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### **Padova's Fifth Annual "Say No to Drugs" Soccer Championship**

*Organized by the Church of Scientology of Padova, the fifth annual "Say No to Drugs" soccer tournament promotes drug-free living to the youth of the region.*

The Church of Scientology Padova held its fifth annual "Dico No alla Droga" (Say No to Drugs) soccer championship June 23 in observance of the United Nations International Day against Drug-Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Twelve teams comprising 120 youth competed for the trophy, the Say No to Drugs Cup, which was presented to the winning team by last year's winners.

Local and regional officials lent their support and their enthusiastic cheers to encourage competing athletes. The event was promoted on the city of Padova official website. The mayor of the nearby town of Abano Terme acknowledged the Church with a letter of appreciation, and a plaque from the mayor of Grantorto honored the volunteers, the Church of Scientology, and Founder L. Ron Hubbard for their work to help the youth of the region live drug-free lives.

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The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read a copy of the brochure, visit the [Scientology website](#).

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*Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress—drugs and other biochemical substances. These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."*

*The Church of Scientology supports the Truth About Drugs, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns. It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.*



Social Reform Director of the Church of Scientology Padova welcomes athletes to the fifth annual "Say No to Drugs" soccer tournament June 23, 2013, held in observance of United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.