Fifth ICO-WHO Symposium on Tobacco Control -- On-line edition

Tobacco endgame in COVID-19 times

Thursday, 17th December 2020 (3:00-6:00 pm CET)

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Background

The tobacco endgame concept suggests moving toward a tobacco-free future in which commercial tobacco products would be phased out or their use and availability significantly restricted, with smoking rates below 5%. Many of the traditional tobacco control measures (prevent initiation, promote cessation and protect against exposure to secondhand smoke) effective in reducing smoking rates may not be sufficient in reaching the goal of tobacco endgame. Moreover, in the last year the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the planetary health, including local and global tobacco control. Beyond the relationship under investigation between tobacco and COVID-19 incidence and progression, the pandemic has been another opportunity for tobacco industry interference at different levels.

The aim of this Symposium is to debate about the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for tobacco control policies and the tobacco endgame in the current social and political context.

Programme

3:00-3:15 pm	**Welcome to participants.** Angela Ciobanu, WHO; Candela Calle, ICO Director General; Representative of the Spanish or Catalan Ministry of Health; Esteve Fernández, Symposium's Chair.
3:15-4:25 pm	**Round table. Tobacco endgame and COVID-19.** Chairs: Cristina Martínez, ICO & Liza Lebedeva, WHO ▪ "The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and UK Brexit on Scotland's tobacco endgame commitment", Sheila Duffy, ASH Scotland, Scotland, UK ▪ "Smoking and COVID-19 incidence, severity and mortality", Silvano Gallus, Mario Negri Institute, Italy ▪ "Harm reduction and the tobacco endgame: how to think about it", Armando Peruga, ICO-IDIBELL, Spain
4:25-4:40 pm	Break
4:40-5:40 pm	**Colloquium. Impact of COVID-19 in tobacco control. National experiences.** Chairs: Angela Ciobanu, WHO & Esteve Fernández, ICO ▪ Giuseppe Gorini, Istituto per lo Studio, la Prevenzione e la Rete Oncologica, Italy ▪ Mónica Pérez-Ríos, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain ▪ Luz Myriam Reynales, National Institute of Public Health, Mexico ▪ José Precioso, Universidade do Minho, Portugal ▪ Marc Willemsen, Maastricht University
5:40-6:00 pm	**Closing of the Symposium.** Representative of the Spanish or Catalan Ministry of Health; Esteve Fernández, Symposium's Chair.

Registration

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Link to follow the Symposium: https://youtu.be/zJeTvvfIPuY

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