

Global Initiatives in Tobacco Research: Current Status and Future Directions

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Monday, August 4, 13:30 – 15:00
Round Hall

The main goals of this workshop will be to (1) provide an executive summary of the conference entitled, "Global Initiatives in Tobacco Research," and (2) to explore future directions for expanding global research capacity, collaboration, and training. The conference was held February 19, 2003 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT). Dr. Harry Lando will give a brief introduction to the workshop including a summary of key points made by the conference speakers. Dr. Belinda Borrelli will provide an overview and key recommendations from an SRNT workshop that immediately followed the conference. She also will describe concrete steps that have been taken to implement these recommendations. Dr. Kenneth Warner will summarize major points from his keynote address at the conference including the magnitude and nature of the global epidemic; stages and critical domains of research; the historical role of nicotine and tobacco research in the international context; obstacles to and facilitators of global research; existing database resources; research efforts/capacity building; and the role of research in the FCTC. Dr. Hana Ross will describe the International Tobacco Evidence Network. She will identify research gaps and will focus on dissemination of best practices. Audience discussion will follow the presentations. Emphasis will be placed on continued development of a blueprint for future directions including facilitating opportunities for training and collaboration and creating additional linkages between individuals and organizations interested in global tobacco research.

AGENDA:

- 13:30 – 13:40: Introduction and rationale: Harry
-Announcements (Treat tobacco; SRNT reception; GTRN)
- 13:40 – 14:05: Ken Warner
- 14:05 – 14:15: Hanna Ross
- 14:15-14:25: Borrelli & Lando; Review other key points from meeting; concrete steps to keep post-meeting momentum; Set the stage for small group discussion.
- 14:25 – 14:40: Small group discussion centered around 3 key questions

- How do we increase global collaboration in research and training?
- What should the short-term priorities be? (next year)
- What should the long-term priorities be? (next 5 years?)

14:40 – 15:00: Group discussion