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WELCOME NOTE

The **9th Summit on Tobacco Harm Reduction: Novel products, Research & Policy** is organized by SCOHRE, the International Association on Smoking Control & Harm Reduction, on **September 28 – 30, 2026**, with remote participation only.

Since 2018, over eight years, the Summit has reached people in over 80 countries around the globe.

During the 8th Summit on Tobacco Harm Reduction, which was successfully organised last year, 200 experts from 51 countries convened in Athens and online to discuss evidence-based strategies, stressing that science—not ideology—must guide global tobacco control. Harm reduction has been proven to be a valuable public health strategy for smokers who cannot or will not quit.

Again, this year, the scientific Summit aims to attract top researchers, clinicians, and scientists from diverse fields, from all over the world, to present and discuss their work and participate in a constructive dialogue to help come up with a better approach to the global burden of smoking.

SCOHRE recognizes that harm reduction could make the lives of people better and invite scientists from multiple fields to present basic research and clinical evidence, thus contributing to the discussion that leads to “evidence-based policymaking” and fights misinformation.

In previous Summits it was established that, during the last 30 years, the prevalence of smoking has decreased steadily around the globe. However, as populations have grown, the total number of smokers has increased. There is increasing interest in Tobacco Harm Reduction as a tool to reduce the detrimental consequences of cigarette smoking to the human population of the planet. However, more data is needed for politicians and public health regulators to make informed decisions.

All this and many more will be discussed during the three-days event on THR.

The objectives of the Summit are to offer opportunities for scientists from different countries to:

- > Present, discuss, and challenge recent data related to the benefits and the risks associated with alternative tobacco product use among smokers and the association with switch and quit attempts.
- > Discuss and debate on scientific, technological, medical, regulatory, legal and policy issues for advancing the technical capacity of the participating countries.
- > Provide an environment where regulatory authorities and policy makers may present to the scientific and medical communities their prospective course of action.

The scientific programme of the Summit will include plenary and keynote lectures, as well as oral and e-poster presentations, on the following specific topics:

Toxicology and aerosol chemistry || Biomarkers' evaluation in animal or human studies || Preclinical evaluation || Epidemiology & Social Issues || Clinical Assessment and Harm Reduction || Public Health || Legal & Regulatory issues || Bioethics || Innovation & Novel Products || Smoking cessation || Educational issues in adolescence

The Summit's Organising Committee

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Monday | 28 September

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14:00-14:30

OPENING REMARKS

Goals of the 9th Summit on THR

Ignatios Ikonomidis, Anastasia Barbouni, Fares Mili

14:30-15:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Navigating Public Health Priorities: Youth Protection and Effective Regulation

Chair: *Ignatios Ikonomidis*

Speakers:

Are the kids alright?: Recent developments in US youth tobacco product use, risk context, and prevention - *Ray Niaura & Brad Rodu*

Discussant:

David T. Sweanor J.D.

15:30-16:00

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Benefits and risks of nicotine: Implications for public health

Speaker: *Neal L. Benowitz*

Chair: *David T. Sweanor J.D.*

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Tuesday | 29 September

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09:00-10:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

Tobacco Control in Asia: Taking Lessons from Regulation to Prohibition

Chair: **Sharifa Ezat Wan Puteh**

Speakers:

- Is Asia ready to transform public health towards evidence-based healthcare interventions? - **Anita Suleiman**
- Regulation rather than prohibition: The Philippines experience in managing Novel Nicotine Products – **Ron Christian Sison**
- Evidence-Based Tobacco Harm Reduction: Clinical perspectives on emerging research and policy - **Mohsin Wali**

10:00-10:30

KEYNOTE SPEECH

An update on tobacco control bill in South Africa

Speaker: **Solomon Rataemane**

Chair: **Lina Nikolopoulou**

13:00-14:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Illicit Trade Challenge: New Evidence, Regulatory Pressures and Policy Implications

Chair: **Konstantinos Farsalinos**

Speaker: **David Bird**

Discussants:

Panagiotis Liargovas, Marewa Glover, Mark Tyndall



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KEYNOTE SPEECH

Harm Reduction - What could Europe learn from the FDA?

Speaker: *Bernhard Rupp*

Chair: *Wolfgang Popp*

14:30-15:00

KEYNOTE SPEECH

**Evidence-Informed Regulation: Integrating Science and Public
Consultation into European Policy**

Speaker: *Federico Fernández*

Chair: *Konstantinos Farsalinos*

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Wednesday | 30 September

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13:00-14:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

What Are We Losing? The Health and Economic Price of Ignoring Scientific Evidence

Chair: **Lina Nikolopoulou**

Speakers:

- What are we losing in terms of health? - **Andrzej Fal**
- What are we losing in terms of the economy? - **Witold Orlowski**

14:00-14:30

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Outrage Reduction about Harm Reduction: Addressing Public Health's Anti-Noncombustibles Bias

Speaker: **Peter M. Sandman**

Chair: **David T. Sweanor J.D.**

14:30-15:30

RESEARCH TRACK SESSION

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Chair: **Konstantinos Poulas**

OP01

■ **TOXICOLOGY AND AEROSOL CHEMISTRY**

BEYOND THE LABEL: NICOTINE CONTENT AND METHYLNICOTINE IN ORAL POUCH PRODUCTS ON THE POLISH MARKET

Katarzyna Koziak¹, Maciej Wierzbicki¹, Arkadiusz Szterk²

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■ PRECLINICAL EVALUATION

OP02

COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF CONVENTIONAL CIGARETTE SMOKE AND HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCT AEROSOL ON CORNEAL STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

Konstantinos Partsinevelos¹, Sebastiano Giallongo², Francesco Bellia¹, Andrea Russo³, Matteo Fallico³, Riccardo Polosa^{4, 5}, Niccolò Castellino³, Antonio Longo³, Rosalia Emma^{2, 5}, Massimo Caruso^{1, 5}, Arief S. Kartasasmita⁶, Giuseppe Sferrazzo¹, Ignazio Alberto Barbagallo¹, Rosario Caltabiano⁷, Giuseppe Broggi⁷, Amer M. Alanazi⁸, Giovanni Li Volti^{1, 5}

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■ CLINICAL ASSESSMENT AND HARM REDUCTION

OP03

DIFFERENT PRODUCTS, DISTINCT IMMUNE RESPONSES: COMPARATIVE EFFECTS OF COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO HEATING PRODUCTS

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- OP04** COMPARATIVE CLINICAL EVALUATION AND HISTOPATHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF ORAL MUCOSA IN CIGARETTE SMOKERS AND HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCT USERS

Vahe Azatyan, Lazar Yesayan

Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia

■ SMOKING CESSATION

- OP05** OP05 | DISTRIBUTION OF DOPAMINE PATHWAY GENE POLYMORPHISMS IN SUBJECTS WITH DIFFERENT SMOKING BEHAVIOUR: IMPLICATIONS FOR TOBACCO HARM REDUCTION

Evgeny N. Imyanitov^{1,2}, Natalia V. Mitiushkina^{1,2}, Olga A. Sukhovskaya^{3,4}

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- OP06** THE IMPACT OF ACTIVE CIGARETTE SMOKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PULMONARY FIBROSIS IN PATIENTS WITH PULMONARY SARCOIDOSIS

Marina Lebedeva, Vladimir Beketov

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