

1st World Conference Against Prohibition: "Smoking Bans and Lies"

**Brussels, at the European Parliament Building,
27/28 January, 2009**



January 27th

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30-09.45 Welcome addresses (Godfrey Bloom MEP, followed by TICAP Chair)

09.45-11.00 Part 1.1: Introduction

09.45-10.10 Gian Turci (TICAP on prohibition)

10.10-10.35 Dr. Barrie Craven (Economic damage by smoking bans)

10.35-11.00 Dr. Jan Snel (Damage to mental health by smoking bans)

11.00-11.15 Walking coffee break

11.15- 13.00 Part 1.2: The damages of tobacco prohibition

Panel: Godfrey Bloom MEP, Dr. Barrie Craven, Dr. Jan Snel, Gian Turci
Questions and input from the floor

13.00-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-15.00 Get-together

15.00-16.15 Part 2.1: The methods of tobacco prohibition

15.00-15.25 Prof. Rein Vos (The health protection and prohibition paradigm)

15.25-15.50 Dr. Gio Gori (The passive smoking fraud)

15.50-16.15 Christopher Snowdon, historian (The anti-smoking movement)

16.15-16.30 Walking Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 Part 2.2: Tobacco Control and its functioning

Panel: Prof. Rein Vos, Dr. Gio Gori, Christopher Snowdon

Questions and input from the floor

20.00- Get-together with entertainment

January 28th

09.00-09.15 Registration

09.15-09.25 Summary of Day 1, introduction of Day 2 (TICAP Chair)

09.25-12.00 Part 3: How to tackle the prohibition epidemic?

09.25-09.50 Dr. John Luik

09.50-10.15 Nigel Farage MEP

10.15-10.30 TICAP presentation of the Brussels Declaration

10.30-10.45 Walking Coffee Break

10.45-11.45 Questions and input from the floor to the TICAP Board of Directors
Panel

11.45-12.00 Closing address (Gian Turci)

12.30-13.00 Press Conference in press conference room

Afternoon: Informal after-conference discussions in assigned room in the Parliament building (participation by invitation only)

Moderators: John Gray (Part 1), Christoph Lövenich (Part 2), Gian Turci (Part 3)

The speakers (in alphabetical order)

Bloom, Godfrey, Mr. - Welcoming address. Godfrey Bloom is a British MEP for Yorkshire and the Humber and a member of the IND/DEM group in the EU parliament. Godfrey has an interesting past history, having been Head of Research for a West End investment practice for over ten years. For more information on Bloom, [click here](#).

Craven, Barrie M, Dr. – Dr. Craven is the former Reader in Public Accountability at Newcastle Business School, University of Northumbria (UK). He is now an Associate of the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He co-wrote the article “Economic effects of smoking bans on restaurants and pubs” with Michael L. Marlow, Prof. of Economics at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, (c.f. Economic Affairs, Vol. 28, Issue 4, pp. 57-61, December 2008). He will speak on smoking ban-related economic harm.

Farage, Nigel, Mr. - Founding member and leader of the UK Independence Party, Nigel Farage is a British MEP. For more information on Farage, [click here](#). He will speak on the issue on how individuals, associations and political figure can effectively fight the epidemic of prohibition.

Gori, Gio, Dr. - Doctor of Biology, epidemiologist and toxicologist. He was Director of the Smoking and Health program for the National Cancer Institute of the United States, 1968 – 1980, as well as Deputy Director for the Division of Cancer Cause and Prevention at the same institute. Scientific editor of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology. He will talk about the passive smoking epidemiologic fraud.

Luik John, Dr. - Educated on a Rhodes Scholarship at the Oxford University where he obtained degrees in Philosophy and Politics (BA, MA, D Phil). He has taught philosophy and politics at several universities, been a Senior Associate of the Niagara Institute. His most recent publications are Diet Nation: Exposing the Obesity Crusade (With Patrick Basham and Gio Gori) and "Is the obesity epidemic exaggerated?" (With Patrick Basham) British Medical Journal, 2008: 336. He will speak on the issue of how to fight the pandemic of prohibition.

Snel, Jan, Dr. - Psychophysicologist at the Department of Psychology of the University of Amsterdam. His main interest are the effects of using socially accepted psychoactive substances, nicotine, caffeine and alcohol on brain activity, mood, cognition and performance. The popularly written book Permission to Enjoy gives evidence of the role of pleasure in these effects. He will talk about the psychological damages of smoking bans. For more information on Dr. Snel, [click here](#).

Snowdon, Christopher, Mr. – Journalist and historian. Christopher Snowdon was born in North Yorkshire in 1976. He studied history at Lancaster University and graduated in 1998. He is currently writing his first book called “Velvet Glove Iron Fist. A history of anti-smoking.” He manages and edits the [Velvet Glove Iron Fist web site](#). He will talk about the history of the antismoking movement and the influence of the pharmaceutical multinationals on both that movement and upon governments.

Turci, Gian, Mr. - Member of the Board of Directors for [FORCES International](#), member of the TICAP Board of Directors and president of [FORCES Italy](#). Former professional engineer specializing in green fuel emission control technology and entrepreneur. Since 1997 he has dedicated himself to the fight against prohibition completely. He will talk about the development of TICAP and deliver the closing address.

Vos, Rein, Prof. - University Professor Theory of Health Sciences and Chair of the Department of Health Ethics and Philosophy at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, Maastricht University. From 1982 to 1997, he was a staff member in the Social Pharmacy, Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Policy unit, and special professor on history of drug research and pharmacy at the University of Groningen. He will talk about the health protection and prohibition paradigm. For more information on Prof. Vos, [click here](#).

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