

## Young people and drugs: police officers and doctors exchange views in Rome

"Drinking and drug use among young people: liaising first aid, psychological support and investigations". This is the central topic of the meeting which is being held today at the National Police Academy.

This is the first session of the 5th Italian Great Network Congress - Focus on innovation and translational research in emergency medicine, which takes place on 15-17 October in Rome.

It is centred on drug and alcohol addiction in young people, and represents an opportunity for international experts in emergency medicine, psychology, prevention and safety to exchange views with law enforcement officers.

Chaired by Roberto Sgalla - Director of Traffic, Railway, Postal and Communications Police and the Police Special Units, the meeting will address the issue of drug and alcohol addiction among young people, comparing the Italian experience with the US and Dutch ones.

The conference speakers will be Maria Carla Bocchino of the Central Operations Service (SCO), Giandomenico Protospataro of the Traffic Police, and Mauro Scenna of the Central Directorate for Anti-drug Services.

The police experts, besides reporting the results of the activities conducted against drug trafficking, will talk about the recruitment of young people by criminal organizations, with a highlight on the prevention efforts to stop late-night weekend accidents.

And more: the role of the psychological support that addresses, among other things, the problems associated with the new forms of psychiatric disorders deriving from drug abuse, and the double-faced phenomenon of the Internet hiding dangers and threats, but also offering opportunities and good practices.

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