

**INNCO is pleased that Dr. Riccardo Polosa has graciously accepted the role of Scientific Advisor to our organisation.**

For those who are unaware, Professor Riccardo Polosa, MD, PhD, is the Medical Director of the Institute for Internal Medicine and Clinical Immunology and Scientific Director of the Centre of Excellence for the acceleration of HARM Reduction (CoEHAR) of the University of Catania in Italy.

He is also in charge of the University's Centre for Tobacco Research (CPCT) and Honorary Professor of Medicine at Southampton University (UK). An internationally recognised leader in the field of respiratory medicine, he is author of more than 350 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters about respiratory medicine, clinical immunology, and nicotine-related research. Professor Polosa and his research team have lead several clinical trials on e-cigarettes. Also, Dr. Polosa is also involved in the following *pro bono* activities: Scientific Advisor to LIAF, Lega Italiana Anti Fumo (Italian acronym for Italian Anti Smoking League) and to The Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives (CASAA); Chair of the European Technical Committee for standardization on “Requirements and test methods for emissions of electronic cigarettes” (CEN/TC 437; WG4).

Professor Polosa has presented at the GFN three times before and will also be the scientific speaker at the open afternoon session of the INNCO General Assembly in Warsaw on 14 June 2018. We are grateful for his support as well as his commitment to providing continued guidance and input as we move forward developing INNCO into the resource for global advocacy for alternative nicotine consumers and those supporting our mission of Tobacco Harm Reduction through education and advocacy.

Initially Professor Polosa will assist by co-representing INNCO in engagement with the global NCD Alliance network and other relevant bodies. Transparently communicating with and informing the Global NCD Alliance is an important INNCO objective in the work leading up to the UN High Level Meeting on Non Communicable Diseases to be held in New York on September 26th, 2018. The NCD High Level Meeting in September has crucial importance, leading up to the WHO FCTC Conference of the Parties on October 1-6 in Geneva.