

ICO-WHO SYMPOSIUM ON TOBACCO CONTROL

2018 Symposium

Bridging the gap between
research and policies in
tobacco control



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Research in the tobacco control field dates back for decades and until now impressive amount of scientific evidence is accumulated as a result of numerous collaborative research projects and academic studies. Currently, hundreds of scientific publications in specialized tobacco control and public health peer-reviewed journals are published yearly. Even though such an important effort in terms of human resources and funds is devoted to tobacco control research, a gap between the local, national and supranational policies in place and current scientific evidence is unneglectable. Potential reasons for this gap are the insufficient or mistargeted dissemination of the research results, the tobacco industry interference, or the low priority of tobacco control policies in political agendas, among others.

The aim of this Symposium is to review the existing gaps between the scientific evidence from different areas of tobacco control and policies in place, their reasons and related challenges as well as to propose and debate on the steps the research community, policy makers and general public should take to bridge these gaps in the future.

Collaborating organizations:



9:00 h Registration

9:30 h Welcome to the participants

- Josep Maria Vilà, President, Catalan Institute of Oncology
- Kristina Mauer-Stender, Programme Manager, Tobacco Control Programme, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Joan Guix, Secretary of Public Health, Government of Catalonia

10:00 h Opening conference

“Advancing, evaluating, and defending tobacco control policies through research: Examples from the ITC Project”

Geoffrey T. Fong, University of Waterloo

10:45 h Discussion Moderator: Joan R. Villalbí, Public Health Agency of Barcelona

11:00 h Second conference

“Research on tobacco products taxation for global tobacco control”

Angel López-Nicolás, Polytechnic University of Cartagena

11:30 h Discussion Moderator: Marcela Fu, Catalan Institute of Oncology

11:45 h Third conference

“Impact of research on tobacco advertisement, promotion and sponsorship for tobacco control”

Ute Mons, German Center for Cancer Research

12:15 h Discussion Moderator: Carmen Cabezas, Public Health Agency of Catalonia

12:30 h Finger lunch and networking

14:00 h Fourth conference

“Research on ENDS and the national and EU legislation”

Constantine Vardavas, Hellenic Cancer Society

14:30 h Discussion Moderator: Jose M. Martínez-Sánchez, International University of Catalonia

14:45 h Fifth conference

“From tobacco research to tobacco control policies: the role of advocacy”

Xisca Sureda, University of Alcalá

15:15 h Discussion Moderator: Francisco Rodríguez, European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention

15:30 h Closing Round Table

“Mind the gap: tobacco control research and policies” with speakers and young tobacco control researchers

Speakers: G. Fong, A. López-Nicolás, U. Mons, X. Sureda, C. Vardavas.

Young researchers: Bela Amalia (ICO-IDIBELL, University of Barcelona), Eli Henderson (ASPB, Pompeu Fabra University), Nuria Matilla (International University of Catalonia), Roberto Valiente (Alcalá University).

Moderators: Maria J. López, Public Health Agency of Barcelona and K. Mauer-Stender, WHO Regional Office for Europe

16:30 h Closing remarks by Esteve Fernández (Symposium’s Chair)

Closing of the Symposium by Candela Calle, Director General, Catalan Institute of Oncology

Registration

Free registration on-line (before 16th November)

<https://ja.cat/ICOWHOregistration>

Venue

“Pau Viladiu” Auditorium

Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO)

Av. Granvia de l’Hospitalet 199-203, 08908 L’Hospitalet (Barcelona)

Language

The Symposium will be held in English.

Simultaneous translation into/from Spanish will be available.

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