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OUT AND ABOUT: A WHO'S WHO OF EVENTS



ICAA 2006 CELEBRATED with speeches by Peter Vamos, president of the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions, and the Hon Andy Kerr, minister for health and community care, Scottish Executive (pictured above, left-right).

Peter McCann, chair of Castle Craig Hospital and of the ICAA UK organising committee, hosted a dinner on the eve of the conference, with guests enjoying fireworks over Edinburgh Castle (seen at the bottom of the photo on the right). At the gala and awards banquet a few days later, hundreds of delegates at the influential conference witnessed the annual 'C Vincent Bakeman Memorial Award for Organisations with Outstanding Achievements in Community Work' being presented to McCann and to Deirdre Boyd, chief executive of the Addiction Recovery Foundation charity which publishes *Addiction Today*. Speakers flying in from around the world included Isidor Obot who is the World



Health Organisation's senior researcher-substance dependence, Andrew Ball of WHO's HIV/Aids department, Christina Gynna-Oguz who is Sweden's deputy drug coordinator, and many more – some of whom are in the photos below.



MAKING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND POLICY CONTACTS: AMANDA LEA, CEO OF WESTERN COUNSELLING



EDINBURGH CITY CHAMBERS: VENUE FOR THE ICAA WELCOME RECEPTION



SPREADING THE MESSAGE: LEONARD BLUMENTHAL, CHAIRMAN OF AA'S GENERAL SERVICE BOARD



PSYCHIATRIC SPECIALISTS: FRANCIS HARDING (left) WITH BRIAN HORE, MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF PRIORY ALTRINCHAM'S ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMME



HOSTING THE RECEPTION: TOM WOOD, CHAIR OF THE SCOTTISH ASSOC OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ACTION TEAMS WITH (right) JEFF WILBEE, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL IC&RC ACCREDITATION BOARD



CORRIDOR OF POWER: VAN WELCH AND CASTLE CRAIG MEDICAL DIRECTOR DR MARGARET-ANN MCCANN IN SCOTLAND'S PARLIAMENTARY 'BLACK & WHITE' HALL



DAVID SMITH (right), FOUNDER OF THE HAIGHT ASHBURY FREE CLINICS, WITH ROBERT KISSNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CANADA'S FOCUS FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



FAMILY BUSINESS: PETER MCCANN, CHAIR OF CASTLE CRAIG HOSPITAL AND OF THE ICAA UK ORGANISING COMMITTEE, WAS SUPPORTED BY CO-ORGANISER DAUGHTER VICTORIA AND SON PETER



OPENING SPEECHES: CARDINAL KEITH O'BRIEN, ARCHBISHOP OF ST ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH, WITH THE REV DAVID COURT, CONVENER OF THE SOCIAL CARE COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND