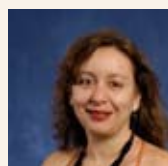


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BRAZIL

**Maristela Menezes**

Tobacco Control and Other Cancer Risk Factors Coordinator
Recife Mayorality/Health Secretariat

A social worker by training, Menezes developed the municipal Tobacco Control and Other Cancer Risk Factors policy for Recife, a city of 1.5 million people. She helped to establish reference centers on tobacco control and treatment, and also created smoke-free areas in offices, shopping centers, bars, restaurants, pubs, dancing bars and hotels.

MEXICO

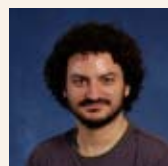
**Carlos de J. Gámez Espinoza**

Analyst on International Affairs and Adviser to the Executive Director of International Affairs, Federal Commission for Protection from Sanitary Risks/Ministry of Health
A former foreign affairs and economic analyst, Gámez joined the Federal Commission in 2005. He is an analyst and adviser on international tobacco control for the Federal Commission, which oversees implementation of the WHO FCTC in Mexico.

**Maralá Goode**

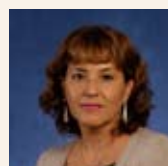
Project Manager, InterAmerican Heart Foundation

A project manager of the Smoke-Free Project, Goode supervises aspects of the group's tobacco control programs, including strategy development, media campaigns and fund-raising activities.

**Alejandro Madrazo, JSD, LLM, LLB**

Legal Expert, InterAmerican Heart Foundation

A lawyer and professor, Madrazo has consulted on legal issues of tobacco control for various groups, including the Foundation. He is promoting tobacco control legislation at the state level, and is exploring the use of anti-tobacco litigation based on human rights claims at the regional level.

**Xochitl Romero Guerrero, PhD, MPH**

National Professional Officer, FCTC, Pan American Health Organization, Mexico

A general practitioner with master's and doctoral degrees in public health, Romero Guerrero entered the tobacco control field with a new post at PAHO. Romero Guerrero, who has held high-level posts in the Mexican health system, will use her experience in coordinating public health initiatives to launch programs aimed at controlling tobacco use.

**Jonathan Romo**

Latin America Coalition Coordinator

Tobacco Control International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
Currently the strategic alliances coordinator at the Latin America Regional Center of the Union, Romo worked for many years advocating a social agenda in Latin America.

**Paola Zavala Saeb**

Grassroots Organizer, InterAmerican Heart Foundation

Zavala Saeb, a lawyer with extensive human rights experience, works to develop and support national and state civil society coalitions to advocate for a smoke-free Mexico. Zavala Saeb leads media advocacy efforts and mobilizes constituents around tobacco control declarations.

UNITED STATES

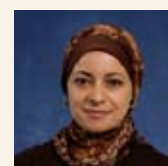
**Stephan R. Rabimov**

Economics Program Associate, Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use
World Lung Foundation

Rabimov coordinates development of the Foundation's economics program, including capacity building and research activities related to tobacco economics. He provides feedback on the quality, effectiveness and applicability of economic studies on tobacco taxation.

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EGYPT

**Randa Abou El Naga, MD**

National Professional Officer/Global Adult Tobacco Survey, Tobacco Free Initiative,
WHO Country Office-Egypt

An assistant professor at Alexandria University, Abou El Naga teaches tobacco control courses, including implementation methodology and intervention strategies. Since 2007, she has worked as a national surveillance officer for the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) in Egypt.

**Gihan Medhat El-Nahas, PhD, MBBS**

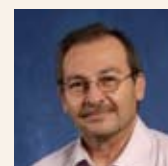
Regional Coordinator, Eastern Mediterranean Resource Center for Tobacco Control,
International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

El-Nahas, a doctor of psychiatry, provides technical support to the Union's tobacco control programs in Egypt, Pakistan and other countries. Before joining the Union, El-Nahas was a national professional officer for the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use at WHO's Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO). El-Nahas has worked as a clinician, researcher and lecturer for 20 years.

**Heba Fouad, MD**

Surveillance Officer, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO EMRO

Fouad coordinates EMRO's Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS) activities, including data collection, analysis and regional dissemination of the findings. She is also a lecturer on occupational and environmental health at Alexandria University in Egypt.

**Mohamed Mehrez Mostafa, MBBS**

Director of Tobacco Control Department, Ministry of Health and Population

Mostafa has served as director of the Department since 2003. He has participated in many international conferences on tobacco control, including the Conference of the Parties 1 (COP1), COP2, and the Intergovernmental Negotiation Body (INB-1). His department is conducting the GTSS, which consists of the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS), Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS) and GATS.

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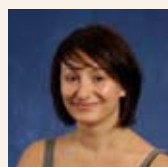
TURKEY

**Alptekin Çetin, MD**

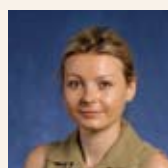
Training Specialist and Psychiatrist, Istanbul University
Cerraphasa School of Medicine
A psychiatrist, Çetin has had an ongoing interest in substance abuse. Many of Çetin's patients have dependencies on drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

**Toker Erguder, MD, PhD**

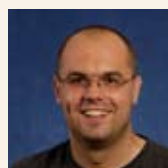
National Professional Officer, Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use
WHO Country Office-Turkey
Erguder assists the government in the design, implementation and evaluation of national tobacco control action plans, policies, legislation and programs consistent with the WHO FCTC. He provides technical assistance and oversight to grantees of the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use.

WHO REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EUROPE
POLAND**Agata Lewandowska (Ziemnicka), MA, MS**

Assistant, Health Promotion Foundation
Warsaw Cancer Center and Institute of Oncology
Lewandowska works as a junior researcher at the Foundation. She focuses on smoking cessation programs and assists with organizing conferences and campaigns around cessation, diet and a healthy lifestyle.

**Marta Porebiak, PhD candidate**

Assistant Psychologist
Skłodowska-Curie Memorial Cancer Centre and Institute of Oncology
A PhD candidate in clinical psychology at University of Warsaw, Porebiak became interested in tobacco control as a Quitline adviser for the Cancer Centre. She divides her time between European Commission projects and private practice as a psychotherapist.

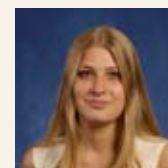
**Michal Skiba**

Public Health Specialist, Warsaw Cancer Center and Institute of Oncology
Since 2005, Skiba has served as a public health specialist at the Warsaw Cancer Center. He previously worked in management, marketing and promotion for the financial sector.

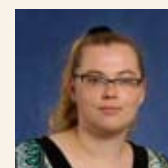
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**Sergei Frolov**

Program Director, Healthy Russia Foundation
As program director of the Foundation, Frolov oversees programs in 10 regions of the Russian Federation. In 2008, the Foundation was awarded a grant from the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use to create a smoke-free St. Petersburg within two years.

**Daria Khaltourina, PhD**

Consultant, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
With a background in sociology, social and cultural anthropology, demographics and public health, Khaltourina works on preventive policies for tobacco control. She is responsible for political mapping and policy analysis for the Campaign.

**Olga Knorre**

Advocacy Coordinator, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
As an advocacy coordinator, Knorre develops media strategies to ensure tobacco control receives greater priority on the government agenda. She conducts training seminars for journalists to increase and improve their coverage of tobacco control issues.

**Andrey Korotayev, Doctor of Sciences**

Professor and Director, Anthropology of the East Center
Russian State University for the Humanities
Korotayev is a noted scholar, professor and author who has written more than 200 articles. He entered the tobacco and alcohol control movement after his research—conducted in collaboration with Khaltourina—demonstrated that tobacco and alcohol were the two most important factors of high mortality in the region.

**Alexey Shabashov, MD, PhD, MPH**

Associate Professor, Tver State Medical Academy
In 2002, Shabashov organized the NGO, Association Healthy Regions, to unite medical doctors, scientists and public health specialists in the Tver Region. The Association was instrumental in mobilizing a national coalition to support the ratification of the WHO FCTC in the Russian Federation.

UKRAINE

**Hanna Hopko, PhD candidate**

Advocacy Coordinator in Ukraine, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
As advocacy coordinator, Hopko develops media strategies to promote policy change on tobacco use. She works with potential grantees to develop proposals for ground-level advocacy and to ensure the appropriate use of grants by these organizations.

**Volodymyr Polonets, PhD candidate**

Teacher of Marketing (social marketing) at the Kyiv National Economics University and the International Institute of Business
In 2007, Polonets turned his attention to tobacco control. He works to build a strong antismoking movement among youth and to mobilize student activists who want to advocate for a healthy, smoke-free lifestyle.

**Lesya Prokopovych**

Health Care Programme Manager, All-Ukrainian Charity Fund, Faith. Hope. Love.
Prokopovych works with religious institutions and churches on advocacy, prevention and education programs to advance a social agenda that includes tobacco control. Her organization is advocating for a tobacco tax increase, smoke-free public places and a ban on advertising.

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**Nataliya Toropova**

Regional Advocacy Coordinator, Eastern Europe, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Toropova has been working as a regional advocacy coordinator for the Campaign in Ukraine and Eastern Europe since 2007. The Campaign has developed a strong advocacy campaign to ban advertising in Ukraine and increase the tobacco tax.

UNITED KINGDOM**Mario de Leon Estrada, PhD**

Grants Officer, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
A grants officer for the Union, de Leon Estrada has worked and taught courses on primary health care issues. These issues include cardiovascular and respiratory problems related to heavy smoking, the promotion of smoke-free environments and awareness of the effects of secondhand smoke.

**Natasha Ditekivska, MA**

Technical Officer, Europe, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
Since 2007, Ditekivska has worked for the Union to provide assistance to applicants of the grant program, translate scientific works and manage the Russian version of the Union's tobacco control website. She recently moved to the Edinburgh office and now supports team activities in the Central and Eastern European Region.

**Tuija Tengvall, MSc**

Senior Technical Officer, Capacity Building, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
As a senior technical officer, Tengvall is responsible for the planning, development and delivery of tobacco control content in the Union's capacity building training efforts. She is also an honorary faculty member contributing to public health courses at Edinburgh University.

WHO REGIONAL OFFICE FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA**BANGLADESH****Ishrat Chowdhury**

Temporary National Professional, Enforcement of Tobacco Control Law, WHO Country Office-Bangladesh
Chowdhury provides technical support to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other partners to implement the tobacco control law in Bangladesh.

**Ehsanul Matin, MBBS, MA**

Programme Development Officer, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
Matin provides assistance to Bloomberg Initiative grantees in the area of documentation, coalition building and organizational linkages. Matin also coordinates technical and financial monitoring of the grants.

INDIA**Tara Singh Bam, PhD, MPH**

Technical Consultant, India Resource Centre International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
As technical consultant for the India Resource Centre, Bam's responsibilities are wide-ranging: capacity building, development of funding portfolios and resource tracking, as well as monitoring and evaluation of partners' projects in Indonesia.

**Dinesh Bhatnagar, MBBS, MS**

Additional Director General of Health Services
Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;
Head of Department of Surgery, Safdarjung Hospital
Bhatnagar works extensively on the country's National Tobacco Control Programme. He represented India at the Regional Policy Workshop on Tobacco Surveillance, "Linking Data to Action," at Kathmandu, Nepal, in 2008.

**Utsuk Datta, MBBS, MD**

Reader, Head of the Department of Education and Training
National Institute of Health and Family Welfare
Datta heads the education and training of middle- and high-level health managers who conduct training for the city's health departments throughout India. Datta also provides technical assistance in applied research, monitoring and evaluation for national health programs including the program on noncommunicable diseases.

**Paresh Dave, MBBS, MPH**

Joint Director, TB/HEB-IEC, Health and Family Welfare Department
Commissioner of Health and Medical Services, Government of Gujarat
For the past five years, Dave has worked to educate the public in Gujarat about the dangers of tobacco use and other health issues. Recently, the state of Gujarat was selected for the pilot project of National Tobacco Control Program and Dave is the State Nodal Officer for this program.

**Subbia Elango, MBBS, MD**

Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine
Government of Tamil Nadu
Elango has 30 years of professional experience in medicine and public health. As the former district health manager for Dindigul and Madurai, Elango implemented national and state health programs. Elango was part of the committee to formulate the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Smoking and Spitting Act 2002 and Rules 2003 that prohibit tobacco use in public places.

**Dhruba Hojai, MBBS**

Director of Health Services, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Assam
Since 2004, Hojai has served as the director of Health Services for the Government of Assam, responsible for public health policy and program administration for the state. A medical doctor, Hojai has worked as a practitioner and a public health professional for more than 30 years.

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Pranay Lal, MSc

Research Consultant, India Resource Centre,
International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

As research consultant, Lal specializes in analyzing health and development policy and improving program effectiveness and sustainability. He has designed and implemented advocacy and communication campaigns in partnership with NGOs, medical associations, parliamentarians and academia. In 2004, Lal contributed to the WHO/Government of India report, Tobacco Control in India.

**Bhavna B. Mukhopadhyay**

Senior Director, Health Promotion and Development Communication,
Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI)

For 15 years, Mukhopadhyay has managed VHAI's health promotion and development communication programme. Currently, she heads the team in charge of implementing a comprehensive tobacco control programme across India, which includes policy and media advocacy, project management, capacity building, networking and coalition building, development of advocacy materials and research, as well as monitoring and reporting.

**B. Sanjeev Reddy**

Professor and Head, Department of Behavioural Sciences and Communication
Strategies, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health

Reddy serves as professor and head of Behavioural Sciences and Communication Strategies at All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health. He is President of Research Centre International.

**Niki Shrestha, MBBS, MD**

Junior Public Health Professional, Tobacco Free Initiative,
WHO Regional Office for Southeast Asia (SEARO)

Shrestha serves as a junior public health professional in the Tobacco Free Initiative Unit of SEARO. She assists in strengthening the region's tobacco surveillance system and provides technical assistance in the implementation of the regional tobacco control program and the WHO FCTC in member countries of the region.

**Rana Jugdeep Singh, MBBS, MD, DPHA, IFPM**

Technical Consultant, India Resource Centre
International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

A medical doctor with specialties in tuberculosis and chest diseases, Singh worked first as a consultant in pulmonary medicine and then for WHO's National Tuberculosis Control Programme for several years. Now, Singh focuses on tobacco control activities at the Union's Resource Centre in Asia.

**Ram Vashist, MBBS, MD**

Head, Public Health, Government of Delhi

Vashist has worked for the Government of Delhi for 19 years. Currently he heads Public Health with responsibility for managing the Tuberculosis Control and Tobacco Control Programmes. In previous positions, Vashist implemented programs on AIDS control, blindness control, leprosy eradication and vector-borne diseases.

INDONESIA

**Dina Kania, LLB**

Tobacco Control Advocacy Coordinator, National Commission for Child Protection
Fellow, Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance (SEATCA)

As tobacco control advocacy coordinator at the Commission, Kania has established the Tobacco-Free Indonesian Youth Forum to educate and mobilize youth. In 2007, Kania was commissioned by SEATCA to serve as the Indonesia coordinator for tobacco industry surveillance.

**Rohani Prihatin**

Researcher, Center for Research and Information Services

Prihatin, who studied Islamic law, works as a researcher at the Center for Research and Information Services, a think tank supporting members of the Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia. Prihatin researches issues to support the drafting of legislation on tobacco control.

**Widyastuti Soerojo, MD, MSc**

Director, Tobacco Control Support Center, Indonesian Public Health Association

Soerojo has worked on tobacco control for more than a decade. In 2004, she worked for WHO to finalize the Indonesian Tobacco Source Book. She also established the Tobacco Control Working Group and pushed for a smoke-free policy in Cirebon City. With funds from the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use, Soerojo is now working to develop the Tobacco Control Support Center.

**Nanik Soetardi, MPH**

Head of Public Health, Empowerment Section of Bogor City Health Office/West Java

As head of Public Health, Soetardi is a strong advocate for tobacco control in the city of Bogor. In 2006, the city passed a regulation to designate smoke-free public areas. Soetardi is pushing to have the city's public areas, schools and health institutions become smoke-free by 2010.

**Sonny Warouw, PhD**

Head of Sub-Directorate of Chronic and Degenerative Diseases Control
Directorate of Noncommunicable Diseases Control, Ministry of Health

A member of the working group for tobacco control, Warouw has worked in the Ministry of Health since 1985. From 1998 to 2004, Warouw conducted studies on healthy housing, indoor and outdoor air quality, and risk factors for noncommunicable diseases. Since early 2006, he has worked at the Directorate of Noncommunicable Diseases Control at the Ministry of Health.

**Widyastuti Wibisana, MD, PhD**

National Professional Officer, TobaccoFree Initiative, WHO Country Office-Indonesia

Wibisana has worked in high-level posts in Indonesia since 1970. In 2005, Wibisana began advocating for a tobacco control support center after learning that the country was facing great challenges in ratifying the FCTC. Today, Wibisana works for WHO to implement the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use.

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THAILAND

**Chai Kritiyapichatkul, MD, MPH**

National Professional Officer, Tobacco Control, WHO Country Office-Thailand
Kritiyapichatkul provides technical support to WHO, the Ministry of Health and multi-sectoral tobacco control partners to implement the Thailand National Tobacco Control Program and the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use. Kritiyapichatkul helps design, strengthen, implement and evaluate the national tobacco control action plan.

**Panuwat Panket, PhD**

Director, Bureau of Noncommunicable Diseases, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health
Panket is the director of the Bureau of Noncommunicable Diseases, which oversees tobacco control. A medical doctor, Panket has held positions in the Sukhothai Provincial Public Health Office and Ministry of Public Health, and as director of Kongkrailat Community Hospital.

WHO REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC
CHINA**Guoze Feng, MS**

Research Assistant, Tobacco Control Office, National Center for Chronic and Noncommunicable Disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Feng, who holds a master's degree from the National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, now works in the China CDC's tobacco control office. Feng is responsible for developing research protocols, training interviewers and analyzing data.

**Jiushun Zhou, PhD candidate**

Project Manager, Tobacco Control Project, Department of Epidemiology, Peking Union Medical College
Zhou has more than eight years of experience in public health, with a specialty in AIDS prevention and tobacco control. A PhD candidate in the Department of Epidemiology at Peking Union Medical College, Zhou also serves as project manager for the college's Tobacco Control Project, focusing on distance education.

**Lin Xiao, PhD**

Health Professional, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Xiao has been very active in the implementation of the WHO FCTC in China. As a Chinese delegate, she took part in the first meeting of the FCTC Article 13 Working Group and attended the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body of a Protocol on Illicit Trade in Geneva in 2008. In China, Xiao and her colleagues drafted the First Periodic Report of the FCTC Implementation of P.R.C., which evaluates tobacco control in China.

**Ning Dong**

Technical Officer, China Resource Center, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
Dong joined the Union in 2008, working on policy and legislation to create smoke-free environments in China. Dong also works on interventions to prevent secondhand exposure to tobacco smoke. A plant scientist, Dong worked for years with various HIV control projects at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Yan Yang, MD**

Professor, National Tobacco Control Office, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Yang joined the National Tobacco Control office in 2002. She provides capacity building training to provinces, organizes World No Tobacco Day activities and conducts research on current tobacco control policies. In 2002, 2004 and 2006, Yang organized the Quit and Win campaigns in China.

**Anhuai Yu, MD**

Journalist, China Medical Tribune
A medical doctor, Yu works as a journalist for the China Medical Tribune, the most influential weekly medical newspaper in China. More than half of Chinese doctors read the publication. The newspaper is collaborating with the National Tobacco Control Office to urge the nation's health professionals to promote tobacco control.

**Yuan Jiang, MD, MPH, MSc**

Deputy Director, National Tobacco Control Office, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Jiang presides over many smoking control projects and studies, including the Chinese Tobacco Control Capacity Building Initiative. She is the principal investigator of the ITC China Study. In 2006, Jiang received the Tobacco Control Award from the Chinese Tobacco Control Association for her efforts. Jiang worked closely with the Ministry of Health and other ministries to prepare the ratification of the WHO FCTC.

**Lu Zhong, MA**

Advocacy Coordinator, China Programs, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
As an advocacy coordinator for the Campaign, Zhong works with local partners on policy and media advocacy and grant programs. Zhong has worked in public relations and marketing for the private sector, and as a print and television journalist for major news media.

**Gang Zhou**

Director of the Institute of Health Education and Noncommunicable Diseases, Henan Provincial Center for Disease Prevention and Control
Zhou, who has a background in infectious diseases, has worked on tobacco control since 2003. Zhou serves as the provincial point person for tobacco control in Henan Province. In addition to other duties, Zhou conducted the surveillance for the WHO FCTC in Zhengzhou City. Now he is working on a project funded by the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use.

**Liping Zhu**

Director, Institute of Chronic and Noncommunicable Disease Control and Prevention, Jiangxi Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Zhu has worked in public health since 1982. In 1995, she was named director of the Institute, which focuses on tobacco, injuries, hypertension and diabetes. Since 2007, Zhu has served as the Jiangxi Province Director of the Toward a Smoke-Free China project, sponsored by the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use.

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PHILIPPINES

**Gerardo Cornejo**

Producer, Director, MediaKom; Founder/President, Yosi Kadiri Organization; Radio-TV Producer and Program Host

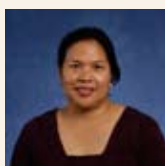
Cornejo joined the tobacco control field in 1996, after resigning as the first corporate affairs director in the Philippine office of one of the world's largest tobacco manufacturers. Since 2000, he has co-produced and hosted a daily primetime radio program dedicated to tobacco control. In 2001, Cornejo became a founding director of FCTC Philippines. He has been a resource speaker throughout Asia, appearing at tobacco control hearings in Hong Kong's Legislative Council in 1997.

**Debby Sy, LLB**

Legal Adviser, FCTC Alliance Philippines; Executive Director, HealthJustice
A legal adviser to the Alliance, Sy also serves as a legal consultant for the University of the Philippines College of Law and its Faculty Development Foundation. As executive director of HealthJustice, she brought together various groups to advocate for tobacco control legislation and tobacco litigation, as well as enforcement of tobacco control laws. She is a SEATCA Fellow and former communications director at FCTC Alliance, Philippines.

**Domilyn Villarreiz, MD**

Programme Officer, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO Country Office-Philippines
Villarreiz started working on tobacco control as a grassroots activist and was successful in achieving antismoking laws for Davao City. She recently joined WHO-Philippines as a program officer for the Tobacco Free Initiative. In the first six months, Villarreiz was able to persuade three cities to initiate activities to implement smoke-free environments.

**Annabelle P. Yumang, MD**

Medical Specialist, Department of Health, Center for Health Development, Davao Region
In 1995, Yumang joined the health department to manage the Noncommunicable Disease Prevention and Control Program. Her responsibilities involve developing health policies and programs, building capacity of local governments and stakeholders, as well as leveraging services for priority health programs.

VIETNAM

**Minh Van Hoang, MD, PhD, MPH**

Lecturer, Researcher, Faculty of Public Health, Hanoi Medical University
Hoang, a member of Community Health Training and Consulting Network of Vietnam since 2000, recently became research coordinator at Hanoi Medical University. Hoang has been the principal investigator for several tobacco studies. The research findings have been disseminated and used to inform planning and policymaking in Vietnam.

Pham Thi Quynh Nga, MD, MPH

National Professional Officer, WHO Country Office-Vietnam
In 2007, Nga was named the national professional officer for the Tobacco Free Initiative at WHO's country office for Vietnam. Nga provides technical assistance to the Vietnam Committee on Smoking and Health for the implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of tobacco control activities funded by the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use.

**Ha Thi Kieu Thanh Tran**

Media and Advocacy Officer, HealthBridge Canada (Formerly PATH Canada), Vietnam Office
Tran has worked in the field of tobacco control since 2004, when she was recruited to be the media officer for the Tobacco Control Program of the HealthBridge Foundation of Canada. HealthBridge was the first international NGO to work in Vietnam on tobacco control.