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1. An in-person workshop was held at the Oncology Institute in Ljubljana, Slovenia on May 8-9, 2015 during which 44 nurses (23 and 21 nurses respectively) were trained in tobacco cessation intervention and treatment.



2. On May 21, 2015, the tobacco dependence presentation was delivered at the Psychiatric Nurses Conference in the Faculty Hospital, Hradec Kralove held by Eva Kralikova, MD. 63 nurses were present.
3. On May 27 and 29, 2015, two workshops took place at the National Korányi TB and Respiratory Institute in Budapest, Hungary. Total of 39 nurses attended (17 and 22 respectively). Marta Fényes, MD (medical advisor) assisted with the workshops and presented additional presentations with specifics to current situation in Hungary.



4. Following the World No Tobacco Day, a seminar and a press conference took place at the Czech Senate on May 19, 2015. A detailed description with links to photos and press release are listed below: The Health and Social Committee of the Senate of the Czech Republic organized a press conference and seminar at occasion of the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD, May 31) in collaboration with Society for Treatment of Tobacco Dependence and the WHO Czech liaison office in the Senate on May 19, 2015.

Participants were welcomed by the deputy chair of the Health and Social Committee of the Senate Ivana Dernerova, MD. The topic of the WNTD was introduced by Alena Steflava, MD, head of the Czech WHO liaison office. Current legislation and bill of the Czech Ministry of Health including smoke-free indoor spaces was described by the deputy minister for legislation Dr. Lenka Teska-Arnostova. Statistics on smoking prevalence in the population, still around 30 % (age 15+), is followed for 19 years by Hana Sovinova, MD, from the National Institute of Public Health. New current research showing 78% support of the smoke-free indoor spaces was introduced by Miroslav Sliz from the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles University and agency Ipsos. The smoke-free legislation

situation in EU including the “smoke-free map” by the Smoke-Free Partnership was introduced by Jiri Jerabek, Mgr. from NGO Smokefree Czech Republic. The role of health professionals in treatment of tobacco dependence and education in the Czech Republic was mentioned for physicians by Eva Kralikova (Society for Treatment of Tobacco Dependence and the 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University), for pharmacists by Vilma Vranova, PharmDr., Jiri Dobias, PharmDr. and Ales Novosad, PharmDr. (Czech Chamber of Pharmacists), and Katerina Mala (nurses section of the Society for Treatment of Tobacco Dependence) who also mentioned the collaboration with the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care.

Press release:

http://www.senat.cz/zpravodajstvi/zprava.php?ke_dni=13.4.2015&O=10&id=1907&from=M

Photo from the press conference:



Photo from the press conference and seminar:



<http://www.senat.cz/cinnost/galerie.php?aid=16913>

5. “Nurses and pharmacists can help to stop smoking”, a report from our press conference and seminar in the Senate on May 19, 2015 can be accessed here:

<http://www.zdravotnickýdenik.cz/2015/05/skocit-s-kourenim-rocne-zkousi-milion-cechu-pomoci-jim-v-tom-mohou-lekarnici-a-zdravotni-sestry/>

6. Another Czech in-person workshop took place on May 21, 2015 in Prague with 21 nurses in attendance.
7. Associate Professor Eva Kralikova, MD, PhD. presented on “Tobacco dependence and role of nurses” to nearly 100 nurses at the hospital Na Bulovce in Prague on May 27, 2015. This was part of a one-day general conference for nurses.



8. The next Czech workshop was held on June 18, 2015 for which 16 nurses had registered. The Czech workshops were taught by the Czech nurse leaders including Vladislava Felbrova, Stanislava Kulovana and Katerina Mala.
9. Five Czech nurses (Vladislava Felbrova, Stanislava Kulovana, and Katerina Mala, Iveta Nohavova, Eva Roubickova) were invited to attend the ICCN 2015 (International Conference in Cancer Nursing) in Vancouver, Canada organized by the ISNCC. A meeting was held with the Centre of Excellence leaders (Dr. Linda Sarna, Dr. Stella Bialous and Dr. Marjorie Wells) to discuss the completed



10. Meet another partner in the Centre of Excellence project – this time we introduce our partners from Hungary: the nurse leader Erzsébet Vecsernyés, RN, BSc., nursing director at the National Korányi TB and Respiratory Institute (nearly 550 beds, www.koranyi.hu) in Budapest and the medical advisor Marta Fényes, MD, an outpatient pulmonologist and a cognitive psychotherapist also from Budapest.



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