ROMANIA - political mapping and advocacy strategy in tobacco control

Interim activity report February-July 2003

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 CPSS 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 56th 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 - 31st

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 – 1st August 2003 – Preparation for the 12th 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