Tobacco related resources on the Internet

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The Internet is a valuable resource for obtaining tobacco related information. One article has briefly explored some of the sites that are available. The following provides an outline of some of the major categories of tobacco related information currently available on the Internet. The knowledge base relating to tobacco control is large and rapidly evolving. The Internet provides an invaluable resource for current information and a history of tobacco control programmes and activities from many parts of the world. Many of the listed sites provide extensive links to other related resources.

Lycos (http://lycos.cs.cmu.edu/) and Yahoo (http://www.yahoo.com/) are two search tools available on the Internet that provide a fast, efficient way of searching for information on particular topics. Because the Internet is constantly evolving, the links to resources provided below may change. Search tools are a reliable way of locating information and discovering new resources (such as new tobacco company advertisements).

Tobacco control resources
There are numerous tobacco control organisations providing chronological histories of their own tobacco control activities, local legislative developments, updates on current legislative efforts, and links to other tobacco resources on the Internet. Several health organisations provide information on tobacco and health.

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) (USA) http://www.setinc.com/ash/intro.html. Provides a chronology of tobacco control developments and legislation within the United States, campaign information, access to the bimonthly ASH review, and more.

The militant anti-smokers' homepage http://www.mbnnet.mb.ca/~cmckin/smoke.html
Essentially just a collection of links to other tobacco related sites. Less impressive than it sounds.

NICTRET http://heiten.medlib.arizona.edu/~pubh/lib/tobac.htm

Provides as excellent resources guide to the Arizona anti-smoking organisation.

Tobacco in Australia: facts and issues http://www.peg.apc.org/~vshp/
Full text of the 415 page opus written by Stephen Woodward, Noni Walker, and Margaret Winstanley covering everything you'd want to know about tobacco in Australia. The preface, acknowledgments and the introduction can be accessed without charge. Subscription to the complete book is $AUD60. Subscribe from the home page or contact Quit Victoria by phone +61-3-9663 7777 or fax +61-3-9663 7761.

Tobacco BBS http://www.dx.com/tobacco/
Provides a comprehensive resources guide, links to "Tobacco Daily", an update on US tobacco control activities.

INFACT http://sunsite.unc.edu/boutell/infact/infact.html/
An anti-smoking activist group based in the United States providing comprehensive updates on their Philip Morris boycott campaign, legislative developments, and news updates.

American Medical Association http://www.ama-assn.org
Provides access to abstracts of JAMA, and full text of the 19 September 1995 articles on tobacco, based on an analysis of the Brown and Williamson documents.

Canadian Medical Association http://hpbl.hwc.ca:8400/
Information from the National Clearinghouse on Tobacco and Health in Canada.

The Canadian Supreme Court case http://Fox.NSTN.Ca:80/~ncht2/
Provides a chronological outline of developments in tobacco control in Canada, and an account of the RJR McDonald v Canada case on the Tobacco Control Act, with the full Supreme Court findings.

The Master Anti-Smoking Page http://www.autonomy.com/smoke.htm

This page is dedicated to helping people quit smoking and to helping people, especially the young, to not start.
See also: http://www.ozlink.com/yinyang/
This is a commercial site for a stop-smoking programme and contains a wealth of information about what smoking does to the body.

TobacTalk
This is a listserver site for people involved in tobacco control. To subscribe, send an email message to listserv@arizvnl.ccit.arizona.edu and in the body of your message type: SUBSCRIBE TOBACTALK <YOUR NAME>

Tools for Tobacco Educators
http://world.std.com/∼batteryb/
Provides a sample collection of counter-advertising posters, cartoons, billboards and signs depicting the “smooth reaper”, a parody on the Joe Camel and Grim Reaper advertising characters.

Smoking From All Sides
http://www.cs.brown.edu/people/lsh/smoking.html
A comprehensive collection of links to pro and anti-smoking sites and resources.

The Web of Addictions
http://www.well.com/user/woa
A well formatted and constructed collection of resources and accurate information about alcohol and other drug addictions. Provided as a resource for teachers, students and others needing factual information about abused drugs.

Government information resources and libraries
There are various government institutions that provide tobacco related statistics, health information and reports on tobacco, and updates on tobacco related legislation and programmes. These are United States, Canadian, and World Health Organisation (WHO) resources.

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
http://www.fda.gov/bbs/tobacinfo/juristoc.html
Information on the role of the FDA, information on tobacco and youth and full text of the recent FDA tobacco regulation proposal.

WHO
http://www.who.ch/programmes/psa/psahome.html
Provides extensive listings of publications and programmes relating to tobacco control programmes being supported or coordinated by the WHO.

International Union Against Cancer (UICC)
http://www.uicc.who.ch/
Provides access for authorised persons to the GLOBALink international tobacco control network.

International Organisation for Standardisation Online
(http://www.iso.ch/cate/65160.html)
Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment. The ISO standards are used for tar and nicotine content testing of cigarettes.

Australian Legislation at The NSW Law Foundation
http://www.fl.asn.org
Provides public access to an extensive range of Australian Federal and State legislation, regulations and cases. Provides ready and up-to-date access to tobacco specific legislation.

Commercial tobacco services
STAR Tobacco
http://www.startobacco.com
The first US domestic tobacco retailer advertising on the internet. It maintains a site with pictures of cigarette packages and ordering information.

TaxFree Cigarettes
http://www.woodtech.com/cigarettes/
A mail order service for discount cigarettes for “major US and Canadian cigarette brands”.

Bokor Mas kretek
http://www/public.iastate.edu/∼aciiek/bokormas.html
An Indonesian “fine clove cigarette” manufacturer, providing the company mission statement, product information and a product ordering service. All the products are said to be high quality and low price.

Smokin’ Joe’s Cigar retailer
http://www.charm.net/∼ibc/smokin/
Three internal memos indicating that the company deliberately targeted teenage smokers in marketing efforts, specifically tailored new brands for the youth market, and emphasised the need to establish brands for the 14-18 year old age group.

**Tobacco Victims Association**
http://www.gate.net/~jcannon/tva-online.html
Operates under the umbrella of STAT (Stop Teenage Addiction to Tobacco).

**Philip Morris documents**
http://www.library.ucsf.edu/kr/subs/tobacco/pm.html
These were presented in US Congressional hearings in August 1995 and detailed the company’s research projects into the effects of smoking and the pharmacology of nicotine in children and college students.

**Tobacco newsroups**

Discussion groups for smokers, non-smokers, cigar and pipe smokers and people trying to quit.
- news:alt.smokers
- news:alt.support.non-smokers
- news:alt.smokers.cigars
- news:alt.smokers.pipes
- news:alt.support.stop-smoking
- http://www.ncl.ac.uk:80/~nnpb/ (a resource for smokers trying to quit)

**Miscellaneous**

**Shadowland**
http://magi.com/~shadow/shadowland.html
A collection of photographs of women smoking. Celebrities and nude photos are shown.

**Movie lists**
A list of smoking scenes in a large collection of US and other films. There is also a listing of a large collection of films made specifically about smoking.

**Electronic published newspapers, magazines, and journals**
Several of the above links provide collections of tobacco related news stories published in the media. There are also various major US and international newspapers and magazines published online that provide access to current news stories, including news relating to tobacco. Jack Cannon has also provided the following sites:
- http://www.ash.org/ash/ (US ASH) – already included in the first section above
- http://www.bcm.tmc.edu/doc/ (Doctors Ought to Care (DOC))