



NEW CORESTA TASK FORCE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

The interest in Electronic Cigarettes (E-Cigs) and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems or Devices (ENDS/ENDD) has seen a large increase over the last few years. While the market is growing, there are gaps in the science related to these products, their components, and the product use patterns.

Although these products do not strictly contain tobacco, there was growing interest from a number of CORESTA members to embrace this new product category. This is why CORESTA considered that it could capitalize on its global scientific skills and expertise in helping with the understanding and characterization of these products, in cooperation with e-cigarette stakeholders.

After a workshop was convened in November 2012, to discuss a range of issues related to these products, there was a consensus that an **E-Cigarettes Task Force** should be formed within CORESTA. Short term objectives pertaining to product definition and categorisation were submitted to, and then approved by the CORESTA executive bodies, i.e. the Scientific Commission and Board. These short term objectives are:

1. To create a document on worldwide product definition and definitions of terms for e-cigarettes to support harmonisation of nomenclature.
2. To gather and share preliminary data on analysis relevant to e-cigarettes worldwide with a view to making recommendations for product testing.
3. To define the relevant categories of products for potential further CORESTA studies.

Over 30 CORESTA Member organisations, from all over the world, including contract laboratories, scientific consultants, tobacco and e-cigarette manufacturers, liquid and equipment suppliers have started work in two teams, dealing with the two first objectives. They are collecting published and un-published data and literature worldwide on history, principles of operation, product types, regulatory status and analytical testing issues and results. Based on this preliminary and necessary review, the Task Force will then work on the third objective.

The Task Force will present a first report during the CORESTA SSPT2013 (Smoke Science and Product Technology) meeting, to be held in Seville, Spain, from 29 September to 3 October 2013.

CORESTA, the Cooperation Centre for Scientific Research Relative to Tobacco, is an association founded in 1956 whose purpose is to promote international cooperation in scientific research relative to tobacco. It organises yearly meetings in which scientific papers are presented, as well as reports and results of studies and surveys

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