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AADAC Chair attending international conference on addiction

Edmonton.... Harvey Cenaiko, MLA for Calgary- Buffalo and Chair of Alberta Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), will gain insight into addictions issues and practices from countries across the globe at the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA) Conference on Dependencies from June 10 - 15 in Stockholm, Sweden.

The ICAA has spent 100 years dedicated to action that prevents and reduces the harmful use and effects of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and addictive behaviours on individuals, families, communities and society. Through a range of activities at international, regional and local levels and through services provided to its membership and the interested public at large, ICAA sensitizes, empowers and educates organizations and individuals in the interest of public health, as well as personal and social well being.

The ICAA's annual International Conference on Dependencies offers a unique opportunity to critically review the progress made in the different fields of addiction practice and research and to share expectations, recommendations and projections for coming years. Key sessions include:

- gambling addictions tendencies;
- national approaches to alcohol and drug problems;
- school-based prevention;
- binge drinking;
- Internet as a tool for prevention and treatment;
- addiction and traffic safety; and,
- tobacco – immunization, prevention and treatment.

“This is an opportunity to learn from other countries and share our own knowledge,” says Harvey Cenaiko, MLA, Calgary –Buffalo, and AADAC Chair. “AADAC has an exceptional international reputation that has been built on our contribution of research-based practice at events such as these.”

The travel, accommodation and conference costs are estimated at \$7,200.

AADAC is an agency of the Government of Alberta and reports to the Minister of Health and Wellness. It operates and funds services that address problems related to alcohol, other drugs and gambling, and undertakes related addictions research.

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