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Activities performed March – August 2003 (as of August 2, 2003)

The research project is planned for one year. The following table summarizes activities performed in the first six months of the project from March to August 2003.

In the first column planned activities are reviewed, while the work already done is included in the last two columns.

Planned activities	Work done	Comments
March 2003 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of best international practice in tobacco control and latest recommendations of international agencies (WHO, FCTC, WB, EU, etc.) • identification of pro- and anti-tobacco stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participation at the training of IPF scholars • latest efforts of international agencies reviewed • Hungarian stakeholders identified 	Planning and writing research paper
April 2003 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of positions of main political actors (parties and key ministry officials) towards tobacco control policies 	Mini-project designed and rescheduled on political actors' role in the adoption of 1999 anti-smoking law Activities of this mini-project scheduled for July – August 2003 In this month: research on tobacco industry documents and preparation of a paper on how tobacco industry has tried to remove the comprehensive advertising ban instated in 1978 Participation at the seminar 'Effective movement building and advocacy in tobacco control' held in Bucharest, Romania, April 23-25, 2003	Writing a paper for publication in Central European Journal of Public Health (submitted and expected to be published in the September 2003 issue)
May 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done according to the 	Writing the research paper

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWOT analysis of research in tobacco control in Hungary • SWOT analysis of Hungarian agencies working in tobacco control 	<p>scheduled plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 interviews (phone and face-to-face) with professionals working in tobacco control 	
<p>June 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysis of the Hungarian tobacco industry • review of relevant industry documents available on the internet 	<p>Participation at the second training session of IPF fellows</p> <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work done according to the plan • paper prepared and submitted to Egészségnevelés (Health Education) entitled: Addicted to profit: Big Tobacco invades Hungary (expected to be published in the September 2003 issue) 	
<p>July 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review of relevant industry documents available on the internet • writing an article on strategies and tactics of Hungarian TTCs to thwart the introduction of tobacco policy measures in Hungary for the Central European Journal of Public Health (in English) and for Egészségnevelés (Health Education, in Hungarian) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities planned for this month already done in June 2003 • activities re-scheduled from April 2003 have been started to be done, namely the analysis of circumstances of adoption of the 1999 anti-smoking law from the decision makers' perspective <p>75 parliamentary speeches and 130 bill amendments reviewed</p> <p>4 interviews with representatives of the four parliamentary parties</p>	<p>Activity would go on till August 2003</p> <p>1 interview scheduled for the week August 11</p>

<p>August 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysis of media coverage of tobacco control and of the tobacco industry in the year 2002 • identification of journalists dealing with tobacco issues, with special regard to daily newspapers • writing of progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work goes on according to the plans <p>Participation at the 12 WCTOH in Helsinki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I give three presentations, one on industry documents on tobacco companies invading Hungary in early 1990s 	<p>According to the structure of the research paper put together after the March training, media coverage of the re-instating the comprehensive advertising ban in December 2000 will be reviewed instead of the coverage of tobacco companies in 2002</p>
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