

Posudek školitele

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Disertation topic: Tobacco control in the Czech Republic and Canada, aimed especially at socioeconomic, political and environmental aspects

Keely Fraser came to the Czech Republic as an experienced expert in tobacco control – she was active in “Smokefree Ottawa” Canadian project. She was surprised to see the Czech situation according smoking and tobacco control, and could compare it in both countries.

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death globally. The main condition for smoking prevention and tobacco control is the national legislation. In the national cross-sectional survey of organizations involved in tobacco control, Keely Fraser used evaluation criteria according to the WHO standard, and approached roughly 20 Czech organizations involved (or organizations that should be involved) in tobacco control. Unfortunately, comparison with Canada is not positive for our country.

She also was involved in keyword search of clinical practice guidelines of 20 Czech medical professional societies, evaluation of a prospective cohort study - intensive smoking cessation treatment, and cross-sectional survey of patients in the national lung transplant program.

She pointed out major gaps in tobacco control within CR relating to treatment of tobacco dependence, legislation, coordination of action across multiple levels and sectors.

I hope her findings will be used to improvement of tobacco control in the Czech Republic, and recommend her to get the title PhD.

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