

MENTOR CRITIQUE FORM

Your name, position: **Assoc. Prof. Florin Dumitru Mihaltan, Vice-President of the Romanian Society of Pneumology**

Name of Fellow you have assisted: **Mr. Cornel Radu-Loghin**

1. What, in your opinion, have you and your Fellow/program/project gained from your cooperation thus far?

I work closely with the fellow from almost six years in the tobacco control field in Romania and the IPF is an effective and favorable framework to cooperate for concretize some plans regarding improvement of the resources available in Romania for the tobacco control advocates.

Our intention is to use the research performed during the fellowship period for publishing in Romanian language a comprehensive book about tobacco related problems.

2. Do certain areas of this Fellow's work need improvement? Which areas?

The fellow should complete the experience like advocate in the field with different scientific knowledge's from different areas linked to the tobacco and tobacco consumption cooperating with relevant experts (economists, health professionals).

3. In your opinion, does your Fellow's project make a significant contribution to the field?

YES, This kind of comprehensive research was never performed in Romania in the tobacco related fields. This research is opening new perspectives in this field.

4. Would the project be important to other countries in the CEE/fSU region?

YES, the project can be use like model in other countries and the results can be compared for the determination of the global aspects of the tobacco control in the region. The project is facilitating the relations with other regions from Europe.

5. Could the proposed policy research make an impact on the policy environment in specific countries or regions? (Policy makers, experts and policy research community)

YES, the policy papers that will be developed after the research phase can have a positive impact for the addressed targets (politicians, media, NGO's, health professionals). Specially for changing the opinion of our politicians concerning the policy environment this project is important .

6. Is the timetable for the project realistic?

YES and the fellow organized well his project and in time to finish his work.

7. Could the project benefit a large number of people?

YES, the general population of Romania can benefit if the developed policy papers will be transformed in legislative acts and coherent actions for decreasing the tobacco consumption in Romania. We can create with this project a certain pressure and lobby for influencing the epidemiological data of our country.

8. Does the Fellow show evidence that he/she can think strategically about the relevant project and/or field?

YES, and the experience in the tobacco control field were very important for the complex understanding of the related aspects and strategies. The project demonstrate that Mr. Cornel Radu Loghin has a global view of the tobacco profile of our country.

9. If the Fellow were to re-apply for continued OSI funding for follow-up work associated with the project, would you support continued funding?

YES, the project is very complex with many directions to follow, and more support from OSI is welcomed for the next period. Without collaboration and partnership in the future nothing is possible in the antitobacco battle.

10. Are there other appropriate funders that may support the project?

Probably only other funders from outside Romania because in Romania is very hard to obtain money for research and specifically for tobacco control research is almost impossible due to the lack of interests of the possible funders. We have the forces necessary to implement the projects but not the money.

Recommendations for other potential senior contacts for this Fellow:

The fellow has very good relations in the tobacco control community inside and outside Romania.