FIRST GLOBAL FORUM ON NICOTINE





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This is a multi-stakeholder event – and participants include consumers, scientists, regulators, manufacturers and distributors, public health experts, policy analysts and parliamentarians. Inevitably there will be a wide range of views expressed. We kindly ask you to observe a basic 'house rule':

every speaker – whether from the platform or the audience - deserves to be listened to with courtesy

The conference is funded by registrations and has not received any sponsorship from manufacturers, distributors or retailers of nicotine products including pharmaceutical, electronic cigarette and tobacco companies.







On behalf of the organisers a warm welcome to the first Global Forum on Nicotine, in the vibrant city of Warsaw. Over the next two days we hope that you find the programme stimulating and are able to take advantage of the opportunities to network and exchange views and opinions with colleagues.

The science and understanding of nicotine is rapidly changing. The arrival of new nicotine delivery systems, along with other lower risk alternatives to smoking, is forcing rapid changes in nicotine science, public understanding, and the regulatory landscape. We are delighted to be joined by some of the world's thought leaders in the areas of science and policy to present their ideas and lead the discussions and debates during the conference.

The conference comes at a critical time, with the recent adoption by the EU of a new Tobacco Products Directive, the consultation on the deeming proposals from the FDA in the USA and the impending Sixth Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, scheduled for October this year, in Moscow. We hope that any conclusions we might reach will prove to have influence in the wider debate surrounding all of these.

The aim is to establish this conference as a regular event and any feedback you are able to provide will assist greatly in helping us to achieve this and ensure we are on the right track.

Enjoy the conference.

Gerry Stimson, Paddy Costall and Andrzej Sobczak

MICHAEL RUSSELL ORATION



The **Michael Russell Oration** has been established as an annual event, delivered to honour the work and memory of Professor Michael Russell, one of the pioneers in the study of smoking behaviour, clinical interventions and public policy action, who died in 2009.

Michael Russell, a psychiatrist and research scientist, was a pioneer in the study of tobacco dependence and the development of treatments to help smokers quit. The enduring impact of his work is likely to place him among the foremost clinical public health scientists of the twentieth century.

Born in Cape Town, South Africa, after studying medicine at Oxford and Guys Hospital he returned to South Africa in 1959, where he developed a strong interest in psychiatry. Working in London at the Maudsley, Institute of Psychiatry between 1969 and 1998 he conducted a number of highly original studies that revolutionized our understanding of both the pharmacological and psychological basis of tobacco smoking. For public health the interventions and treatments he developed have had an enormous impact throughout the world in reducing the morbidity and mortality caused by tobacco. In the UK his work formed much of the evidence base that inspired the new NHS Stop Smoking services, launched in the year after his retirement.

He argued that while the tobacco industry remained free to market cigarettes, millions of lives would be prematurely ended, especially in the growing markets in developing countries, before sufficient numbers of smokers could quit. Based on the knowledge that pure nicotine carries little health risk, but is the main reason why people smoke, he advocated the development and promotion of safer nicotine products to the exclusion of cigarettes, to reduce the majority of harm caused by ingesting the non-nicotine toxins in burning tobacco. Russell is the person who did most to lay the foundations for tobacco harm reduction that drives much research in the field today.

This inaugural lecture will be delivered by **Professor Peter Hajek**

Peter Hajek is Professor of Clinical Psychology, Head of Psychology and Director of the Tobacco Dependence Research Unit at the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

The Young Investigator Award is for young investigators in any discipline (under 30 years of age), working in the area of nicotine science and/or policy.

The award will be presented during the reception on Friday evening.

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English & Polish / angielski i polski

Media briefing and media interviews

Organised by Michael Kessler (In Toon Media), and the Polish Society of Science Journalists

Proposal for the establishment of a scientific association on nicotine, science and policy

Organised by Konstantinos Farsalinos (Greece), Riccardo Polosa (Italy) and Lars Ramström (Sweden)

11:00 - 13:00

Polski / Polish

Wyzwania nowych rynków nikotynowych w perspektywie zdrowia publicznego

Challenges of new nicotine markets from the public health perspective.

Prowadzący/Chair: *Maciej Goniewicz*

Wprowadzenie/Introductory lecture:

Jacek Żakowski

W obliczu krucjaty higienicznej

Facing a hygienic crusade

Paneliści/Panel includes:

Jacek Kuśmierczyk (industry) Andrzej Sobczak (science) Jacek Żakowski (media)

11:00 - 14:00

Open forum for consumers

Organised by *Hazel Mabe* (Germany) and *Robert Mrówczyński* (Poland)

A meeting of people who use safer nicotine products including e-cigarettes and snus.

To discuss organisational and strategic issues for consumer organisations in Europe.

Agenda and guest speakers to be confirmed

Setting standards for electronic cigarettes

11:00 - 14:00

Chair: **Delon Human**

What is the purpose of regulatory standards, and what can be achieved?

Panel and workshop. Panel includes:

Konstantinos Farsalinos (Greece) Arnaud Dumas de Rauly (France) Cynthia Cabrera (USA) Lou Ritter (USA) Oliver Kershaw (UK) Charles Hamshaw-Thomas (UK) Peter Beckett (UK) Clive Bates (UK)

Rapporteur: Joe Gitchell (USA)

14:00 - 15:00

Science posters – meet the poster presenters

Refreshments

15:00 - 17:15

Opening Session

Chair: Karl Fagerström (Sweden)

Welcomes

Prof Gerry Stimson (UK), Prof Andrzej Sobczak (Poland), Patryk Bełzak (Poland)

The Michael Russell Oration

Prof Peter Hajek (UK): Nicotine and public health

Plenary Session 1: A fresh look at alternatives to smoking: the case for reduced risk nicotine products

Karl Lund (Norway): The Scandinavian snus experience: a model for successful switching from smoking. **Jacques le Houezec** (France): Electronic cigarettes in Europe: a consumer led public health revolution. **Lynne Dawkins** (UK): Nicotine delivery and sensorimotor aspects of vaping.

17:30 - 19:30

VAPOURTRAILS.TV will be broadcasting live a series of interviews during the reception

Networking Reception and Buffet

Presentation of the GFN Young Investigator Award

Plenary Session 2: An overview of the scientific evidence on the nicotine: safety, health and addiction

Chair: Lynne Dawkins (UK)

Riccardo Polosa (Italy): Harmful and potentially harmful constituents in E-cigarettes and nicotine liquids

Karl Fagerström (Sweden): Nicotine – relative addictiveness of different products

Lars Ramström (Sweden): Snus – population level effects on smoking and smoker recruitment

Maciej Goniewicz (USA): Nicotine safety and safety of new nicotine delivery devices

10:30 - 11:00

Science posters – meet the poster presenters

Refreshments

Polski / Polish

Parallel #1: Science, regulation and use of electronic cigarettes Chairs: Prof Andrzej Sobczak and Dr Mirosław Dworniczak (Poland)

Maciej Goniewicz (USA): Rozpowszechnienie alternatywnych form dostarczania nikotyny do organizmu wśród młodzieży polskiej Prevalence of alternative forms of nicotine delivery among Polish youths

Leon Kośmider (Poland): Systemy dozujące nikotynę dostępne na polskim rynku.

Nicotine delivery systems on the Polish market

Mirosław Dworniczak (Poland): E-papierosy - ewolucja a dyrektywa tytoniowa.

E-cigarettes - evolution & tobacco directive

Andrzej Sobczak (Poland): Ekspozycja użytkowników elektronicznych papierosów na nikotynę. E-cigarette users' exposure to nicotine

11:00 - 12:30

Parallel #2: Gaps in knowledge about nicotine and its use – towards a new research agenda

What are the gaps in the scientific understanding of the nature and use of nicotine and nicotine containing products?

Chair: Linda Bauld (UK)

Konstantinos Farsalinos (Greece): Gaps in the nicotine science agenda.

Karl Lund (Norway): Future research on snus – what are the questions?

Discussant: **Lorien Jollye** (UK): What do consumers want from science?

Parallel #3: Regulatory landscapes

How can regulation benefit consumers and help them shift from harmful to safer products?

Chair: Clive Bates (UK)

Panel:

Alan Depauw (France): Regulation to ensure good products for consumers.

Tim Phillips (Spain): Regulation and consumer protection.

Joe Gitchell (USA): Feedback from Standards satellite. Regulations based on realistically implemented standards.

Atakan B. Tekin (Turkey): Regulation and the production of safer products.

12:30 - 13:15

Lunch and science posters

13:15 - 14:30

Plenary 3: Engaging key stakeholders in the nicotine debate and new practices

Chair: Mirosław Dworniczak (Poland)

Deborah Arnott (UK): The tobacco harm reduction policy environment and context. **Linda Bauld** (UK): Using evidence to negotiate new policies on tobacco harm reduction.

Discussant: Robert Mrówczyński (Poland): Giving consumers a voice.

14:30 - 14:45

Refreshments

14:45 - 16:00

Plenary Session 4: Regulation of non-combustible nicotine products: national, regional and international issues

Chair: **Dave Sweanor** (Canada)

Cynthia Cabrera (USA): What is the FDA doing about regulating nicotine-containing products? **Clive Bates** (UK): Where next with WHO and the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?

Rebecca Taylor (MEP): What happened at TPD, and what next in the European Union for snus and electronic cigarettes?

Closing comments: **Delon Human** (Switzerland) and **Hazel Mabe** (Germany)

SPEAKERS' BIOS



Deborah Arnott, ASH UK (representing the Framework Convention Alliance)

Chief Executive of Action on Smoking and Health (UK), honorary associate professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Nottingham, honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and member of the RCP's Tobacco Advisory Group. A recognised international expert on tobacco control and the WHO FCTC, she has a particular interest in nicotine regulation and harm reduction. She was a member of the NICE committee which developed the guidance on Tobacco Harm Reduction and of the Commission on Human Medicines expert advisory group to the MHRA on nicotine containing products, as well as being a civil society observer to the WHO FCTC Article 9 and 10 working group on tobacco product regulation.



Clive Bates, Counterfactual Consulting, United Kingdom

Clive Bates has had varied career having worked in the private sector for IBM, in the UK government in Tony Blair's Strategy Unit, the United Nations in Sudan, for Greenpeace and for Action on Smoking and Health in the UK, which is why he is interested in smoke free alternatives to tobacco. Since early 2013 he has his own public interest consultancy and advocacy organisation, including the Counterfactual blog. He is interested in the enormous public health potential of tobacco harm reduction and is not engaged by pharmaceutical, e-cigarette or tobacco interests.



Prof Linda Bauld, University of Stirling and UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies, UK

Professor of Health Policy at the University of Stirling, Director of the Institute for Social Marketing and Deputy Director of the UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies. She has a background in applied policy research and for the past 15 years her research interests have centred on the evaluation of public health interventions. She has conducted studies on drug and alcohol use, inequalities in health and, most notably, on tobacco control and smoking cessation. She is a former scientific adviser on tobacco control to the UK government and currently chairs a number of public health advisory and funding committees for NICE, Cancer Research UK and the Scottish government.



Peter Beckett, Public Policy Consultant; Head of Public Policy at ECITA, UK

Peter Beckett is a government relations practitioner who specialises in the political risk associated with emerging technology and disruptive innovation. He is Head of Public Policy at ECITA, the UK trade association for vapour companies, and worked on the the passage of new EU regulations for the category as part of the recently approved Tobacco Products Directive.



Patryk Bełzak, Vaper, Polish Coordinator of EFVI, co-founder of SUEP

Vaper since 09.2012, very active in fighting against new TPD regulations. Polish coordinator of European Free Vaping linitiative (EFVI), one of founders of SUEP (Polish Vapers Association). Absolutely in love with e-cigs, trying to spread them among smokers as much as possible. Also owner of small online e-cigarettes store.



Cynthia Cabrera, SFATA (Smokefree Alternatives Trade Association), USA

Executive Director at Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association (SFATA). Since 2011 an expert in the burgeoning field of electronic cigarettes and personal electronic vaporizers. Cynthia is Lead Consultant and owner of Global Solutions & Services, Inc., a consulting firm dedicated to assisting companies and not for profit organizations in implementing Lean Management Principles in their native environments.



Dr Lynne Dawkins, School of Psychology, University of East London, United Kingdom

Experimental psychologist and leader of the Drugs and Addictive Behaviours Research Group at UEL. She has over 15 years' experience of working with smokers in research contexts and, more recently, with novice and experienced e-cigarette users. Dr Dawkins is one of the UK's leading authorities on e-cigarettes having published papers on their utilisation, effects, and nicotine delivery. She has disseminated her findings widely via academic conference, public lectures and online media.



Dr Mirosław Dworniczak, Scientific Journalist and Consultant, Poland

Doctor of chemistry, scientific advisor, science journalist, member of the Polish Association of Science Journalists "Naukowi. pl". Author (under the name "Stary Chemik" - "Old Chemist") of the first blog in Poland dealing with e-cigarettes and e-liquid chemistry and safety: starychemik.wordpress.com



Dr Karl Fagerström, Smokers Information Center, Sweden

Licensed clinical psychologist with a PhD on nicotine dependence and smoking cessation; started a smoking cessation clinic in 1975 and invented the Fagerstrom Test for Cigarette Dependence. In the 70s and 80s he served as the editor-in-chief for the Scandinavian Journal for Behaviour Therapy. Currently he works with his own private consultancy (Fagerstrom Consulting). A founding member of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco and currently a Deputy Editor of the Nicotine & Tobacco Research. He started the European SRNT affiliate in 1999. Recipient of WHO medal 1999 for outstanding work in tobacco control and the 2013 Award on Clinical Science from the Society for Research on Tobacco and Nicotine.



Dr Konstantinos Farsalinos, Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center, Athens, Greece

Cardiologist, researcher at Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center in Athens-Greece and at Medical Imaging Research Center, University Hospital Gathuisberg in Leuven-Belgium. His main research interests are new modalities in cardiovascular imaging and he has received a scholarship from the Greek Society of Cardiology for research and education in this field. He has studied the effects of smoking on subclinical cardiac dysfunction using new imaging techniques since 2010.

He has been actively performing research on electronic cigarettes since 2011 as a principle investigator, in both clinical and laboratory level.

Dr Maciej Goniewicz, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, USA

Dr. Maciej L. Goniewicz is an Assistant Professor of Oncology at the Department of Health Behavior, Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. He earned a Pharm.D. degree (2002) and a Ph.D. in Toxicology and Pharmacology (2007) from the Medical University of Silesia, Poland. He completed his postdoctoral fellowships in Clinical Pharmacology and Tobacco Control at the University of California San Francisco and in Smoking Cessation Treatment in Queen Mary University of London, UK. Dr. Goniewicz has research experience in smoking cessation, pharmacotherapy, and pharmacokinetics. His current research is focused on new nicotine-containing products.



Prof Peter Hajek, Queen Mary University, London, United Kingdom

Peter Hajek is Professor of Clinical Psychology, Head of Psychology and Director of the Tobacco Dependence Research Unit at the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London. His research is concerned primarily with understanding health behaviours, and developing and evaluating both behavioural and pharmacological treatments for dependent smokers and for people with weight problems. He has contributed to the establishment of the UK specialist stop-smoking service, training of its staff, and relevant NICE guidelines. He authored or co-authored over 280 publications on psychological treatments and on smoking cessation.



Charles Hamshaw-Thomas, Zandera Ltd, United Kingdom

Director of Legal & Corporate Affairs at E-Lites, one of the UK's leading e-cig companies.

Hamshaw-Thomas has substantial senior executive experience as general counsel and corporate affairs director for some of the UK's largest plc's. With extensive experience of the political and regulatory environment surrounding smoking and tobacco, he has enabled E-Lites to take a prominent position over the last 18 months in the e-cig regulatory debate in Brussels and London. And, as principal of CSR Solutions, he is recognised as one of the UK's leading environmental litter campaigners.



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Delon Human, M.B.Ch.B., M.Prax.Med, MFGP, DCH, MBA is the President and CEO of Nicolife, a group specializing in tobacco harm reduction and the appropriate use and recognition of nicotine. He is also currently the Secretary-General of the Africa Medical Association, a published author, international lecturer and well-respected health care consultant specialising in health system and product development, corporate and product transformation, strategy formulation and health communication. He has acted as adviser to the WHO Director-General and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon.



Lorien Jollye, Ex-smoker and Vaper

Lorien Jollye is a mother of 3, an ex smoker of 23 years and a Vaper since 2012. After numerous, unsuccessful, quit attempts utilising most all the market had to offer, and smoking through two pregnancies, she found that e-cigarettes enabled her to switch her habit entirely, in one day. Since then, she has been a vocal advocate, volunteering with the Consumer Association and latterly, The New Nicotine Alliance, along with other passionate vapers. It has become a simple message, Nothing About Us Without Us.



Leon Kośmider, Institute of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health, Sosnowiec, Poland

Pharmacist working as a scientist at the Institute of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health, Sosnowiec, Poland, PhD student at the Department of Pharmacy in the Laboratory Medicine Unit of the Silesian University. Since 2007 Mr Kosmider worked in scientific club of the Department of General and Inorganic Chemistry at Medical University of Silesia. Mr Kosmider has been focusing on the analysis of tobacco smoke, risk associated with using traditional and e-cigarettes and the toxicity of smoke and aerosol. Mr Kosmider is an author or co-author of 40 academic conference speeches and 14 publications.



Dr Jacques le Houezec, UK Centre for Tobacco Control Studies, Univ. of Nottingham; Consultant, France

Neuroscientist, he is a Charter Member of SRNT and was part of the core group who founded SRNT Europe. He participated in the Steering Committee of the WHO Europe Partnership Project to reduce Tobacco Dependence (1991-2001), and was also on the European Commission's Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCHENIR) expert group on smokeless tobacco (2006-2008). He is also Honorary Lecturer, UK Centre for Tobacco Control Studies, University of Nottingham, England, and manager of www.treatobacco.net the SRNT & SSA website dedicated to tobacco dependence treatment.



Prof Karl Lund, Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS), Norway

Research Director at the Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research since 2006. Involved in tobacco control work since the mid 1980s, working at the Norwegian Council on Tobacco or Health (Deputy Leader), the Norwegian Institute for Public Health (Researcher), and the Norwegian Cancer Society (Director for Department of Cancer Prevention). Received the Norwegian Medical Association's Award in preventive medicine in 2002. Member of several expert committees on tobacco control including WHO's International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC) and the executive committee of the International Society for the Prevention of Tobacco Induced Diseases. Associate editor in the scientific journal Nicotine & Tobacco Research since 2011.



Hazel Mabe, Interessengemeinschaft E-Dampfen and European United Vapers Network, Germany

An active member of IG-ED e.V. since June 2013 and concerned with helping with the organisation's publications in German and English as well as maintaining international relations. IG-ED e.V. is the first consumer organisation of German speaking vapers. It was established in 2011 and works voluntarily and independently of e-cigarette producers and retailers. The objective is to raise awareness about e-cigarettes and to advocate for a good regulatory framework.



Tim Phillips, ECigIntelligence, United Kingdom

Managing director of ECigIntelligence.com, an online independent professional market intelligence and regulatory tracking service for the electronic cigarette industry, providing objective analysis of the breakneck growth of this new sector. Tim has over 10 years of experience in regulation and business development in politically controversial sectors, having been Director of Public Affairs at Betfair, a market leading sports betting operator in UK, which went through an IPO in 2010 valued at over £1.5bn. He founded ECigIntelligence to plug a knowledge gap for businesses in the e-cigarette sector, providing independent analysis of news on market size and development, and regulatory landscape for this rapidly-growing consumer segment.



SPEAKERS' BIOS



Prof Riccardo Polosa, Prof Riccardo Polosa, University of Catania, Italy

Director of the Institute for Internal and Emergency Medicine of the University of Catania in Italy. He is also in charge of the University's Centre for Tobacco Research (CPCT), and Honorary Professor of Medicine at Southampton University (UK). He is author of more than 250 peer reviewed articles and books mainly covering respiratory medicine, clinical immunology, and tobacco addiction. Prof Polosa's and his research team have lead several clinical trials on e-cigarettes.

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On top of his academic work, he serves also as chief scientific advisor for Lega Italiana Anti Fumo (LIAF), the Italian Anti-Smoking League.



Lars Ramström, Institute for Tobacco Studies, Sweden

Since 1990 Director of the Institute for Tobacco Studies, Stockholm, Sweden, an independent research institute focusing on the epidemiology of tobacco use and related policy matters. Originally trained in natural science, thereafter supplementary studies in different tobacco-related sciences. International engagements with various organizations including periods of employment as consultant in WHO, participation in WHO Expert Committees, member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Smoking and Health, Honorary Vice President of ICAA and chair of the ICAA Section on nicotine. Recipient of the 1988 WHO Award Medal for Achievements in Tobacco Control. Organizer and Secretary General of the Fourth World Conference on Smoking and Health in 1979.



Lou Ritter, American E-Liquid Manufacturing Standards Association, USA

As elected President of the American E-liquid Manufacturing Standards Association (AEMSA), Lou Ritter serves as an unpaid volunteer. His Urban Planning background included functioning as a liaison between private and public sectors. After quitting smoking, using e-cigarette products, he committed to this opportunity to advance tobacco harm reduction. Lou has no financial involvement in the industry.

October 2012 - AEMSA launched as a nonprofit 501(c)(6) professional trade association establishing the world's first (and only) self-regulation verifying e-liquid standards. AEMSA standards: http://www.aemsa.org/standards/



Prof Andrzej Sobczak, Institute of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health, Sosnowiec, Poland

Prof . Andrzej Sobczak, head of the Department of General and Inorganic Chemistry at Medical University of Silesia and head of the Department of Chemical Hazards and Genetic Toxicology at the institute in Sosnowiec in Poland

Prof. Sobczak have been focusing on the toxicology of tobacco smoke for many years. Growing popularity of e-cigarettes led him to investigate these devices.



Robert Mrówczyński, SUEP (Polish Vapers Association), Poland

Robert Mrówczyński smoked analog cigarettes for 40 years, since he was 12 and tried quitting using various methods, but without success. In December 2012 he switched to e-cigarettes and has been using them ever since. Robert is an active member of SUEP (Polish Vapers Association).



Prof Gerry Stimson, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Imperial College London, UK

A public health social scientist, with over 40 years' experience of public health research and advocacy in the field of psychoactive substance use. He was one of the founders of harm reduction in the 1980s, and much of his academic research focused on reducing drug and alcohol related harms. He is Honorary Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Emeritus Professor at Imperial College London, and the Editor of the International Journal of Drug Policy. He founded the Department of Social Science and Medicine at Imperial College. From 1990 to 2004, he was Director of the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour. He was Executive Director of the International Harm Reduction Association from 2004 to 2010.



Rebecca Taylor, Member of European Parliament (MEP), United Kingdom

Rebecca Taylor is Liberal Democrat MEP for Yorkshire and the Humber since March 2012. Before being elected to the European Parliament, Rebecca worked in the health sector in a variety of roles including for the NHS, a health professional body, the pharmaceutical industry and a think-tank. Rebecca is a member of the Legal Affairs (JURI) Committee and substitute member on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Committee and is very active on both committees. On the ENVI committee, Rebecca was the Liberal group shadow on cross-border health threats, In-Vitro diagnostic medical devices and healthy ageing, and was also very active on medical devices, clinical trials and the tobacco products directive.



Atakan B. Tekin, THR Activist and Harm Reduction Entrepreneur

Atakan B. Tekin is a Turkish/European THR activist and Harm Reduction entrepreneur born in 1971. Atakan is an economist and business manager with a solid background in PR, Management, NGO fundraising, entrepreneurship, HACCP foodstuffs production, legal research and medical science research. Atakan is backed by a solid family background from the Pharmaceutical Industry as well as the Sciences of Health Economics. His focus area is affordable "THR" products aimed exclusively at established smokers in lower income brackets and also in the LMIC's over the next 30-50 years. Atakan is based in the Middle East.



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