

10. Building regional research capacity to guide policy for waterpipe smoking

Thursday, 19 March 2015, 14:00 - 15:30



Type	Symposium
Track	New emerging products and challenges, issues and strategies
Topic	Waterpipe and Shisha smoking: FCTC Art. 5.3,8,6,11,13 and crosscutting
Description	Waterpipe smoking (WPS) is increasing globally, yet evidence based policies lag behind. This discrepancy is most notable in the Eastern Mediterranean (EMR), where WPS is very popular among youth. Since its inception in 2001, the Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies (SCTS) has been working to create regional capacity in tobacco control research. As part of these efforts, SCTS is planning a seed grants program to allow researchers conduct research projects related to WPS. This symposium will provide scientific update about the evidence regarding WPS and a venue for seed grantees to present their data.
Target audience	Tobacco control researchers, public health professionals, and policy decision-makers in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a venue for young researchers in the EMR to present their research findings 2. Discuss the importance of local research capacity to address local public health problems 3. Present an update of the status of knowledge about the harmful and addictive properties of waterpipe smoking 4. Raise awareness about the differences between waterpipe and cigarettes and that policy frameworks must be adjusted
Keywords	Waterpipe; Hookah; Shisha; Research Capacity; Youth; EMR; Policy
Coordinator(s)	Wasim Maziak (USA), Raed Bahelah (USA)
Chair(s)	Fouad Fouad (Lebanon), Rima Afifi (Lebanon)
Presentations	<p>14:00 - 14:10» Building tobacco control research capacity to address waterpipe smoking in the EMR Wasim Maziak (USA)</p> <p>14:10 - 14:20» Testing of Adolescent Waterpipe Nicotine Dependence Scale Sukaina Alzyoud (Jordan)</p> <p>14:20 - 14:30» Testing the effect of a pilot internet-based tobacco counseling and treatment training on the knowledge, attitude, and practice of medical students</p> <p>14:30 - 14:40» Periodontal health of narghile smokers compared to cigarette smokers: a case-control study Mehdi Khemiss (Tunisia)</p> <p>14:40 - 14:50» Waterpipe and cigarette smoking among adult seriously ill patients attending the Psychiatric hospital, Bahrain Randah Hamadeh (Bahrain)</p> <p>14:50 - 15:00» Perception and practices of smoking among medical students in the Nile Delta, Egypt</p> <p>15:00 - 15:10» Prevalence of COPD among water-pipe and cigarette smokers in Iraq Omer Qutaiba (Iraq)</p> <p>15:10 - 15:30» Discussion</p>