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## **AFEVA LAUNCHES NEW PROJECTS**

On Tuesday 28th January 2013 in Casale Monferrato Afeva will launch two important projects in collaboration with other international associations engaged in the global struggle to ban asbestos. The first one is the World Asbestos E-library, a website and a social forum organized via an interactive map through which users from every part of the world can find the most updated documents on asbestos: verdicts, laws, decontamination procedures, therapies ...

Users will be able to share information and news in short summaries like in Wikipedia. "We believe that this tool will help citizens and associations, because there is a lot of information on asbestos on the web but it is spread in thousands of different websites and often the information is too technical. This new platform will enable us to collect information geographically and thus make it more accessible to civil society users" say Assunta Prato and Alessandro Pugno coordinators of the project. The project is supported by the Foundation CRT of Turin.

The other project is a joint research initiative on the role of asbestos victims' groups in Europe by Afeva (Italy) and Andeva (France), with the scientific collaboration of the University of Turin. The proprosal for this project won Alessandro Pugno a grant from the Goria Foundation "Talents of civil society" that each year awards scholarships to innovative projects by young people. "Asbestos is not only a social catastrophe, but an iconic example of social action and civil struggle. I am very excited to tell the story of the ban asbestos struggle in Europe and to be able to record for posterity the role played by asbestos victims in the fight for civil justice" " said Alessandro Pugno.



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