

# Mercuriados – Spain

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Asunto: THANK YOU for your enquire regarding Dr. Petersen report

Santiago de Compostela, 22nd December 2010

**Dear Dr. Chan and Dr. Alwan,**

In my own name (as officially chronic Hg poisoned by dental amalgam fillings: [www.ei-resource.org/news/general-environmental-health-news/spanish-professor-suffering-from-mercury-intoxication-and-chemical-sensitivity-begins-hunger-strike](http://www.ei-resource.org/news/general-environmental-health-news/spanish-professor-suffering-from-mercury-intoxication-and-chemical-sensitivity-begins-hunger-strike)), as president of [MERCURIADOS association](#), as first vice president of the [World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry](#) (composed of patient associations and scientists' associations related to Hg, plus individual scientists, including dentists, medical doctors, biologists, chemists, toxicologists, etc. from all over the world), as university researcher and medicine student, as father of a 9 months old boy, worried of his future in an increasingly toxic world, as an informed citizen, **I DO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE ENQUIRE RE DR. PETERSEN REPORT**. We look forward of your conclusion/decision.

The poor claiming of 'poor people unable to afford other than amalgam mercury fillings' or the claiming on the 'safety of dental amalgams', despite never was proved such thing, etc., and even worse, using the name of a health organisation such as WHO is not only an anti-scientific and obscure way of proceed, but also an insult to those people like me, and many other, injured by the Hg and/or the other amalgam compounds, whose health, work, social and cultural life, economy, etc. were truncated.

For your information, about Dr. Petersen report, I copy-paste below the letter I sent on December 2nd 2010 to Dr. Carolyn Vickers. She, kindly and quickly, replied to me, but she could not answer really. She copied (Cc) Dr. Petersen, but today is December 22nd 2010, and Dr. Petersen did not respond to the 3 questions as yet. And he won't.

I/we hope that with Dr. Petersen views (full of conflicts of interest) do not happen the same as happened with the tobacco industry (with WHO experts being paid both by the WHO and the tobacco industry for defending tobacco): [www.who.int/tobacco/media/en/who\\_inquiry.pdf](http://www.who.int/tobacco/media/en/who_inquiry.pdf) (English version), [www.who.int/tobacco/media/en/inquirySP.pdf](http://www.who.int/tobacco/media/en/inquirySP.pdf) (Spanish version). WHO should work, like this WHO report title, from 2002 ([www.who.int/tobacco/media/en/final\\_jordan\\_report.pdf](http://www.who.int/tobacco/media/en/final_jordan_report.pdf)): "*Towards health with justice*", and being a "*Voice of Truth*": [www.emro.who.int/tfi/voice%20of%20truth.pdf](http://www.emro.who.int/tfi/voice%20of%20truth.pdf) Bearing all this in mind, actually, Dr. Petersen attitude should not be compatible with continuing working for WHO.

With the best wishes for a **Healthy Christmas and a Healthy New year.**

Kindly,

Servando.

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Fecha: 2 de diciembre de 2010 22:55

Asunto: Three Questions to WHO re 'Petersen Paper' (Future Use of Materials for Dental Restoration)

Santiago de Compostela (Spain), 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010

**TO: Dr. Carolyn Vickers**, *World Health Organisation*

Subject: **Three Questions re 'Petersen Paper'**

**Dear Dr. Vickers,**

Perhaps you remember me. We met in June this year in Sweden, at the [INCI](#), and had the chance to talk for a little while.

I am writing to you now to point out my/our deep concern regarding the official position of the *World Health Organisation* on dental amalgam, after reading the [draft report "Future Use of Materials for Dental Restoration"](#). The [Zero Mercury Working Group also raised important concerns on this draft report or let's say 'Petersen Paper'](#). We share the views of the two Co-Coordiators of the ZMWG, Michael Bender and Elena Lymberidi-Settimo, when they affirm in the letter sent to Dr. Poul E. Petersen on 26th November 2010:

"... what the report now includes is **not** the full picture of what was discussed, but rather a biased distortion". "Furthermore, although it is mentioned that 'all reasonable precautions have been taken from WHO to verify the information in the publication', **the most simple one, circulating a draft to the participants before publication, has not occurred**. As a result, we question the overall validity of this report. (...) Consequently, we hold WHO directly responsible and liable for fostering this kind of premeditated and clearly misleading meeting report information. This deception is perpetuated by the inclusion the statement in Annex 1, entitled "consensus statement on amalgam," (which is not even a WHO policy document) for the express purpose of demonstrating the safety of amalgam is both misleading and irresponsible".

Moreover, the president of the *World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry* (Charles Brown) wrote to you on 29th November 2010 raising the question of how and why WHO would allow its in-house dentist to assemble three like-minded dentists

with the same vested interest —to protect the profitable amalgam filling— then attach WHO's name to the report. With amalgam now listed on Annex C of the draft treaty elements, it would appear the *Petersen Paper* is an effort to get amalgam removed from that list.

All in all, we are gravely concerned that WHO staff is making decisions that should be made by the world body. Interest is growing in nations around the world to end amalgam, so we doubt that the nations, collectively, oppose a rapid transition to ART, composites free of Bisphenol A, and other alternatives. Indeed, several nations asked for such a result in submissions they made to UNEP.

With the highest regard for WHO and its mission for world health, the *World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry*, which world-wide represents associations of patients injured by dental mercury and scientists, including doctors, chemists, dentists, toxicologists, etc., poses three questions:

- 1) Were the three outside dentists on the *Petersen Paper* paid consultants of WHO, and, if not, did the *World Dental Federation* (FDI) pay them?
- 2) Is the *Petersen Paper* a paper officially approved by WHO?
- 3) Most important, **is WHO going to try to take amalgam off Annex C of the draft treaty elements?**

I look forward to hearing from you ASAP.

Kindly yours,

*Servando Pérez-Domínguez*

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President of *MERCURIADOS* association – [www.mercuriados.org](http://www.mercuriados.org)

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Medical student

[Injured by dental mercury](#) (official recognition)

Cc:

Dr. María P. Neira-González, World Health Organisation,

Dr. Ruth A. Etzel, World Health Organisation,

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