# ROMANIA - political mapping and advocacy strategy in tobacco control

# Final activity report February 2003-June 2004

January-February 2003 – Fieldwork in Bucharest - participation to the seminar organized by Romtens Foundation under the World Health Organization program - "Channeling the Outrage". Discussions with stakeholders from different fields of activity related to tobacco control about the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on their fields of activity, in order to adopt and implement it.

Discussions with my local mentors: Assoc. Prof. Florin Mihaltan and Dr. Luminita Sanda.

March 2003 - First IPF seminar in Budapest

April 2003 – Preparation of the OSI - American Cancer Society University for Romanian fellows in tobacco control.

- Selection of the participants.
- Set-up of the training schedule in cooperation with Advocacy Institute, OSI New York and CHPS Bucharest.
- Trainer for the Romanian fellows

Conference in Bucharest with the main topic – "Tobacco Control in CEE and Former Soviet Union Countries" organized by OSI.

Presentation at the opening session about the role of Romanian NGO in tobacco control activity.

May 2003 – Participation to the 56<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly in Geneva. Meeting and discussions with my international mentor – Ross Hammond

Fieldwork in Bucharest – Preparation of the events for World No-Tobacco Day May - 31<sup>st</sup>

Meetings and discussions with:

- Ministry of Health and Family
- Health Promotion Directorate Bucharest
- Child Protection Directorate Sector 1 Bucharest

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- Romanian Society of Pneumology
- Romanian Society of Cardiology
- Romanian Cancer League
- Romtens Foundation
- Students League against smoking
- Romanian Patriarchy

# June 2003 - Second IPF seminar in Budapest

Research on the status of FCTC points in CEE Countries, exchange of information with others fellows.

15 June – 15 July 2003 –Visit at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) for studying BAT Guildford documents and other Tobacco Industry documents online.

- Cooperation with Dr. Anna Gilmore, Prof. Martin McKee and Irina Zatushevski for the document: "Pushing up smoking incidence: A review of Transnational Tobacco Company plans for a privatized tobacco industry in Moldova"
- Research related to TTC activity in Romania.

15 July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2003 – Preparation for the 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health – Helsinki

#### Three posters:

- AER PUR ROMANIA ACTIVITY INSIDE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ALLIANCE.
- QUIT & WIN 2002 ROMANIAN WEB PAGE.
- NOVEMBER 21, 2002, FIRST ROMANIAN NATIONAL NO-TOBACCO DAY.

#### Two oral presentations:

- GLOBAL PARTNERS TAKE ON THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY ACROSS BORDERS -CASE STUDY: ROMANIA AND MARYLAND, USA.
- FIGHTING TOBACCO IN ROMANIA JOB, HOBBY OR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY?

### **Ancillary meeting:**

TOBACCO CONTROL IN ROMANIA

## Chair of the meeting:

TOBACCO IN POLITICS

August 2003 – Participation to the 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health – Helsinki

October 2003 – Site visit in Moldova in order to support the OSI project there.

November 2003 – Working with other Romanian NGO's to set-up the Romanian Network for Smoking Prevention.

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December 2003 – Organization, in cooperation with the local mentors, of the "Smoke Free Hospitals" meeting in Bucharest.

With this occasion I had also meetings with people/organizations involved in tobacco control in Iasi, Timisoara, Cluj Napoca and Bucharest.

January – February 2004 – Documentation for the Research Paper

March 2004- Last IPF seminar in Budapest

March 2004 – Preparation of the Tobacco Control Strategic Planning Meeting in Sinaia, Romania, with participation of my local and international mentors.

April 2004 – Participation to the OSI "Tobacco and Economics" workshop in Bratislava-Slovakia and to the OSI-Public Health Network Meeting in Bled Slovenia.

Fieldwork in Bucharest – Preparation of the events for World No-Tobacco Day May - 31<sup>st</sup>

May 2004 – Preparation and participation like facilitator to the Framework Convention Alliance EURO training Workshop in Sinaia, Romania.

June 2004 – Preparation of the Tobacco Control Strategic Planning Meeting in Romania, with participation of my local and international mentors.

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