

**1st World Conference Against Prohibition:  
"Smoking Bans and Lies"  
Brussels, at the European Parliament Building,  
27/28 January, 2009**



**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

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 Wiel Maessen (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. Jan Snel, Gian Turci, Wiel Maessen

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 28<sup>th</sup>**

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 Prof. Antonio Martino (*not yet confirmed*)

09.50-10.15 Nigel Farage

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)

### **Speakers:**

**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.

**Farage, Nigel, Mr.** - Founding member and leader of the UK Independence Party, Nigel Farage is a British MEP. 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.

**Maessen, Wiel Mr.** – President of FORCES Netherlands and member of the TICAP Board of Directors. Co-ordinator for Red de Kleine Horeca-ondernemer, the large Dutch bar owners' organization currently challenging the smoking ban in Holland. Expert in software development and entrepreneur.

**Martino, Antonio, Prof.** - Professor of Economics and Dean at the LUISS University in Rome, and Italian Member of Parliament for the political party Forza Italia, presently the

government of Italy. Former Italian Minister of Defence. He will speak on the issue on how to fight the epidemic 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.

**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 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.

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