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Gustavo Zabert

ALAT President

Respectable Gustavo Zabert

We are writing to you in order to congratulate you about the actions taken about "The Foundation for a smoke free world". Any malicious action that in any way favors the tobacco industry or that promote smoking must be stopped. We write to you on behalf of the chest module of the medical school of the UMSNH from Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. The thorax module is an academic group whose task is to educate in respiratory health to medical students and Mexican society through weekly conferences, the dissemination of information on social networks, as well as with prevention campaigns of tobacco smoking, which is what we want to inform you in this letter. We reaffirm your stand on the fight against smoking and everything that goes along with.

For 27 years we have been realizing each year on March 13th the "Michoacan day without smoking". The event consists of a parade where students of basic, middle and professional education, as well as various education and health institutions of the state and the country meet. In this parade attendees carry posters about smoking and its consequences, a representation about diseases and death related to smoking is realized. On that day, free spirometries are also given to people with a tobacco index greater than 10; they also receive a general medical check-up and they are made aware of their risk and then referred to a care center.

But our work does not consist of just one day, since prior to March 13th (from 1 month before) talks are held in schools about information and awareness about smoking. During two weekends before March 13th a festival is held in the historic center of our city, where space is given to informative modules to educate people on smoking and its damages.

We are going to start this year with the awareness week on smoking and lung cancer. We know the importance of these global problems of public health and we consider that the effort that is currently being made in our city and our state is poor, so we have committed to bring the information and necessary prevention actions to our society. It will be held in the third week of the month of May of each year and we hope it can reach the rest of the country.

Prevention on smoking and related diseases is a task that should not be left only in hands of health staff, we believe it should be maintained in society by its empowerment. We hope to collaborate at someday with you and the society at your honorable charge, for the creation and promotion of campaigns like the ones we are carrying out, and in the fight against smoking, COPD and lung cancer.

Without another matter to discuss, I appreciate your attention to this letter and send a cordial greeting, we keep aware of your response.

Sincerely

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