

The issue of the use of tobacco products is now no doubt a hot topic worldwide and especially in Europe, we are the last few years witnessed fundamental changes in the legislation of many countries on the tobacco control. Although today's situation resulted from day to day and " hotbed " for change societal perceptions of tobacco consumption actually were born since the 50th 20th cent. , after all in terms of global -scale changes relatively quickly and therefore often brings considerable controversy.

The area of public health , I chose as my topic thesis for several reasons. The first is my longtime interest of addiction in general - in high school , I engaged in various extensive works of this field. Another factor is certainly closer to the issue Tobacco stemming from long-term cooperation with Czech Coalition against Tobacco . thanks her work for more than two years as a consultant on line for smoking cessation and I have been on several other projects of the association (eg, preventive programs for elementary schools or support actions for employees smoke- enterprises).

Finally, he played the role of a simple fact that smoking is now the most important preventable cause of premature death and medical point of view, therefore, this phenomenon has a special status and yet it seems that the topic considerable part of the medical community underestimated him or at least not given sufficient attention.

In my work I try to summarize basic information about tobacco , state important epidemiological data , health aspects and in particular, to reduce tobacco and what would be the consequences of such action . The whole subject is extremely wide, it is possible to pay attention to aspects of many different disciplines (sociology , psychology , toxicology , economics , marketing , medicine , public health , ...), Which is beyond the scope of this text. Have given the focus of their study is therefore

I will address aspects of health , preventive and health-
legislative .

An integral part of the thesis is a practical part , in the context of I
conducted a questionnaire survey used a trainer dr . Bártová for

- 7- R prevalence of smoking and other data among medical students of our faculty.

The investigation was conducted among medical students during my study period

Socrates / Erasmus Graz, Austria, in 2006. The results of this investigation I

analyze , discuss and summarize the importance of the findings.