

European Tobacco Control Conferences and Projects – a review of the 2011 activities



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SUMMARY: *The efforts to address the tobacco epidemic in Europe are a few years behind the USA and other countries where they started. In Europe, the delay is more pronounced in the South and mainly in the East. However, regular tobacco-related events have also been held in Europe recently. In 2011 there were two major sessions: the 13th research-oriented conference of the European Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (Antalya, Turkey) and the 5th European Conference on Tobacco or Health (Amsterdam, the Netherlands) concerned with tobacco control in broader terms. In addition, the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention has pursued its activities. Meetings as part of two projects concerning the evaluation of tobacco dependence treatment services in Europe also took place. The key topics include effective tobacco control policies (particularly those in line with the Framework Convention of Tobacco Control), new tobacco dependence medications, and attitudes towards harm reduction strategies, such as moist snuff and electronic cigarettes. In the Czech Republic, the 12th National Tobacco and Health Conference was held. In view of its broader scope, the Amsterdam Conference will be discussed in the most detail.*

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