



International GOLD Level Award on Tobacco Free Health Care Services goes to Centre Hospitalari, Althaia in Spain.

Two other hospitals, St. Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland and salus clinic Lindow, Germany were recognized as working on the GOLD Level.

2010 was the second year in which ENSH successfully organized a GOLD Level Award Process with nominations coming from three countries: Ireland, Spain & Germany.

Centre Hospitalari in Althaia was presented with the Gold Level Award for its high level of implementation of the ENSH standards. The hospital, a member of the Catalan network for Tobacco Free Health Care Services, had demonstrated evidence of highest level implementing all ENSH Standards including a tobacco free hospital campus.

St. Vincent's University hospital in Dublin, Ireland and salus Clinic Lindow, Germany received Gold Level Nomination awards and demonstrated evidence of highest level implementing all ENSH Standards with certain provisions for smoking in extreme cases. Both have indicated that they will continue to identify solutions in pursuit of a tobacco free hospital campus.

The awarding ceremony took place during the Pre-Conference on Tobacco Free Health Services on Wednesday April 14th in the framework of the 18th International Conference on Health Promoting Hospitals and Health Services (HPH) in Manchester, UK.

For more information on the ENSH Code and Standards and the GOLD Level Award, please contact the ENSH Coordinating Center and its web site: www.ensh.eu.