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Rowdy Yates is a Senior Research Fellow (Scottish Addiction Studies) at the University of Stirling, Scotland. He has extensive experience of the alcohol and drugs field having worked as a practitioner, service manager, trainer and researcher over more than 35 years. Prior to his current appointment he was Director of the Lifeline Project, one of the UK's longest established drug treatment and advice services. He was the UK partner in the research initiative, Improving Psychiatric Treatment in Residential Programmes for Emerging Dependent Groups, the largest-ever European study of psychiatric co-morbidity amongst drug users presenting for treatment. Subsequent research activity has included a study of drugs, alcohol and dyslexia and evaluations of both the pilot drug treatment and testing orders in Scotland and of the drug courts piloted in the light of those experiments. He is the Executive President of the European Working Group on Drugs Oriented Research (EWODOR) and Vice President (Teaching and Research) of the European Federation of Therapeutic Communities. In 1994 he was awarded the MBE for services to the prevention of drug misuse.

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