

**Major Activities of Russian Public Health Association
May 2007-May 2008**

RPHA concentrated on the primary risk factor for the health of population - tobacco use, by:

- Consulting Russian Government officials on tobacco control issues – from May 2007
- Participated in Public Hearings in State Duma, April 2008.
- Participating in Expert panel under State Duma Committee on Health, meetings of Public Chamber of Russia – from March 2008.
- Consulting WHO, BGI, CTFK, ERS on tobacco control issues – from May 2007.
- Participating in activities of Russian Coalition for FCTC ratification and implementation – from September 2007.
- Co-organizing First Russian National Forum Health or Tobacco, May 2007, now preparing for the Second Forum.
- Co-organizing 7th Annual Moscow City conference on tobacco control, May 2007, now preparing for the 8th Annual Conference, May 2008, with publication of abstracts.
- Participating in International Visitors Program on tobacco control organized by US Embassy – March 2008.
- Consulting and participating in TV1 Federal channel documentary on tobacco control, broadcasted in April 2008.
- Participating in European Tobacco or Health conference in Basel, Switzerland, October 2007.
- Participating in consensus seminar on tobacco and nicotine product regulation, Faculty Club, Leuven, Belgium, 3-4 May 2007, Organized by ASH, CNCT, CR-UK, EHN, ERS and INCa, funded by CNCT, EHN and ERS and endorsed by ENSP.
- Participating in Summit of tobacco control leaders for CEE and the FSU countries, Warsaw, Poland, April 2008.
- Participating in 3rd International Conference on tobacco or health in Kazakhstan, Karaganda, May 2008.
- Elected vice-president, member of board of “Healthy Society” NGO, chaired by First Deputy Chairman of State Duma Health Committee, Academician

of RAMS, D. Med. Sci., Professor N.F. Gerasimenko, currently focusing on tobacco control – April 2008.

Grants:

Implementing IREX-supported project on primary health care for children and adolescents in Russia in current health care reform – from May 2007 till April 2008.

Grant application to Bloomberg Global Initiative “Countering Influence of Tobacco Industry on Tobacco Control in Russia for Public Health Benefit” was submitted in December 2007 (first round), April 2008 (selected for second round).

Publications:

Book on tobacco control in Russia – May 2007.

Tobacco Atlas of Russia – May 2007.

Chapter in the book Alcohol Disaster in Russia, November 2007.

TV and radio interviews: Russian TV, Russia Today, Zvezda, Narodnoye Radio, Swedish TV, UN Radio, etc., 4 press-conferences

Article in Moscow Times daily – June 2007.

Other activities:

- Preparing and submitting to the Government a concept for development of health care system in Russia till 2020 – March 2008.
- Consulting investors on public health issues in Russia.
- Supporting Loma Linda University MPH program in Russia.
- Participating in conference on rehabilitation in Russia - September 2007.
- Presentations on public health and health care issues in Moscow, Vologodskaya Oblast (North-West), Hanty-Mansiyskiy Autonomous Okrug (Western Siberia), Ekaterinburg (Urals).
- Participating in WFPHA Strategic Planning Retreat and AGM, April-May 2007.
- Participating in Euro-Asian Association for Children and Environmental Health, established in 2006 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- Participating in 2007 ACRM-ASNR Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, October 2007.
- Developing contacts with public health institutions of the FSU.