Meet the Speaker:



Dr. Delon Human

United Kingdom Speaker and Moderator Dr. Human is a physician, global health politician, social entrepreneur and harm reduction expert in food, alcohol and tobacco. His advocacy in tobacco harm reduction spans three decades. Dr. Human is President and CEO of global health consulting group Health Diplomats and chairs several scientific advisory boards.

Dr. Human has served as an adviser on global public health strategies to three Directors-General of the WHO and to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon. He is a former secretary general of the World Medical Association (WMA).

South African-born, Dr. Human has an MBChB and postgraduate degrees in Family Medicine (MPraxMed), a Diploma in Child Health (DCH) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Edinburgh Business School. He has published numerous articles, presented at several global conferences and authored the book Wise Nicotine (2009).





Meet the Speaker:



Derek Yach
United States of America

Dr. Yach has focused his career on advancing global health. He is currently an independent Global Health Consultant. He was the founder and president of the Foundation for a Smoke-Free World, an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating global efforts to reduce deaths and harm from smoking, with the ultimate goal of eliminating smoking worldwide.

Previously, he was Chief Health Officer for the Vitality Group, part of Discovery Holdings Ltd., where he led the Vitality Institute for Health Promotion.

He has headed global health at the Rockefeller Foundation, has been a Professor of Global Health at Yale University, and is a former Executive Director for Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health of the World Health Organization (WHO). At WHO, he served as cabinet director under Director-General Gro Harlem Brundtland where he led the development of WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the Global Strategy on Diet and Physical Activity.







Meet the Speaker:



Anders Milton

Dr. Milton is a physician with extensive experience in public service, a highly sought-after consultant in the healthcare sector and a former chair of the WMA. Currently the owner and CEO of Milton Consulting and current chair of the Snus Commission. He is the Chairman of the Board of three foundations that work with education for children and adolescents and a number of for-profit companies in the field of life science.

Dr. Milton's resumé also includes stints as President and CEO of the Swedish Medical Association (SMA), and as President of the Swedish Red Cross, the People and Defence Foundation and the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations (SACO).

After graduating as both a medical doctor and a Ph.D., Dr. Milton served as a clinician in the department of nephrology at the University Hospital at Uppsala. Throughout his career, he has worked tirelessly to support of human rights and to improve and enforce the ethics of medical practice and safe health care – of which effective pharmacotherapy is an integral component.







Meet the Speaker:



Konstantinos Farsalinos

Greece

Dr. Farsalinos is a cardiologist and research fellow at the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center in Athens-Greece, at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Patras-Greece and at the National School of Public Health-Greece. He is specialized in echocardiography and in smoking and tobacco harm reduction research.

He was the lead researcher in Intervenor Study, a joint research project of the European and American Societies of Echocardiography. He has been conducting laboratory, clinical and epidemiological research on smoking, tobacco harm reduction and e-cigarettes as principal investigator since 2011. As of 2019, he has published more than 70 studies and articles in international peer-reviewed scientific journals about smoking, tobacco harm reduction, and e-cigarettes. He was the handling editor and author in a book titled "Analytical assessment of e-cigarettes", published by Elsevier in 2017.







Meet the Speaker:



Mihaela Răescu Romania

Prof. Dr. Răescu (Dentist) teaches Oral and Dental Prevention at the Faculty of Dental Medicine of the "Titu Maiorescu" University in Bucharest, Romania since 2003 and has been a tenured professor since 2015, in addition to being an active practitioner and a Specialty Doctor.

She is the Erasmus coordinator and President of the Ethical Committee. Dr. Răescu graduated from the University of Craiova, Faculty of Dental Medicine in 1995 and benefited from post-graduate scholarships at the University of Birmingham (UK) and the University Claude Bernard Lyon II (France). Dr. Răescu has authored and co-authored numerous studies and publications and has been a guest speaker at various professional conferences.

She has conducted several research projects in the field of dentistry and product development as a project manager. (European projects and private lab projects) In 2018 she received a Knowledge Action Change (K-A-C) Foundation scholarship regarding research in tobacco harm reduction (THR) field.





Meet the Speaker:



Clive Bates
United Kingdom

Clive Bates has had a diverse career in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. He started out with the IT company, IBM, then switched career to work in the environment movement. From 1997-2003 he was Director of Action on Smoking and Health (UK), campaigning to reduce the harms caused by tobacco.

In 2003 he joined Prime Minister Blair's Strategy Unit as a civil servant and worked in senior roles in the public sector and for the United Nations in Sudan. He is now Director of Counterfactual, a consulting and advocacy practice focussed on a pragmatic approach to sustainability and public health.







Meet the Speaker:



Heino Stöver

Dr. Stöver is a social scientist and Professor of Social Scientific Addiction Research at the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences in Germany, Faculty of Health and Social Work. Since 2009 he has been the director of the Institute of Addiction Research.

Heino Stöver's main fields of research and project development expertise are health promotion for vulnerable and marginalised groups, drug services, prison health care and related health issues (especially HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, drug dependence, and gender issues), and the potential of e-cigarettes.

His international research and consultancy expertise includes working as a consultant for the European Commission, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Health Organization (WHO), European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Open Society Institute (OSI) in various contexts.







Meet the Speaker:



Riccardo Polosa Italy

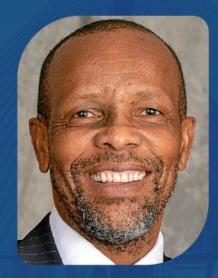
Dr. Polosa is a respiratory physician. According to a paper published in BMC Public Health, he is the most prolific author in the field of electronic cigarettes, as of 2014. He is a Professor of Internal Medicine and specialist of Respiratory Diseases and Clinical Immunology at the University of Catania, as well as the Founder and Clinical Director of the Center for Tobacco Research and Scientific Director of the Center of Excellence for the acceleration of Harm Reduction (CoEHAR) at the same University.

His research interests center on asthma, COPD, respiratory diseases, smoking-related diseases, smoking prevention and cessation, tobacco harm reduction, and new tobacco products. Since 2009, his research team has been involved in studies on the impact of e-cigarettes, and they were the first in the world to publish a randomized controlled trial on e-cigarettes.





Meet the Speaker:



Kgosi Letlape
South Africa

Dr. Letlape is an ophthalmologist from South Africa, is a former president of the Health Professions Council and chairman of the Medical and Dental Board of South Africa. He is the current president of the Africa Medical Association and president of the Association of Medical Councils of Africa. He is also past chairman of the board of the South African Medical Association (SAMA) and past president of the World Medical Association (WMA), the global representative body for physicians.

He was admitted as a fellow of the College of Surgeons of South Africa in April 1988 and as a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for ophthalmology in May 1988. He has the distinction of being the first black African to qualify as an ophthalmologist in Southfield, South Africa, and the first to become president of the WMA.







Meet the Speaker:



Marewa Glover

Dr. Marewa Glover is director of the independent Centre of Research and Excellence: Indigenous Sovereignty & Smoking based in Auckland, New Zealand. Glover is also tobacco section editor for the International Harm Reduction Journal.

As a behavioural scientist, she has led and collaborated on many studies resulting in more than 100 scientific publications. In 2019, she was one of the three finalists for the prestigious New Zealander of the Year Award in recognition of her dedication to reducing tobacco smoking harm and advocating for a gram reduction approach to combustible cigarette smoking.







Meet the Speaker:



Patricia Kovacevic United States of America

Patricia I. Kovacevic is an experienced legal, regulatory and compliance department leader. She has held leading senior legal and regulatory positions with FDA-regulated multinationals like Philip Morris International and Lorillard. She is currently the General Counsel and Head of External Affairs for Andina Gold Corp.

Kovacevic's expertise includes senior management roles and leading multinational, cross-disciplinary teams. Her focus areas include corporate law, FDA and EU regulatory, compliance, M&A, US and global food, drug, nicotine and consumer goods regulation, cannabis/CBD regulation, external affairs, marketing, media communications, investigations, FCPA, trade sanctions, privacy, intellectual property, product development and launch. She also led cross-disciplinary teams engaged in scientific research efforts. Kovacevic authored several articles on nicotine regulation, co-authored an academic treatise, "The Regulation of E-Cigarettes", as well as various other papers. She is often invited as a keynote speaker or panelist before global conferences and government agencies public hearings.





Meet the Speaker:



Aylen van Isseldyk Argentina

Aylen van Isseldyk is Community Manager of Asovape Argentina. Asovape Argentina is part of the Association for the Reduction of Smoking Damages of Ibero-America and its main objective is to promote sensible regulations regarding e-cigarettes in Argentina. Van Isseldyk has held the role of Community Manager for just over a year.

She is a fellow of the World Vapers' Alliance and is also a fashion designer, having studied marketing and advertising in Córdoba, Argentina. Van Isseldyk is interested in advancing the common good through public and socio-health policies and in advocating for sensible regulations for reduced risk products. She has also been active in a range of different pro-vaping groups, both locally and internationally.







Meet the Speaker:



Cintia Leci Rodrigues

Cintia Leci Rodrigues has dedicated her career to the betterment of women's health and public health initiatives. She began her academic journey at Universidade de Santo Amaro (Unisa) where she graduated with a degree in Biomedicine. Her passion for women's health led her to continue her studies at Unisa, where she specialized in Women's Health.

Recognizing the importance of public health in promoting well-being, Cintia pursued a Master's degree in Public Health from the Faculty of Public Health at the University of São Paulo (USP).







Meet the Speaker:



Dr. Diego Verrastro Argentina

Dr Diego Verrastro is a general surgeon, specialising in emergency medicine, abdominal mini-invasive surgery, ultrasonography and obesity.

He is also spokesperson for RELDAT, the Latin American Network for the reduction of Tobacco-Associated Harm. In this role, he has called for further discussion of the merits of harm reduction in Latin America, drawing attention to the examples provided by other countries, including the UK, New Zealand and Sweden.







Meet the Speaker:



Federico N. Fernández

Brazil

Federico N. Fernández is Executive Director of Somos Innovación, a network of over 30 think tanks and NGOs dedicated to seeking innovative solutions to problems in both Europe and Latin America.

He is also Founder and President of Fundación Internacional Bases, an organisation that thinks globally and acts locally in issues related to individual freedoms and the market economy. Fundación Internacional Bases also has responsibility for the organisation of Escuela Austríaca, a congress focused on economics, with Federico N. Fernández acting as Chairman of the organising committee. His writing has been featured in a wide variety of media outlets across both Europe and Latin America and he has also authored a number of academic articles, and has co-edited books.







Meet the Speaker:



Francisco Javier Ordoñez

Colombia

Francisco has a degree in Social Sciences from the Universidad Pedagógica de Colombia with a Master's Degree in Political Studies from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

Professor of Social Sciences for more than 20 years and consummate activist of Harm Reduction of smoking. Graphic and web designer and lover of music, cinema and technology.

He is a founding member of ASOVAPE Colombia, the first Latin American association of consumers of low-risk nicotine products.

He has been a promoter of the creation of other associations in Latin America such as Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Panama and Costa Rica. He is a founding member of ARDT Iberoamerica. He was president of this organization during the first period and currently holds the position of vice-president. In 2021 he won the award for Best Advocate of the Year granted by the INNCO organization.







Meet the Speaker:



Juan Facundo Teme

Argentina

Juan Facundo Teme is the President of Asovape Argentina, a role he has held since 2020. Asovape Argentina is part of the Association for the Reduction of Smoking Damages of Ibero-America and its main objective is to promote sensible regulations regarding e-cigarettes in Argentina.

He has discussed the importance of harm reduction strategies at a number of events and lectures, and has also authored a range of articles on the topic. Facundo Teme has recently called for harm reduction and vaping to be taken into account by voters in the Argentinian elections. His writing has also drawn attention to the various strategies employed by other countries, including the UK, when it comes to harm reduction.







Meet the Speaker:



Prof. Adriana Gioda

Brazil

Professor Adriana Gioda is a professor and researcher in chemistry at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil, a role which she has held since 2009.

Professor Gioda's main area of interest is environmental chemistry, particularly outdoor and indoor air quality and pollution, as well as toxicology and atmospheric chemistry. Her research is focused on analytical chemistry, particularly chemical analyses of environmental metals and clinical samples. As part of her role, she is also Coordinator of the Atmospheric Chemistry Laboratory at the University. Professor Gioda was also a founding partner of the Latin American Association of Environmental, Experimental and Nanomaterials Toxicology (ASTOXILATIN) and a member of the Board of Directors.





