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Geoff: I'm now with Anna Paldy of the National Institute of Environmental Health in Budapest, and I'd like to ask you Anna,

What does this project bring to you and why are you involved in this project?

Anna: We have been involved in the biggest projects like Aphea and Apehis and the results of these projects helped us a lot in the discussion with policy makers and other stakeholders. In Budapest we have a lot of problems with air pollution. Particulate matter is a very high issue on the agenda and I think the results served as very sound scientific evidence in the discussion with the policy makers. As a consequence of these discussions, in the last year we modified the regulations concerning the smog alert and we emphasized the importance of the particulate matter pollution and now we have a smog alert just taking into account the PM₁₀ pollution.

What are the expectations from this Aphekom study? We would like to enlarge our scientific evidence and continue to convince the politicians and also the health professionals about the short term as well as the long term impact of particulate matter and we would like to improve the health situation of the population of Budapest and I think these results will help a lot in these kind of discussions.

Geoff: *Anna, thank you for your comments.*