science at the Pompeu Fabra University. He was a member and spokesperson of Universities for the Republic, the leading student and civic platform in the mobilization of students in favor of the "right to self-determination", of the "Catalan Republic" and, especially, of the independence referendum of Catalonia held on October 1st, 2017. She is the Secretary of International Policy and Cooperation of the *Joventuts d'Esquerra Republicana, the Jovent Republicà*.



**Bernardo Soriano (moderator).** Graduated in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid with a master's degree in Criminal Law from ICAM. Practicing lawyer and co-director of the S&F Abogados firm, specializing in matters related to cannabis. He has been working for thirteen years in favor of cannabis regulation. Spokesperson for the group of experts on Responsible Regulation and coordinator of the legislative design team and drafter of the Law Proposition for the Comprehensive Regulation and Control of Cannabis in Adults, registered by the confederal group of *Unidas Podemos - En Comú Podem - Galicia en Comúnn*.

## CANNABIS CLUBS

18:15 - 19:30



## "No one is a prophet in his own land: the expansion of the CSCs in Europe"

The CSC model emerged in the Spanish State twenty years ago and, today, it has spread throughout Europe and beyond. At this table we will examine the health of a model that, while struggling to survive in its place of origin, is taking strong root in other neighboring countries.



**Bárbara Burri.** Barbara is a psychologist and works for the Public Health Services of the City of Zurich. She is the project manager of a pilot project, which examines various supply options and Cannabis products in the context of regulation.



**Karen Mamo.** Karen holds an MSc in Addiction studies. In 2019, she set up the first Maltese social media page about harm reduction (Harm Reduction Malta). She is the co-author of "A social equity approach for cooperative and environmentally sustainable practices within Maltese Cannabis Associations".



**Óscar Parés (moderator).** Óscar (ICEERS Foundation) has dedicated part of his work to the publication of scientific publications on the phenomenon of Cannabis Social Clubs. He has also directed community development strategies with the group of people with health problems who use cannabis, as well as with health professionals.

20:00

Closing of the World Cannabis Conferences 2023



# SPANNABIS CHAMPIONS CUP



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