

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

### **Alfred Munzer, M.D.**

Dr. Alfred Munzer is a recently retired physician specializing in diseases of the lung who was Director of the Pulmonary Medicine Department at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park. He has served as he served as President of the American Lung Association and in 2000 he was awarded the Will Ross Medal, the highest honor given by the association for volunteer service at the national level. He currently chairs the Board of Trustees of Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) and remains intimately involved in the global implementation of the first treaty developed under the auspices of the World Health Association, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Dr. Munzer was born in the Netherlands during WWII and lost his father and two sisters in the Holocaust. He spent the first four years of his life hidden from the Nazi occupiers with an Indonesian family residing in The Hague. He and his mother came to the United States in 1958. For the past eight years he has been a volunteer at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum translating diaries from Dutch into English for a five-volume series called Jewish Responses to Persecution and as a docent for the museum's permanent and special exhibitions. Dr. Munzer has shared his story of survival through the museum's First-Person series and to groups of judges, law enforcement officers and high school and college students.

Dr. Munzer also serves on the board of Cambodian Living Arts, an organization founded by Arn Chorn Pond, a child survivor of the Khmer Rouge, devoted to bringing healing and reconciliation through music and the arts to a people ravaged by atrocities and genocide.