



# Testing the Waters 5

## CONFERENCE 2021

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## PROGRAM

**DAY ONE**  
**TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

2:00 - 3:00 Registration

3:00 - 3:15

**Welcome**

**Kevin Thomas**, Queensland Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland

3:15 - 3:55

**Keynote**

**Zenah Bradford-Hartke**, NSW Health  
NSW Sewage Surveillance Program

3:55 - 4:35

**Keynote**

**Sara Castiglioni**, Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS  
Usefulness of wastewater data for long term monitoring and spatial trends

4:35 - 5:00

**Session Q & A**

5:00 - 7:00 Networking cocktail event (in person only event)

**8:30 - 9:00 Registration**

9:00 - 9:45

**Opening**  
**Kevin Thomas**, Queensland Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland  
**Hon Karen Andrews MP**, Minister for Home Affairs, Australia  
**Michael Phelan APM**, CEO, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

9:45 - 10:25

**Keynote**  
**Katie Willis**, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission  
 Green shoots – growing applications of wastewater analysis in Australia

**10:25 - 10:55 Morning Tea**

10:55 - 11:10

**Gary Lum**, Australian Government Department of Health  
 The hidden gold in wastewater

11:10 - 11:25

**Blair MacDonald**, New Zealand Police/NDIB  
 Wastewater Data: How to influence decision makers and develop strategies to reduce drug harm

11:25 - 11:40

**Caitlin Hughes**, Flinders University  
 Triangulating wastewater analysis and a prospective survey of drug consumption

11:40 - 11:55

**Jake O'Brien**, Qld Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland  
 A wastewater-based assessment of the impact of a minimum unit price on population alcohol consumption in the Northern Territory, Australia

11:55 - 12:10

**Marisa Cliff**, New Zealand Police  
 Understanding Regional Illicit Drug Harm - A Data Driven Approach

12:10 - 12:35

**Session Q & A**

**12:35 - 1:30 Lunch**

1:30 - 2:00

**Ben Tscharke**, Qld Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland  
 Impact of codeine rescheduling in Australia

2:00 - 2:15

**Andrew Chappell**, Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd (ESR)  
 Curious cases from the NZ WW monitoring programme

2:15 - 2:30

**Zhu Zhu**, Beijing Normal University  
 Monitoring fentanyl and tramadol use in major Chinese cities through wastewater-based epidemiology

2:30 - 2:45

**Rosario Rodil**, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela  
 The impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on Spanish and Portuguese licit and illicit drugs consumption by wastewater-based epidemiology

2:45 - 3:05

**Session Q & A**

**3:05 - 3:35 Afternoon Tea**

3:35 - 3:50

**José Benito Quintana**, University of Santiago de Compostela  
 ESAR-Net: a Spanish network for monitoring illicit and licit substance addictions in Spain by wastewater-based epidemiology

3:50 - 4:05

**Ruud Steenbeek**, KWR Water Research Institute  
 Spatial and temporal assessment of crack cocaine use in 13 European cities: Case study in 2021 using wastewater-based epidemiology

4:05 - 4:15

**Taja Verovsek**, Jožef Stefan Institute  
 Assessing prevalence of licit drugs, medications of abuse and illicit drugs in educational institutions using wastewater analysis

4:15 - 4:25

**Nicola Ceolotto**, University of Bath  
 Understanding treatment of pain during COVID pandemic, A wastewater-based epidemiology approach

4:25 - 4:45

**Session Q & A**

4:45 - 5:00

**Wrap-up: Cobus Gerber**

**5:00 - 6:00 Pre-dinner drinks, Customs House, Brisbane (in-person only event)**

**6:00 - 9:00 Conference Dinner, Customs House, Brisbane (in-person only event)**

<b>8:30 - 9:00 Registration</b>	
9:00 - 9:25	<b>Keynote</b> <b>Mariana Matus</b> Biobot: a wastewater-based outbreak detection and mitigation platform
9:25 - 9:40	<b>Rory Verhagen</b> , Qld Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland Advancing sampling capabilities of the Australia National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program using passive sampling techniques
9:40 - 9:55	<b>Fahad Ahmed</b> , Qld Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland Assessing the treated pain burden of a population by wastewater-based epidemiology
9:55 - 10:10	<b>Richard Bade</b> , Qld Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland Monitoring New Psychoactive Substances in 12 countries over the New Year period: Case Studies over 2019-20 and 2020-21
10:10 - 10:30	<b>Session Q &amp; A</b>
<b>10:30 - 11:00 Morning Tea</b>	
11:00 - 11:15	<b>Jiaying Li</b> , Qld Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland Transformation of Illicit Drug and Pharmaceutical Biomarkers in Sewers under Different Environmental Conditions
11:15 - 11:30	<b>Xiqing Li</b> , Peking University Transformation of ephedrine/pseudoephedrine into methcathinone in wastewater
11:30 - 11:45	<b>Katja Shimko</b> , Qld Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland Wastewater analysis for the detection of performance- and image-enhancing drugs (PIEDs)
11:45 - 12:00	<b>Session Q &amp; A</b>
<b>12:00 - 1:00 Lunch</b>	
1:00 - 1:40	<b>Keynote</b> <b>Barbara Kasprzyk-Hordern</b> , University of Bath Wastewater Based Epidemiology and One Health
1:40 - 1:55	<b>Jianfa Gao</b> , Shenzhen University Amphetamine/Methamphetamine ratio in wastewater across the globe and its implications for wastewater-based epidemiology
1:55 - 2:10	<b>Bradley Simpson</b> , University of South Australia Measuring cannabinoids in wastewater - like dissolves like
2:10 - 2:25	<b>Iria González-Mariño</b> , University of Salamanca Determination of 21 plasticizer metabolites in wastewater: development of an analytical method and first application in wastewater-based epidemiology
2:25 - 2:50	<b>Session Q &amp; A</b>
<b>2:50 - 3:20 Afternoon Tea</b>	
3:20 - 3:35	<b>Noelia Salgueiro Gonzalez</b> , IRCCS Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche "Mario Negri" Spatial variation in the use of fentanyl analogues and other new psychoactive substances in Italy through wastewater analysis
3:35 - 3:50	<b>Andrea Estévez Danta</b> , University of Santiago de Compostela Source tracing of amphetamine-like stimulants in Spanish wastewater by enantiomeric analysis and prescription data
3:50 - 4:05	<b>Maarten Quireyns</b> , University of Antwerp Occurrence of benzodiazepines in Belgian wastewater: method development, validation and application from a wastewater-based epidemiology perspective
4:05 - 4:20	<b>Kishore Kumar Jagadeesan</b> , University of Bath Detection of proteomic biomarkers in the wastewater influent: a tool for the community-wide public health assessment
4:20 - 4:45	<b>Session Q &amp; A</b>
4:45 - 5:00	<b>Wrap-up: Phong Thai</b> , Queensland Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, University of Queensland
<b>5:30 - 8:30 Poster Session, Howard Smith Wharves, Brisbane (in-person only event)</b>	

## 8:30 - 9:00 Registration

### Keynote

9:00 - 9:40 **Amy Pruden**, Virginia Tech

Wastewater-based epidemiology for surveillance of antimicrobial resistance: A way forward

### Keynote

9:40 - 10:20 **Paul Bertsch**, CSIRO

Wastewater-based epidemiology for early warning surveillance and tracking of SARS-CoV-2 in Queensland, Australia: How local, national, and international collaboration accelerated global innovation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

10:20 - 10:40 **Session Q & A**

## 10:40 - 11:10 Morning Tea

11:10 - 11:25 **David Larsen**, Syracuse University

Incorporating freedom from disease principles into wastewater surveillance to improve health security: a case study of SARS-CoV-2

11:25 - 11:40 **Guangming Jiang**, University of Wollongong

Effects of sewer conditions on the survival of coronaviruses in wastewater

11:40 - 11:55 **Brent Gilpin**, Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd (ESR)

Wastewater analysis for SARS-CoV-2 in New Zealand

11:55 - 12:10 **Tim Boogaerts**, University of Antwerp

Development and application of a bioanalytical assay for sewage surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 in Belgium

12:10 - 12:30 **Session Q & A**

## 12:30 - 1:25 Lunch

1:25 - 1:40 **Natalie Sims**, University of Bath

Wastewater-Based Epidemiology for Monitoring Community derived Antibiotic and Resistant Genes

1:40 - 1:55 **Silvia Schiarea**, IRCCS Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche "Mario Negri"

SARS-CoV-2 RNA detection in urban wastewater to assess the spatial and temporal profile of COVID-19 epidemic in Lombardy, Italy

1:55 - 2:10 **Like Xu**, University of Bath

AMR in the shadow of COVID-19 pandemic: A wastewater-based epidemiology perspective

2:10 - 2:25 **Edward Archer**, Stellenbosch University

Advances made in South Africa on chemical- and molecular biomarker profiling using Wastewater-Based Epidemiology

2:25 - 2:45 **Session Q & A**

## 2:45 - 3:10 Afternoon Tea

3:10 - 3:25 **Vince Bakos**, University of Bath

Development of antimicrobial resistome in biological wastewater systems - state-of-the-art, limitations, perspectives

3:25 - 3:40 **James Boxall-Clasby**, University of Bath

Wastewater-Based Epidemiology for Spatiotemporal COVID-19 Outbreak Tracking: Disease Surveillance, Quality Assurance and Modelling in the South West UK

3:40 - 3:55 **Rosa de Llanos**, Jaume I University

Monitoring the evolution of SARS-CoV-2 on a university campus through wastewater analysis

3:55 - 4:10 **Christoph Ort**, Eawag - Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology

Translating SARS-CoV-2 wastewater data into an epidemiological indicator: estimating the effective reproductive number  $R_e$

4:10 - 4:30 **Session Q & A**

4:30 - 4:40 **Award Announcements**

4:40 - 5:00 **Wrap-up**

5:00 **Conference Close**