



**SEMINAR ON BUILDING A NORDAN NETWORK AND CAPACITY TO FOCUS ON WOMEN
Friday October 10th 2008 13.00-16.00 - Hotel Euroopa, Tallinn, Estonia**

Background:

KSAN (WOCAD Women's Organisations Committee on Alcohol and Drug Issues), Sweden, and Women together Against Addictions, Finland, have proposed 2006 and so has NordAN's General Assembly 2007 decided that a women's section forms at NordAN in order to

- influence attitudes and values regarding girl's and women's abuse and potential for treatment;
- influence decision-makers in the Nordic Countries, the Baltic States and the rest of Europe such that resources are made available for research and preventive initiatives in this field;
- stimulate interest in women's abuse issues among groups that have not previously been involved in work of this nature;
- increase exchanges and cooperation between various players in the Nordic and Baltic countries to stimulate increased gender-specific, gender-sensitive initiatives for girls and women in the combat against alcohol and drugs;
- create a joint strategy for NordAN's work in alcohol and drug issues from a women's perspective.

The initial conference was held in Reykjavik 2007 and in order to develop a network for a gender specific and gender sensitive approach in NordAN will the seminar focusing on women in Tallinn 2008 have the following program. Coffee will be served 14.30.

Contents of the seminar:

13.00 **Opening** – **Leena Haraké**, General Manager KSAN/WOCAD, moderator of seminar

13.05 **Building a gender specific and gender sensitive network on alcohol and drug issues – a local and global need from cradle to grave.** **Christina Pettersson**, President KSAN/WOCAD, Sweden, leads a dialogue with:

- **Helena Palojärvi**, Director Women Together against addictions, Finland,
- **Anne-May Hogsness**, President SKAN, Norway, and
- representatives from womens organisations in Estonia, Denmark, Iceland, etc.

14.00 **NOVAT – an early drug prevention program designed for women's needs**

Helena Palojärvi, Women Together Against Addictions

14.45 **Pregnancy, substance abuse and interventions.**

Anna Leppo, M.Soc.Sc., PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Helsinki, Finland

15.45 **Mutual interests 2009 ?**

16.00 **Closing of seminar**

Organizers of the seminar:

NordAN Women's Section

Connected to the NordAN Conference 2008: <http://www.nordan.org/conference2008/program.htm>