



Portugal was the perfect backdrop for the INSHU Conference at this stage of its growth and how it is positioning itself in relation to understanding and ameliorating the structural barriers to HCV testing and treatment among injecting drug users. The range of countries the posters came from was extremely interesting from the Antarctic to Sydney and back to prisons, however the information was repetitive often with far too many repeating the term 'hidden or difficult to reach' while others presented on the ease of access when projects were undertaken with the needs of the injecting community front and foremost.

I really liked the quick brief research sessions as it was enough time to give you a clear idea of what was being done and allowed for many more to be heard. It would help to have a better tie in of research to practise to facilitate cross over audiences.

The range of topics was refreshing with some quite critical and reflective papers providing some excellent discussion material during the breaks.

I think the community day lost part of its appeal to affected community by having so many community sectors involved. I think the beauty of that day was its ability to allow drug users to come together to form strategies and share information and processes around hep C, that discussion is hampered very much when service providers are present.

The hotel for the scholarship recipients was perfect it didn't make you uncomfortable and scared to break something and everything didn't cost a fortune, the rooms were great and staff very helpful.

I would like to see more papers from other academic disciplines such a feminist perspective on drug use among women drug users I read a great paper by Elizabeth Ettorre which speaks to our lack of clarity of the need and the resulting lack of uptake.

The language was often pejorative and clumsy as if people don't know how to refer to people who use drugs it was disconcerting to hear paper after paper lament on the lack of knowledge of drug users in a certain area when in fact they know more than they don't about those fellow citizens, it leaves you with a feeling they don't ascribe many human traits to us