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1 Introduction

Message from the ENSP President

Dear Reader,

As the new President of ENSP, let me first stress how proud I am to chair such a motivated and competent network. The tasks ENSP faces every day are numerous and difficult. Yet its members persist and flourish and energise the central office to continue to coordinate key smoking prevention actions for the benefit of our community.

In this year of financial crisis and structural difficulties the ENSP maintained its key roles with the help of you, our members, and generous financial support for our activities from the EC. I would highlight our activities in adding value to public health actions through the synergies achieved by cooperation with other European public health organisations. Together, we supported national and European legislative developments in the frame of smoke-free environments, and we helped to thwart our opponents' attempts to misinform and mislead European institutions.

In addition, ENSP members committed directly to the implementation of the 4th year of the "HELP! For a life without tobacco" initiated and funded by the European Commission, thus contributing to raising awareness of the dangers of the tobacco products amongst our children.

Finally, thanks to the good will and the dedication of passionate ENSP supporters, the regular information dissemination was maintained within the network, enabling up-to-date and coordinated debates amongst its members.

But the fight is far from being won. While our organisation struggles for resources, the tobacco industry keeps making huge profits at the expense of millions of human lives around the world. New challenges still await ENSP, who, without doubt, will take them up efficiently.



Professor Luke Clancy
President

Secretary General's Viewpoint

Tobacco products kill !

ENSP is making a difference in tobacco control. With more than ten years of experience behind us, we are a strong network through which information runs to every corner of Europe and back. We can assess opinions and political possibilities; find volunteers to cooperate on joint projects; rally for advocacy activities; borrow ideas and exchange views.

However, there is an increasing need for an advocacy role in Europe. The current changes and developments in other European and international organizations bring new possibilities for ENSP development. The past and future enlargement of the EU necessitates the development of ENSP.

We now look forward to implementing our strategies to strengthen our coordinated actions in:

- Protecting children and adolescents,
- Reducing health costs,
- Improving workers' productivity,
- Keeping tobacco control high on the local, national, and international political agenda,
- Strengthening and speeding up the move towards a smoke-free Europe,
- Resisting the tobacco industry,
- De-normalising tobacco use,
- ...
- In short: SAVING LIVES !

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Grogna". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left and a vertical stroke intersecting it.

Francis Grogna
Secretary General

2 Operation

Secretariat

In accordance with the ENSP statutes, the day-to-day operations of the ENSP Network are delegated by the General Assembly to the ENSP Secretariat, which manages the Brussels office. The ENSP Secretariat is located at: 144 Chaussée d'Ixelles, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium.

In 2008 the ENSP Secretariat employed four members of staff comprising:

Francis Grogna, Secretary General (full-time). The Secretary General oversees the operations of the Secretariat and is responsible for supervising and managing the ongoing activities and projects, managing the Secretariat's financial affairs, overall co-ordination of the Secretariat's work plan, fund-raising, implementing policy and strategy priorities, sponsorship and administration of grants, reporting back to the Executive Board and the General Assembly.

Ana Camões, Administration and Finance Assistant (full-time; on maternity and parental leave as of August), who was responsible for office management, logistics, financial reporting on grants, events logistics, as well as administrative and financial services. In August, Ms Camoes took a 6-month maternity and parental leave. Her tasks were taken over by Francis Grogna and Sophie Van Damme.

Michael Forrest, Information Officer (full-time), who was responsible for information dissemination throughout the network, press releases, information releases, drafting of the European News Bulletin, updating the ENSP website, communications, drafting reports and minutes and management of publications. Mr Forrest left ENSP in June. His tasks were then taken over by Francis Grogna and Sophie Van Damme.

Sophie Van Damme, Liaison Officer (part-time), who manages membership affairs, maintains and oversees the ENSP statutes, liaises with network members, and manages capacity-building and events.

The ENSP Secretariat has a key role in ensuring the smooth operation of the ENSP network. The Secretariat acts as a turntable between the members of the network by ensuring that information requests are followed up and distributed among members, by reporting back to the members, by informing the members what is happening in Brussels and keeping them updated on developments in all European countries. The Secretariat serves as a central contact point for all members' needs and reacts to individual focuses of action, creating increased visibility for the ENSP members both individually and as a group. Likewise, the Secretariat initiates calls for action among the members creating international attention for different priorities, when the need arises.

The amount and variety of works the ENSP secretariat has to face are considerable. It appeared from the analysis of the past experience that the secretariat had to be strengthened so that its competencies better cope with the current needs in European tobacco control. A working group made of staff and coalition members analysed the situation and recommended the restructuring of the Brussels office so that the competencies in policy and communication could be reinforced. The Policy Manager position was elaborated and the recruitment processes started in October, and the final selection was foreseen in January 2009.

Executive Board

The Executive Board of the European Network for Smoking Prevention, which had been elected for a period of two years in 2006, comprised the following members in 2008:

Dr Elizabeth Tamang (Italy, President)
Professor Luke Clancy (Ireland, Vice-President)
Luis Reis Lopes (Portugal, Treasurer)
Dr Luminița Sanda (Romania)
Mervi Hara (Finland, coopted)
Jørgen Falk (Denmark, coopted)

A new Executive Board was elected for a period of two years at the General Assembly in Brussels on 4 April 2008:

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The ENSP Executive Board plays a very important role in the life of the network. Not only does the Board develop a vision of the network's involvement in tobacco control at European level, but the Board members can also participate in direct actions at the political level or in other fields.

The ENSP Executive Board convened five times in 2008: 25 January (teleconference), 4 April, 18 April (teleconference), 25 May (teleconference), 31 October. These meetings concentrated mainly on updates on ENSP activities and planning a strategy for the way ahead and the development of the network. Challenges in 2008 were considerable, among which the restructuring of the secretariat and of the membership to facilitate their development, the negotiation phases with the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers in the frame of the grant agreements 2006316 and 2008275. The new President's commitment was key to overcome these difficulties.

Coalitions

In accordance with the ENSP statutes, membership of ENSP is made up of national coalitions comprising both governmental bodies and non-governmental organisations. This mechanism is designed to ensure that as broad a range of interests as possible is represented by the national coalitions and also functions to guarantee representativeness within the network. In 2008 the ENSP network comprised national coalitions from the countries listed hereafter. The national coalitions comprise over 500 member organisations. ENSP is in contact with the member organisations via the national representatives (two per country, with one each in Bulgaria, Hungary, Luxembourg and Switzerland):

Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Netherlands
Czech Republic	Norway
Denmark	Poland
Finland	Portugal (<i>under reconstruction</i>)
France	Romania
Germany	Slovakia
Greece	Slovenia
Hungary	Spain
Iceland	Sweden
Ireland	Switzerland
Italy	United Kingdom

Although no formal application for membership had been received, ENSP also maintained contacts with individual tobacco control advocates and organisations active in the field in Malta and Estonia.

Additionally, ENSP also comprises International Network members active in European tobacco control within specific specialised, professional contexts. The International Networks are:

European Federation of Allergy and Airway Diseases Patients Association
European Network of Smoke-free Hospitals
European Union of Non-Smokers
International Network of Women Against Tobacco (INWAT-Europe).

It appeared from the analysis of the past experience that the network had to be strengthened so that its membership better cope with its needs in term of rights, obligations, development and funding possibilities. A working group made coalition members and secretariat staff analysed the situation. Its recommendations and proposals were discussed during the annual General Assembly meeting in April. The conclusions were followed up by the Secretariat and the Board, and the process of revision of the statutes started in November. The draft of the revised statutes will be finalised and voted during the General Assembly meeting of 2009.

General Assembly and Network Meetings

In accordance with the ENSP statutes, a General Assembly must take place at least once a year to approve the annual accounts, the annual reports and the minutes of the previous General Assembly, discuss the ongoing business of the Network and take decisions and vote on both strategic and structural issues.

The ENSP Secretariat organised the General Assembly meeting in Brussels on 4 April 2008. During this meeting, the annual accounts and annual report for year 2007 were detailed and approved. The budget 2008 was voted and the new members of the Executive Board were elected. The activities and outputs for 2008 were examined and discussed in detail, as well as the long-term future of the network.

Due to the number of international conferences already taking place in October/November, the Network Meeting initially foreseen during this period had to be postponed to 2009.

Conferences, seminars and workshops

The ENSP secretariat supported, contributed to and/or participated in the following important events:

International smokefree movies conference, Liverpool, 20 February 2008

Hosted by the SmokeFree Liverpool youth group, D-MYST

More information is available at:

<http://www.smokefreeliverpool.com/index.php/smoke-free-movies>

MEP Heart Group meeting, Brussels, 26 February 2008

More information is available at:

<http://www.ehnheart.org/content/ItemEvent.asp?docid=7049&level0=2133&level1=2138&month=0>

Infoday, Luxembourg, 12 March 2008

Organized by the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers

More information is available at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/funding/infoday.html>

Implementing the new EU Health strategy, Brussels, 13 March 2008

Organised by EuroHealthNet

This meeting brought together a broad representation of public health advocates and examined ways of implementing the health strategy in real terms that are relevant to all actors. It also outlined the special role health professionals have to play in this.

ECL Tobacco Control Campaign Workshop, Brussels, 17 March 2008

Organized by ECL – European Cancer Leagues

More information is available at:

<http://www.europeancancerleagues.org/internet/en/page.asp?SM=395&SM2=378&AI=251&niv=2&Sid=GP&doss=DOSS>

A Call to Action: Successful Tobacco Control for the Future, Cardiff, 28-29 April 2008

More information is available at:

<http://www.smoking-conference-wales.org.uk/>

“CardioPneumo AIMEF 2008”: 3rd International Conference on Cardiovascular and Respiratory Disease in Family Medicine, Bari (Italy), 14-17 May 2008

ENSP supported and encouraged this event, to which Italian coalition members were invited.

More information is available at:

www.cardiopneumoaimef.it

The role of article 5.3 of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in protecting public policy from tobacco industry influence, Brussels, 15 July 2008

Organized by the Smoke-free Partnership

Hosted by the European Parliament

More information is available at:

<http://www.smokefreepartnership.eu/The-role-of-article-5-3-of-the-WHO>

Workshop on Taxation and Illicit Trade of Tobacco Products, Leuven (Belgium), 3-4 September 2008

Organized by the Smoke-free Partnership and European Cancer Leagues

More information is available at:

<http://www.smokefreepartnership.eu/Workshop-on-Taxation-and-Illicit>

EU Health Policy Forum, Luxembourg, 4 September 2008

Organised by the European Commission

The aim of the Health Policy Forum is to bring together umbrella organisations representing stakeholders in the health sector to ensure that the EU's health strategy is open, transparent and responds to the public concerns. The intention is to provide an opportunity to organise consultations, to exchange views and experience on a wide range of topics, and to assist in implementation and follow-up of specific initiatives

More information can be obtained at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_overview/health_forum/policy_forum_en.htm

Evening Dinner Debate “From Smoke Free Environments to Smoke Free Citizens - Smoking Cessation, Helping Europe to Quit”, Brussels, 9 September 2008

Hosted by Avril Doyle MEP, Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health & Food Safety

Open consultation on the Tobacco control priorities for the work plan 2009 of the second Programme of Community action in the field of Health (2008-2013), Brussels, 10 September 2008

Organized by the European Commission

More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_programme/wp2009_en.htm

European Respiratory Society Annual Congress 2008, Berlin, 4-8 October 2008

More information is available at:

<http://dev.ersnet.org/412-welcome-address.htm>

Communicating Health: the Tobacco Example Conference, Brussels, 9-11 October 2008

Organized by the European Commission

More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/life_style/Tobacco/help/ev_20081009_en.htm

DG SANCO Conference 'Delivering for Tomorrow's European Consumers', Brussels, 29-30 October 2008

Organized by the European Commission

More information is available at: <http://www.sanco-tomorrow.eu/>

2e Congrès de la Société française de tabacologie, Paris, 20-22 November 2008

More information is available at:

<http://www.csft2008.fr/pages/44alhome.html>

EU Open Health Forum 2008 - Developing and Implementing Health in the European Union, Brussels, 10 – 11 December 2008

Organized by the European Commission

More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_overview/health_forum/open_2008/program_en.htm

ALDE Public Hearing on "Can snus reduce smoking in Europe?", Brussels, 10 December 2008

Co-hosted by Henrik Lax; Liz Lynne; Jules Maaten; Vittorio Prodi MEPs

<i><u>Information and Capacity-building</u></i>

In 2008 ENSP continued to consolidate and expand its central mission of providing information services and opportunities for capacity-building to its members.

Information services include, but are not limited to, a regularly updated ENSP website featuring information releases (from both the ENSP Secretariat and also from the national networks and the international networks), essential and up-to-date tobacco control information, overviews of smoke-free developments throughout Europe, information about publications and latest reports, bulletins about upcoming specialised conferences and events, a weekly European News Bulletin, news and reports, position papers, as well as a European observatory on tobacco control.

In addition, the ENSP website also incorporates a members only feature, which is used regularly for discussion forums and exchanges of information between selected user groups, thus facilitating communication on projects, work plans and for different working groups.

Over 42,000 visitors consulted the ENSP website in 2008.

Finally, in order to support the ENSP and its coalition's visibility, a leaflet titled 'ENSP is making a difference in tobacco control' was developed, with the special contributions of Danish and German members. 2000 copies were printed, out of which 1500 were dispatched directly to the ENSP members. The leaflet was also widely distributed during international conferences and workshops attended by the ENSP secretariat.

ENSP contribution to the European Commission consultation with EU experts, civil society and social partners on impact assessment on smoke-free environments

ENSP members and ENSP secretariat representatives participated in the consultation meeting with EU and international experts, civil society and social partners, organised in Brussels on 19/03 by DG SANCO as part of the Impact Assessment supporting the Commission's forthcoming initiative on smoke-free environments. The intention of this meeting was to have an open discussion and get the participants' comments on the likely health, social and economic impacts of various policy options at EU level.

The very close coordination with European partners, especially the Smoke-free Partnership, the European Cancer Leagues, the European Heart Network, and the European Federation of Allergy and Airway Diseases Patients Association enabled the development of strong strategies and answers to the consultation. Also, ENSP and its partners strongly expressed their opposition to the presence during the meeting of a tobacco industry representative. DG SANCO accepted the arguments and met the character later separately.

Finally, the ENSP disseminated amongst its members additional questions asked by the EC on the economic burden of passive smoking and coordinated the preparation of the replies.

ENSP Directory 2008

The *ENSP Directory 2008* was finalized in May 2008, with the special contributions of Belgian and Swedish members. For budgetary reasons, it was decided not to print it. A pdf file was realized and made available to the ENSP members via the ENSP website. The directory aims to facilitate contacts in order to promote networking and the exchange of information and experience among colleagues and health professionals on both national and European levels. The directory is classified by country and lists the contact organisations and persons who are related to the ENSP network. It gathers information from about 500 organisations in the 28 member countries of the ENSP. It also lists the national Tobacco or Health counterparts of WHO. This directory is designed to be a communication tool for tobacco control advocates.

Support to national coalitions

Via the coordination of the dissemination of information, petitions or campaign letters mainly, the ENSP secretariat brought specific direct support to some ENSP members' national efforts, especially Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Slovenia, and Switzerland.

FCTC

In 2008, the ENSP secretariat concentrated on the dissemination of information related to COP3 and Article 5.3.

In the process of the elections of FCA Board of Directors, support to two ENSP member representatives at the EURO and AT-LARGE position was also coordinated.

EC-ENSP Grant Agreement 2006316 (June 2007 – May 2008)

The main objectives of the agreement were as follows:

- to develop practical steps and tools to promote smoke-free places at European and national levels;
- to follow-up or assist monitoring of the implementation of FCTC;
- to analyse the current situation in Europe with regard to SHS exposure from a gender and especially young women's perspective;
- to bring together experiences from countries that have implemented comprehensive smoking bans in public places (including educational establishments and workplaces) to help other countries do the same and explore the impact of smoking bans on young women;
- to identify next actions for the protection of women from SHS and specific research needs;
- to develop a set of recommendations for the future review of the health and combined warnings.

During the contract activity period, various meetings and conferences, joint activities and communications with network members and other health organisations helped ENSP to gain an extensive and in-depth understanding of the work of tobacco control advocates. This capacity was in turn used to focus the planned project activities in the context of European tobacco control and to further implement and develop these activities.

The main meetings attended are listed below.

- EU Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 1 June 2007
- Launch of European Heart Health Charter, Brussels, 12 June 2007
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 13 June 2007
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 18 July 2007
- Towards a Smoke-free Society conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, 10-11 September 2007 (www.smokefreeconference07.com)
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 19 September 2007
- DG SANCO Away Day, Helecine, Belgium, 21 September 2007
- 4th European Conference Tobacco or Health 2007, Basel, Switzerland, 11-13 October 2007 (www.ectoh07.org)
- Evolution of Health Following Enlargement – HEM Closing the Gap, Brussels, 23 October 2007
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 7 November 2007
- ENSP Network Meeting and General Assembly, Cascais, Portugal, 15-17 November 2007
- EU Health Policy Forum, Brussels, 28 November 2007
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 5 December 2007
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 6 February 2008
- ENSP General Assembly, Brussels, 4 April 2008
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 5 March 2008
- EuroHealthNet/IUHPE Policy seminar, Brussels, 13 March 2008
- EPHA's Policy coordination meeting, Brussels, 7 May 2008

Furthermore, ENSP members received several briefing papers and information notes on an ad hoc basis for information purposes and also to bring to their attention different topics for more in-depth discussion, essentially:

13.06.07 – Information Release – Smoke-free developments – Austria

The Medical University of Vienna has declared that it will not accept any funding from the tobacco industry and intends to promote independent research on the effects of active and passive smoking.

13.06.07 – Reminder: DG Research – European Public Health Research in action (FP7)

Public health is for the first time a theme in the Framework Programme and it is important that the EU community responds and asks for funding.

19.06.07 – Information Release – Snus

Three new papers appearing in The Lancet.

06.07.07 – Information Release – Netherlands

Dutch Parliament agreed on 5th July 2007 with minister of Health Klink's intention to ban smoking from bars and restaurants per July 2008.

13.07.07 – FCTC COP2 outcomes

Report to ENSP members on outcomes of COP2.

24.07.07 – Information Release – New Award for International Tobacco Industry Documents

The Public Health Advocacy Institute and University of California, San Francisco Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education offer a new award to promote innovative uses of tobacco industry documents.

24.07.07 – Information Release – Smokeless Tobacco

Consultation process on smokeless tobacco products launched.

14.09.07 – Information – MEPs call for unrestricted smoking ban

On 12 September 2007 the European Parliament's Committee on Health and the Environment asked the Commission to propose, by 2008, an unrestricted smoking ban in all enclosed workplaces.

05.10.07 – Information – Switzerland

The National Council of Switzerland voted the law on protection of non-smokers (111 for, 64 against), but granted far-reaching exemptions for the hospitality sector.

25.10.07 – Information – European Parliament calls for EU-wide ban on smoking in the workplace

In its first response to a Commission consultation document, the European Parliament called for wide-ranging measures to restrict smoking in public places and make it harder for under-age people to purchase cigarettes.

25.10.07 – Information – European Parliament plenary – Strasbourg – Vote and debate on Tobacco smoke – policy options at EU level

MEPs adopted a resolution by 561 in favour to 63 against on the basis of an own initiative report on tobacco smoke by former ENVI committee chair Karl-Heinz Florenz (EPP-ED).

15.01.08 – Information – European Parliament plenary – Strasbourg – Vote and debate on Tobacco smoke – policy options at EU level

The new composition of the Board of Directors of the Framework Convention Alliance.

08.02.08 – Information – Course – Treating Nicotine Addiction: What you can do to help your patients quit smoking

The Cyprus International Institute for the Environment and Public Health in association with the Harvard School of Public Health organised a continuing professional education course entitled Treating Nicotine Addiction: What you can do to help your patients quit smoking.

18.02.08 – Information – Martina Pötschke-Langer receives Federal Cross of Merit
Dr. Martina Pötschke-Langer, a scientist at the German Cancer Research Centre and head of the WHO Collaboration Centre for Tobacco Control in Heidelberg, was awarded the Federal Cross of Merit for her services to education about the risks of smoking and cancer prevention.

19.02.08 – Information – Outcome of illicit trade protocol INB-1
The first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body established to negotiate and draft a protocol on illicit trade was concluded in Geneva.

04.03.08 – Information – OFT press release – A risk-free cigarette does not exist
La fumée du tabac tue. Il n’y a pas d’espoir de cigarettes saines.

24.04.08 – Information – Answer to written question on Smoking and blindness
In response to the parliamentary Question E-0874/2007 I tabled in February 2007 on smoking and blindness, the Commission indicated that it would propose to the Regulatory Committee a plan for the review of the list of warnings that can be applied to tobacco products in the fourth quarter of 2007.

24.04.08 – Information – CONSULT EU research project on indoor air and transport good practice
HEAL questionnaire about stakeholder needs with regard to information on transport and environment and exchanging good practices.

05.05.08 – Information – Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) no. 1782/2003 regarding transfer of tobacco aid to Community Tobacco Fund for 2008 and 2009
Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 as regards the transfer of tobacco aid to the Community Tobacco Fund for the years 2008 and 2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 with regard to financing of the Community Tobacco Fund

05.05.08 – Information – Answer to written question on the Revision of Tobacco Products Directive and follow-up of resolution P6_TA(2007)0471
Answer given by Commissioner Vassiliou on behalf of the Commission on 25 April 2008.

Four work packages required specific attention:

WP 5: Creating a database on Enterprises - Implementing smoke-free work place policies

The overall objective of this work package was to develop practical steps and tools to promote smoke-free work places. Two levels of actions had been established:

- 1) European level: build a policy document for smoke-free work places, which would include a set of recommendations for building/implementing policies for smoke-free work places.
- 2) National level: list smoke-free workplaces and enterprises in a European database with the aim of encouraging employers.

Cooperation with the ENWHP (European Network for Workplace Health Promotion) was to be sought.

During the implementation of the work package, it was observed that similar measures as those foreseen, which had not been in the public domain when the WP was being planned, were already taken by the tobacco control community to encourage smoke-free workplaces, or by national authorities to legislate in the matter.

Therefore, instead of repeating uselessly what was already done, the work package was used to maintain key actions in the same field, i.e. smoke-free environments. The ENSP secretariat focused on supporting the undertaken policy steps by compiling, delivering and maintaining the information as key references to its members (ENSP website, members section). This demonstrated to be very

efficient, among others as a tool to help ENSP members to follow up the public consultation on the Green paper on smoke-free environments and to contribute to and follow up the European Commission stakeholder consultation on smoke-free environments held in March 2008. In addition, the role of the ENSP secretariat was also key in this process thanks to its close communication and liaison with Brussels based organisations like SFP, EHN and ECL, as well as with DG SANCO C6.

WP 6: Monitor the implementation of FCTC

ENSP was to create a network of national “teams” of a few specialists in the EU and EFTA countries who would have monitored the implementation of FCTC in their particular countries. The project included the formulation of a set of recommendations on the best ways to monitor implementation of particular articles of the FCTC and also how to promote stronger legislation at national level. Collaboration with FCA (Framework Convention Alliance) was to be sought. As a general framework of monitoring exercise, the “national teams” would have been responsible for collecting information in the light of Art. 21 of the Convention. The project also aimed to focus on specific research capacity that is needed on tobacco control policy monitoring and evaluation at national level. ENSP would ask the experts in the national teams to describe gaps in research and information in their country. Special attention would be given to those areas of the FCTC in which the development of protocols was expected.

During the implementation of the work package, meetings (during the ECTOH in Basel, October 2007 among others) and conversations with the FCA representatives (Laurent Huber (FCA, Director), Deborah Arnott (ASH UK – EURO representative in FCA board) and Natasha Jategaonkar (Project Manager, FCA FCTC monitoring), led to the conclusion that the work planned by ENSP and that one already developed by FCA were similar. Indeed, the FCA had developed an FCTC monitoring system (http://www.fctc.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=100&Itemid=21), and WHO TFI various programmes and projects, especially the TFI (Tobacco Free Initiative - <http://www.who.int/tobacco/en/>), especially dealing with Research and Policy, Surveillance, Capacity Building,

Therefore, in order to avoid double work, ENSP concentrated on supporting the FCA Project Manager in the frame of the 2nd year monitoring process, and on contributing to the FCTC developments.

WP7: Young women’s exposure to Second Hand Smoke

Women have the highest exposure to SHS and are also the ones who pay the highest price. Lung cancer death rates in the EU are nearly 3 times higher for female compared to male non-smokers. Over 75% of SHS-related deaths occur among women. SHS is also an important issue for young people, not just in terms of the risks to their health in the immediate and longer term, but also the impact that being exposed to smokers, and thus their perceptions of the social acceptability of smoking, has on their likelihood of becoming a smoker.

However, we knew little about young women’s exposure across Europe and how this issue could be addressed. Therefore, there was a crucial need for a review of literature and reports, and a survey regarding:

- SHS exposure and health effects in relation to young women;
- Major sources and settings for exposure for young women and variations between countries and groups;
- Situation across Europe particularly in central/eastern/accession countries and policy on reducing SHS exposure among young women;

- Impact (process and outcome) of smoke-free legislation in countries that have implemented smoking bans in public places and work places from a young women's perspective.

The main objectives of this work package were to:

1. Analyse the current situation in Europe as to second hand smoking (SHS) exposure from a gender and especially young women's perspective
2. Bring together experiences from countries that have implemented comprehensive smoking bans in public places (including education and workplaces) to
 - (i) Help other countries to do the same and
 - (ii) Explore their impact on young women.
3. Identify next actions for the protection of women from second hand smoke and specific research needs.

As a result, and in very close partnership with the Advisory Board for the International Network of Women Against Tobacco – Europe (INWAT-Europe), the report *'Exposing the Evidence - Women and Second Hand Smoke in Europe'* was published and can be found at <http://www.ensp.org/newsreports/latestreports>

In summary:

In 2005, INWAT Europe held an Expert Seminar on Women and Secondhand Smoke in Europe in Barcelona. This highlighted both the importance of this issue for European women's health and the need to develop a better understanding of the gendered nature of the issue in order to develop more effective interventions and programmes to reduce SHS exposure. This report builds on the findings of the Expert Seminar by examining exposure to SHS in Europe from a sex and gender perspective. The specific aims of the report are to analyse the available evidence on SHS, including health effects, place and levels of exposure and the impact of interventions such as smoke-free legislation, to inform and progress effective gender-sensitive action on this issue in Europe.

The report presents and considers several different types of evidence and information. These include:

- a literature review of recent expert reports and reviews, papers in peer reviewed journals, 'grey' literature including survey reports from different countries with a specific focus on identifying sex and gender differences.
- interviews with key informants working in tobacco control in eight countries from across Europe to provide an up-to-date view of the current situation in the region.
- a seminar where members of the INWAT-Europe Advisory Board drew on the findings of the literature review and the interviews to develop recommendations for gender-sensitive action at the national and European levels. These recommendations are supported by ENSP.

The report and its findings are of importance for both the European tobacco control community and the European women's health movement. We hope that by showing the necessity of taking gender-sensitive approaches to addressing SHS, it will contribute to and support the increasing momentum in Europe toward creating more effective smoke-free policies in both public and private spaces.

WP8: Research into textual warnings and combined warnings on tobacco products in Europe

The EU has developed a set of measures against tobacco, one of them on the labelling of tobacco products (adopted November 1989). Since January 1992, tar and nicotine yields must be indicated on cigarette packets and all tobacco products must carry a general warning like 'Tobacco seriously damages health' and in addition there are pictorial images which Member States may adopt on

tobacco packaging. Two main target groups have been identified as benefiting most from on-pack tobacco labels: smokers who are contemplating quitting; and young people experimenting with smoking.

The intention with this work package was to map and review the scientific and technical progress on health warnings and combined warnings, not only in Europe, but also in Canada and Australia, and to develop a set of recommendations for the future review of the health and the combined warnings.

The report, which is available only via the members' section of the ENSP website (www.ensp.org), was elaborated in very close collaboration with external experts, among which Garfield Mahood, OC, Executive Director, Non-Smokers' Rights Association (Canada), who had also attended the ENSP network meeting in Cascais (November 2007). It is structured as follows:

- 1) Addressing the tobacco epidemic through a creative approach to tobacco warnings and packaging. Comments on Canada's warning system: how it evolved and its strengths and weaknesses
- 2) Overview of health warnings on tobacco products in Australia
- 3) Tobacco health warnings in Europe
- 4) Overview of international findings from literature search
- 5) Potential innovations in health warnings and pictorial warnings
- 6) Summary of the FCTC and the FCA recommendations
- 7) ENSP recommendations for the revision of the Tobacco products directive (2001/37/EC)

***EC-Tabac & Liberté Grant agreement 2005319 (September 2006 – May 2008):
General Practitioners and the Economics of Smoking Cessation in Europe (PESCE project)***

In June 2006 the European Commission awarded a 60% co-funding to PESCE, a European project drawing together 31 partners from 27 countries.

Tabac & Liberté, the largest non-governmental organisation in Europe specialising in smoking cessation training of general practitioners on national level, was the initiator and co-ordinator of this large scale project. Sixteen organisations and institutions from France, Slovakia, Spain, Ireland, Hungary, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, UK, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Portugal, Poland contribute financially and share the scientific responsibility of the project. Fifteen collaborating partners from Norway, Cyprus, Estonia, Belgium, Latvia, Switzerland, Sweden, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Romania, Finland, Slovenia, Denmark, Lithuania have agreed to contribute their expert advice and individual experience.

The aim of the project was to develop evidence-based policy recommendations that will motivate policy-makers to take measures that increase smoking cessation interventions by General Practitioners in Europe.

PESCE's objectives were:

- to promote increased smoking cessation interventions of GPs in Europe by addressing the socio-economic environment of GPs' practice;
- to motivate decision-makers to change the working environment of GPs through policy measures;
- to highlight the economic benefit from increased smoking cessation interventions on the health care budget in Europe;
- to support the integration of prevention into the health care systems in Europe.

As a collaborating partner in this project, ENSP provided expertise and support for specific actions as and when required. Among others, ENSP organized a European press conference on 6 June 2008 in Brussels where the results of the research and the policy recommendations were presented to international journalists. The meeting was also attended by European Commission and WHO representatives.

More information and the full report in several languages can be found at:

http://www.tabac-liberte.com/m_pages.asp?menu=65&page=182

***EC-PCT Liverpool Grant Agreement 2007303 (July 2008 – June 2010):
Working with Communities to Reduce Health Inequalities: Protecting Children and Young People from Tobacco***

The primary objective of the project is to develop effective methods of engaging local communities and peer groups to bring about lifestyle changes that generate positive health outcomes and reduce health inequalities. Focusing on tobacco control priorities, this project aims to develop the tools to reduce (1) high smoking prevalence rates amongst young people and (2) exposure of children and young people to second-hand smoke. The project targets children and young people from socially excluded and disadvantaged communities that have poor health indicators.

The project was developed in the course of the first half-year of 2007 by a European programme management group (PMG) lead by Liverpool Primary Care Trust. It will receive financial support from the European Commission in the frame of the Public Health Programme 2008-2013.

This two-year project is due to kick off during the first half-year of 2008. It involves an informal but established network of the main, 10 associated and 6 collaborative partners from 15 Member States. The project builds on the activities of the Working with Communities Network, supported by Smoke-free Liverpool and the European Network for Smoking Prevention. Partners will work together to deliver a series of integrated activities and objectives. Specifically, the project will, in five Member States, pilot innovative and comparable tobacco control interventions that engage local communities and peer groups. The project aims to assess the effectiveness of these interventions and will culminate in the development and launch – at a European-wide conference – of (1) a cross-cultural community engagement tool-kit and (2) policy recommendations for European, national, regional and local policy-makers.

The Working with Communities Network's initial activities suggest that addressing tobacco control issues which affect children and young people will be more effective when local communities and peer groups are involved in the solutions. They also indicate that protecting children from tobacco smoke by reducing smoking in homes is more likely to succeed where smoking is more widely banned. However, significant gaps remain in fully understanding the effectiveness of such interventions: there is generally a lack of evaluation or robust evidence of impact or health outcomes. Equally, there is little understanding of how community and peer group engagement methods might be transferable to different cultural contexts and where traditions of governance and public health service delivery differ. This project attempts to fill these important gaps.

As an Associated Partner, ENSP's activities in this project are co-funded by the European Commission in the frame of the Public Health Programme. ENSP's primary roles in this project are to:

- be a member of the Project's Management Group (PMG);
- work jointly with other partners to deliver key project deliverables;
- be the Work Package Lead for and deliver Work Package 2: Dissemination of the results;
- be the Work Package Lead for Work Package 7: Developing Tool Kit and Policy Recommendations;
- support the project's administrative and reporting requirements

EC-ENSP Grant Agreement 2008275 (January – December 2009):

Further to the publication of the EC workplan and call for applications, ENSP elaborated an application for an operating grant in April-May. It was accepted by the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers in August. A 60% co-funding was granted. The workplan and the budget were re-drafted in the course of October/November to cope with the new requirements of the EAHC. The contract was signed in December, and its implementation will start on 1st January 2009.

EC/IFT-Nord (Institut für Therapie- und Gesundheitsforschung gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mbH) Grant Agreement (January 2009 – June 2010)

Smoking in movies: Impact on European youth and policy options

ENSP supported and contributed to the development of the IFT-Nord application for funding their project targeting smoking in movies.

The general objectives of the project are:

- 1) To quantify smoking in European movies and assess its association with smoking among European adolescents.
- 2) To analyse current policies in all Member States with regard to smoking in movies, and to develop policies to reduce exposure to smoking in movies that can be applied at the local, national, EU, and international levels (WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control).

ENSP is a collaborating partner in the project (no co-funding) and will contribute to the dissemination of the results.

<i><u>HELP! For a life without tobacco</u></i>

In 2008, ENSP was involved in various actions implemented in the frame of the HELP campaign. In parallel, the ENSP secretariat managed the financial administration of specific projects realized by ENSP members and partners:

- 1) Austria: Raising awareness of household smoking on child health and of benefits of smokefree schools
- 2) Belgium: Beau vélo de Ravel
- 3) Cyprus: Action in schools
- 4) Czech Republic: Increasing the awareness how to stop smoking in the Czech Republic, including health impact of both active and passive smoking
- 5) Denmark: HELP smoking cessation events
- 6) Estonia: “Prisoner for life?” Estonian HELP actions for smoking prevention
- 7) Finland: We’ll be Smokefree!
- 8) France and Germany: Raise awareness of young population in Germany, France and Belgium on the harm effects of water pipe smoking
- 9) Hungary: Strengthening local knowledge on European tobacco control efforts and improving social and media impact of the international HELP campaign
- 10) Italy: Spreading HELP Tobacco Campaign in Italy
- 11) The Netherlands: A Counsellor in the field! - 10 Help Events with smoking cessation counselling
- 12) Romania: “Help your lungs to breathe” – a Campaign Targeting Workers
- 13) Slovakia: Evidence-based school programs in tobacco control- development of educational textbook providing basic information on tobacco use in youngsters

- 14) Slovenia: Reducing the tobacco consumption among the young in Slovenia
- 15) Sweden: Fostering Action for Tobacco Control among Health Professional and Teaching School Students

Involvement developing synergies with other European public health organisations

In continuity of 2007, special focus was placed on strengthening communication and collaboration between ENSP and other European public health organisations based in Brussels. In addition to the regular e-mail exchanges, several co-ordination meetings were held with the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA), the Smoke-free Partnership (SFP), the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the European Federation of Allergy and Airway Diseases Patients Association (EFA), the European Cancer Leagues (ECL) and the European Heart Network (EHN) to exchange views and develop strategies on priority topics.

3 Financial report

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MANAGEMENT REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Dear Members,

As prescribed in the statutes of the International Association, it is our honour to lay before you the annual report for the year ended on December 31, 2008.

Please find hereafter a synthesis of the result of the last four social years.

	RESULTS 2008	RESULTS 2007	RESULTS 2006
	€	€	€
A. OPERATING INCOMES			
Membership fee (invoices sent)	89.900,00	84.000,00	63.893,00
Membership fee (recovering 5/12 from previous year)	-	25.479,00	-
Publications	575,00	7.344,00	-
E.C. subsidies 2002411 (15/09/02-30/11/03)	-	1.300,00	-
E.C. subsidies Grant 2003307 (01/12/03-28/02/05)	42.483,78	291.757,75	-
E.C. subsidies Grant 2004323 (01/03/05-31/05/06)	-	238.478,23	310.011,29
E.C. subsidies Grant 2005326 (01/06/06-31/05/07)	-	76.112,30	137.956,41
E.C. subsidies Grant 2006316 (01/06/07-31/05/08)	48.226,07	90.391,05	-
E.C. subsidies Grant 2007303 (01/09/08-30/09/10)	1.125,00	-	-
E.C. HELP campaign	124.313,29	255.578,38	131.893,00
Financial participation Regions	-	25.000,00	680,50
Extraordinary contributions	-	-	964,68
Recovering personnel cost provisions	570,07	866,55	881,81
Reimbursement of costs	2.674,88	-	-
Other operating incomes	1.538,78	28.084,45	-
Recovery of provisions (EC audits)	122.956,38	-	-
Financial Income	18.447,11	19.071,07	8.285,61
Recovery of provisions (risks and charges)	3.000,00	-	-
TOTAL INCOMES	455.810,36	1.143.462,78	654.566,30
B. CHARGES			
Services and other goods	226.833,15	791.770,26	374.405,22
Remuneration	158.371,33	259.770,06	257.009,72
Depreciation	272,97	-	49,01
Other Operating Charges	-	-	-
Provisions for risks and charges	20.500,00	20.500,00	-
Financial Charges	1.229,01	2.909,52	9.335,31
TOTAL CHARGES	407.206,46	1.074.949,84	640.799,26
Result before taxes A-B=C	48.603,90	68.512,94	13.767,04
D. TAXES (précompte mobilier)			
	-	-	-
Result for the period			
To be brought forward C-D=E	48.603,90	68.512,94	13.767,04

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Management report (next)

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2008							
BALANCE SHEET (in Euro)							
ASSETS	2008	2007	2006	LIABILITIES	2008	2007	2006
Fixed Assets	<u>1.051,34</u>	<u>505,31</u>	<u>505,31</u>	Own Capital	<u>170.383,15</u>	<u>121.779,25</u>	<u>53.266,31</u>
				out of reported profit/loss	170.383,15	121.779,25	53.266,31
Floating Assets	<u>431.247,49</u>	<u>1.139.793,98</u>	<u>998.503,46</u>	Provisions & postponed tax	<u>44.884,12</u>	<u>20.500,00</u>	
Amounts due (< 1 year)	104.208,10	139.055,46	124.079,03	Provisions for risks & charges	44.884,12	20.500,00	
Term accounts	216.000,00	889.188,75	535.909,56				
Cash at bank and in hand	101.305,07	74.929,32	14.737,91	Debts	<u>217.031,56</u>	<u>998.020,04</u>	<u>945.742,46</u>
Regularization (*1)	9.734,32	36.620,45	323.776,96	Debts (> 1 year)	5.921,75	5.921,75	5.921,75
				Debts (< 1 year)	73.317,84	267.034,05	428.148,79
				Regularization (**2)	137.791,97	725.064,24	511.671,92
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>432.298,83</u>	<u>1.140.299,29</u>	<u>999.008,77</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>432.298,83</u>	<u>1.140.299,29</u>	<u>999.008,77</u>

(*1) Expenses incurred in 2008 but corresponding funds to be received in 2009.

(*2) Past activities/invoices to be paid in 2009.



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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS ON THE ANNUAL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 , 2008

In accordance with the mission you assigned us, we report on our audit of the annual accounts for the year ended 2008.

We have examined the annual accounts which comprise the balance sheet , the income statement and the notes.

Our examination has been made in accordance with the auditing standards and included a general review of the A.I.S.B.L.'s administrative and accounting procedures and system of internal control, which we have considered adequate for the purpose of our audit.

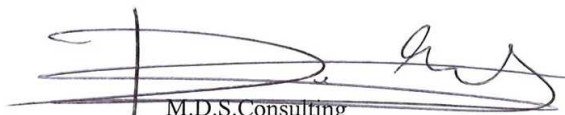
We have received all information and explanations that, in our opinion, were necessary for the purposes of our examination.

The accounting records are maintained and the annual accounts are prepared in conformity with the legal and statutory requirements applicable in Belgium.

We are not aware of any actions or decisions taken by the association that do not comply with the statutes or the applicable regulations.

In our opinion the annual accounts for the year ended December 31, 2008 have been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and present fairly, on that basis, the financial position of the company as per December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Brussels, February 4, 2009


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