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**2nd SRNT IAHF Latin American Conference on Tobacco Control
Mexico City, Oct 14-16, 2009.**

With the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) and the National Inst. Respiratory Diseases (INER) of Mexico, IAHF held this Conference with the theme from science to policy, focusing on science, policy, advocacy and treatment. www.srnt-iahfmexico09.org. There were 466 registrants from 28



countries. Ancillary meetings included workshops by Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCS), American Cancer Society, Global Dialogue, Air quality monitoring training by Tobacco Free Kids and RPCI, Smoking Cessation training, among others. There was a corporate

sponsored luncheon, a women and tobacco symposium jointly sponsored with INWAT (International Network of Women against Tobacco), and a youth advocacy workshop. A Coalition was set up for Central America and a Resolution encouraging countries to continue their tobacco control efforts was approved by delegates.

InterAmerican Awards for Tobacco Control

In the context of the SRNT IAHF Tobacco Control conference, the IAHF presented awards to Colombia, Guatemala and the State of Sao Paulo for outstanding achievement in tobacco control. Additionally awards were presented to the Secretary of Health, Drug Addictions Council (CONADIC) chief and the Mexico City Secretary of Health for efforts towards tobacco control in their jurisdictions.



Smokefree Mexico.

The ALIENTO coalition of organizations working in tobacco control was set up and announced in August. The focus has been on increasing tobacco taxes. However, the Mexican House of Representative voted an incremental very inadequate tax, showing again the great power that the tobacco industry wields at the federal level in Mexico. Funded by Bloomberg awards.

New IAHF Members at Large 2010 - 2012

On Monday November 16, 2009, at the General Assembly that took place in Orlando, we voted and approved new Members at Large for the InterAmerican Heart Foundation. The new Members at Large are:

- Antonio Felipe Simão (Brazil)
- Yvonne Garcia Richaud (Mexico)
- Edward McDonald (USA)

These persons will be in their functions for a period of two years until Nov. 2012. This coming year we will be voting on new officers in Nov. 2010.

Smokefree Argentina

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⊗ [November 09-12, 2009: IAHF Civil Society Leadership Workshop](#)

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Efforts by FIC Argentina have resulted in 7 smokefree provinces and 18 cities and municipalities. Bloomberg renewed the FIC Argentina grant for two additional years and expanded this project to include ratification of the FCTC and national tobacco control legislation as well as continuing to promote enactment, implementation and enforcement of smokefree legislation. IAHF is secretariat for ALIAR, the smokefree coalition in Argentina.



Community Intervention for Health (CIH)



This three-year intervention and control community project is taking place in Tlalpan, a Mexico City borough. This is one of four sites worldwide testing comprehensive policy interventions in diet, physical activity and tobacco, in worksites, schools, healthcare and the community as a whole. Mexico completed baseline school and healthcare site data collection, and will complete worksites and community survey by year end. Geo-referenced environmental scan is one of the many innovations brought forth by this project. With OxHA.

Healthy Caribbean Coalition

Following the civil society conference in Oct 08, the coalition organizing taskforce has taken several actions including disseminating the



Conference Technical Report, Declaration and Action Plan; continuing to www.interamericanheart.org expand the website www.healthycaribbean.org; conducting a Physical Activity workshop on the 6-7 March 2009 in Barbados; played a major role in their respective countries in celebration of Caribbean Wellness Day 2009. Presently advancing actions in dietary salt reduction; an audit of FCTC implementation in CARICOM countries, among other initiatives.

Tobacco Packaging Warning Labels in the Caribbean



Caribbean Tobacco Control Project Regional Team and Partners

Lead by the Heart Foundation of Jamaica, project promotes warning labels in CARICOM countries. The project supports full-time staff dedicated to tobacco control in four countries of the region. Presently testing potential package designs.

Dietary salt-reduction

IAHF is part of this PAHO initiative for the region to reduce hypertension and has been asked to lead the regional advocacy efforts. To be launched on Nov 16, 2009 in Santiago, Chile. **More...**

Tobacco Control Research and Advocacy

The Canadian International Development Research Center (IDRC) continues to support proposals on tobacco and poverty, evaluation of tobacco farmers' situation and tobacco economic demand studies. The BILACCTA web-based database has been launched helping researchers and advocates in the region to more easily find research studies, whether published, unpublished or in progress, by topic or country. **More...**

