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Dear Global Asthma Network colleagues and friends,

Welcome to this winter/summer newsletter. With all the conflict and tragedies we hear about, I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

The Global Asthma Network (GAN) has continued to grow and we now have expressions of interest from 276 centres from 119 countries <http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/about/centres.php> This link shows you who is involved. The centres are also listed on the following pages. This is a growth of 47 centres and 18 countries since our last newsletter in December.

GAN has conducted 2 surveys of principal investigators which have achieved ≥85% response rate. These surveys have been about asthma guidelines and national strategies, and more recently about asthma essential medicines. Thank you for your participation. We will publish a summary of the results of these surveys in the Global Asthma Report 2014 (see next paragraph) and as scientific papers.

We are completing the preparation of the Global Asthma Report 2014 www.globalasthmareport.org, which follows on from the Global Asthma Report 2011. This will be launched at the 45th Union World Conference on Lung Health

which is being held in Barcelona on 28th October to 1 November 2014. Prior to this conference, the GAN Steering Group will be holding their annual meeting on 26th and 27th October.

Our participation at the 2014 American Thoracic Society (ATS) conference in the Global Community section of the Exhibit space went very well. Philippa and I recruited more centres and met many new people, which was a pleasure.

I attended the UN NCD Review meeting in New York in the first week of July, and was invited to speak about asthma at the FIRS/NCD side meeting. There are no standardised surveillance studies on asthma being undertaken by any one or any organisation, apart from GAN. This is why our work is so important.

However we are needing a major funder so that our work can continue. If you have any ideas, please be in contact.

Once again, thank you for your involvement in GAN.

With all best wishes from the GAN Steering Group.

Innes

Professor Innes Asher ONZM
Chair of GAN



Global Asthma Network
Collaborating Centres



Global Asthma Network Centres August 2014

Africa

Burkina Faso
Bobo-Dioulasso
Cameroon
Douala
Yaounde
Egypt
Cairo
Alexandria
Cairo-Castle
Ethiopia
Addis Ababa
Mekelle
Gambia
The Gambia
Ghana
Kumasi

Accra
Kenya
Eldoret
Nairobi
Malawi
Blantyre
Nigeria
Ibadan
Ife
Lagos
Maiduguri
Kano
Gusau
Enugu
Owo
Benin City
Gwagwalada

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Senegal

Dakar

Sierra Leone

Freetown

South Africa

Polokwane

Cape Town

Ekurhuleni

Pretoria

Sudan

Khartoum

Gadarif

Uganda

Kampala

Zambia

Lusaka

Zimbabwe

Harare

Algeria

Algiers

Bab El Oued

Blida

Benin

Cotonou

Sèmè Podji

Congo Dem Rep

Kinshasa

Libya

Tripoli

Benghazi

Mali

Bamako

Reunion Island

Reunion Island

Togo

Lome

Tunisia

Ariana

Tunis

Asia-Pacific

Hong Kong

Hong Kong

China

Beijing

Hefei

Tayuan

Indonesia

Bandung

North Sumatera

Palangkaraya

Japan

Fukuoka

Tochigi

Korea, South

Seoul

Lao PDR

Lao PDR

Malaysia

Klang Valley

Kota Bharu

Mongolia

Ulaanbaatar

Philippines

Metro Manila

Singapore

Singapore

Taiwan

Taipei

Tainan

Thailand

Bangkok

Chantaburi

Chiang Mai

Khon Kaen

Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh

Eastern Mediterranean

Iran

Ahwaz

Yazd

Tehran

Iran

Rasht

Birjand

Bushehr

Zanjan

Israel

Israel

Jordan

Amman

Jerash

Irbid

Kuwait

Kuwait

Malta

Malta

Pakistan

Islamabad

Peshawar

Palestine

Ramallah

North Gaza

Saudi Arabia

Abha

Alkhobar

Madinah

Riyadh

Jeddah

Oman

Al-Khod

Syrian Arab Republic

Lattakia

United Arab Emirates

Sharjah

Indian Subcontinent

India

Kottayam

New Delhi

Chandigarh

Bikaner

Jaipur

Chennai

Mumbai (2 centres)

Lucknow

Orissa

Kolkata (2 centres)

Vellore

Bangalore

Aligarh

Bijapur

Mangalore

Bangladesh

Dhaka

Sri Lanka

Colombo

Peradeniya

Latin America & Caribbean

Argentina

Buenos Aires (2 centres)

Mendoza

Salta

Bahamas

Bahamas

Bolivia

Santa Cruz

Brasil

Sao Paulo South

Porto Alegre

Recife

Belo Horizonte

Rio de Janeiro

Brasília

Passo Fundo

Maceió

Curitiba

Feira de Santana

Santo André

Pelotas

Chile

Santiago

Valdivia

Colombia

Cali

Bogota

Barranquilla

Bucaramanga

Costa Rica

Costa Rica

Ecuador

Quito

Guayaquil

Esmeraldas

El Salvador

San Salvador

Grenada

Grenada

Honduras

San Pedro Sula

Jamaica

Kingston

Mexico

Monterrey

Ciudad de Mexico

Ciudad Victoria

Guadalajara

Mexicali Valley

Villahermosa

San Luis Potosí

Querétaro

Tijuana

Nicaragua

Matagalpa

Panama

Panamá City

David-Panamá

Peru

Lima

Tumbes

Puno

Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago

Uruguay

Montevideo

North America

Canada

Montréal

Ontario

Vancouver

Saskatoon

United States

North Carolina

Fort Wayne

Madison

Seattle

Chicago

Metropolitan Detroit

Iowa City

Washington DC

Houston

New Orleans

Dallas

Virginia

Utah

Northern and Eastern

Europe

Albania

Tiranë

Armenia

Yerevan

Belarus

Grodno

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Prijedor

Bulgaria

Sofia

Croatia

Rijeka

Faroe Islands

Faroe Islands

Finland

Helsinki

Georgia

Tbilisi

Kutaisi

Hungary

Szeged

Kosovo

Pristina

Latvia

Riga

Macedonia

Skopje

Norway

Oslo

Tromsø

Poland

Krakow (1995)

Poznan

Katowice

Romania

Cluj-Napoca

Russia

Novosibirsk

Tomsk

Serbia

Belgrade

Novi Sad

Indijija

Slovenia

Golnik

Turkey

Ankara

Ukraine

Kharkiv

Rural Kharkiv

Ternopil

Oceania

Australia

Sydney

Newcastle

Adelaide

Brisbane

Fiji

Suva

French Polynesia

Polynésie française

New Caledonia

Nouvelle-Calédonie

New Zealand

Auckland

Wellington

Otago

Hawke's Bay

Waik

Global Asthma Network Centres August 2014 Cont.

Copenhagen	Thessaloniki	Bari	La Coruña	Mar Menor
France	Ireland	Netherlands	Valencia	United Kingdom
Marseille	Ireland	Utrecht	Sevilla	Birmingham
Bordeaux	Italy	Portugal	Cádiz	Vatican City
West Marne	Roma	Lisboa	Asturias	Vatican City
Créteil	Palermo	Spain	Bilbao	
Germany	Florence	Cartagena	Málaga	
Munich	Trento	Barcelona	Madrid	
Greece	Ascoli Piceno	Castellón	Torrelavega	
Athens	Empoli	San sebastián	Salamanca	

106 Countries / Territories that we would like to encourage to participate in GAN.

Afghanistan	American Samoa	Andorra	Angola	Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda	Aruba	Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Barbados
Belize	Bermuda	Bhutan	Botswana	British Virgin Islands
Burundi	Cambodia	Cape Verde	Cayman Islands	Central African Republic
Chad	Comoros	Congo	Cook Islands	Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba	Czech Republic	Djibouti	Dominica	Dominican Republic
Equatorial Guinea	Eritrea	Estonia	French Guiana	Gabon
Gibraltar	Greenland	Guadeloupe	Guam	Guatemala
Guinea	Guinea-Bissau	Guyana	Haiti	Iceland
Iraq	Isle of Man	Kazakhstan	Kiribati	Kyrgyz Republic
Lebanon	Lesotho	Liberia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania
Luxembourg	Macao	Madagascar	Maldives	Marshall Islands
Martinique	Mauritania	Mauritius	Mayotte	Micronesia
Moldova	Monaco	Montenegro	Morocco	Mozambique
Myanmar	Namibia	Nauru	Nepal	Netherlands Antilles
Niger	Northern Mariana Islands	Palau	Papua New Guinea	Paraguay
Puerto Rico	Qatar	Rwanda	San Marino	São Tomé and Príncipe
Seychelles	Slovak Republic	Somalia	South Sudan	St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia	St. Vincent/Grenadines	Suriname	Swaziland	Sweden
Switzerland	Tajikistan	Tanzania	Timor-Leste	Turkmenistan
Turks and Caicos Islands	U.S. Virgin Islands	Uzbekistan	Venezuela	Wallis and Futuna Islands
Yemen				

Surveys and publications

We are very grateful to all GAN investigators for completing the two surveys that we have conducted recently. We have had a very good response rate for both of these. For the survey on management guidelines and asthma strategies, the response rate was 92%. For the medications survey the response rate was 85%.

We plan to publish this data in due course and will be sending you a draft manuscript for your input prior to publication as contributors will be co-authors <http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/publications/policy.php>. Thank you again for your responses to these surveys. The results for these surveys will also be included in the Global Asthma Report 2014.

Global Asthma Report 2014

<http://www.globalasthmareport.org/>

The Global Asthma Report 2014 is currently being prepared for printing. This will be launched at the 45th Union World Conference on Lung Health which is being held in Barcelona on 28th October to 1 November 2014. <http://barcelona.worldlunghealth.org/>

The contents are as follows.

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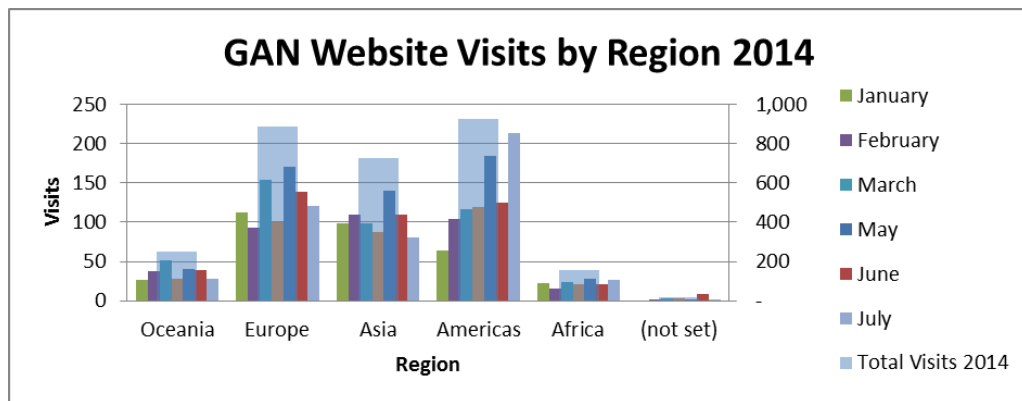
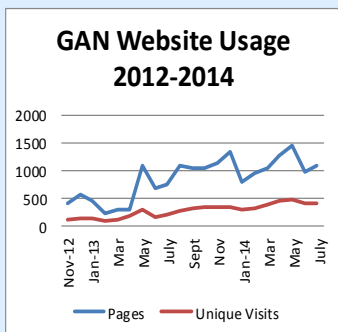
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The [Global Asthma Network website](#) is intended to be the main channel for the dissemination of information. It includes information of use to collaborators in the Global Asthma Network, such as [upcoming conferences and symposiums](#),

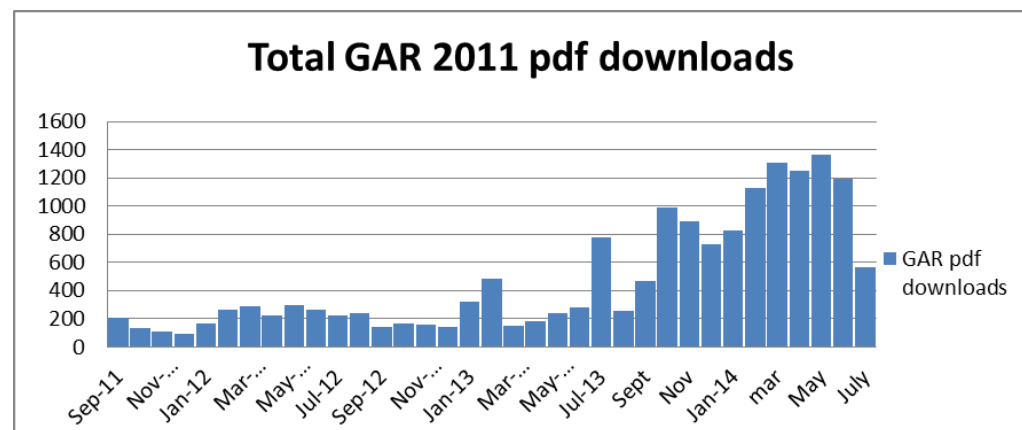
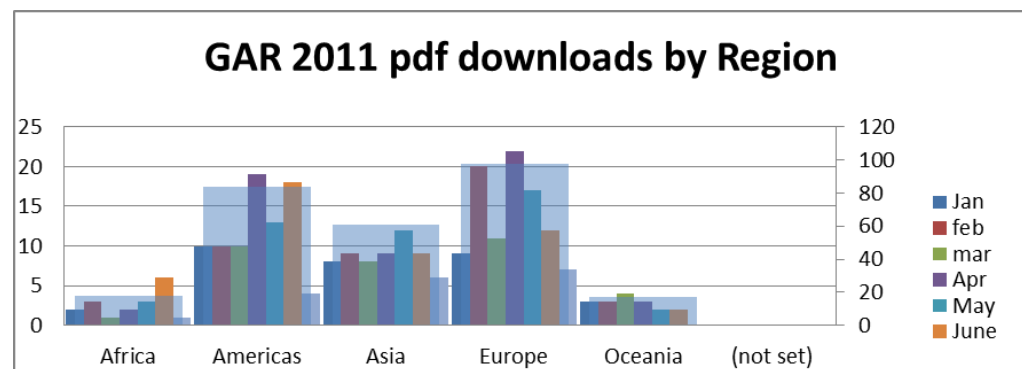
[asthma management guidelines](#) and the latest [asthma related news](#).

The website will be continuously updated in the coming year to include tools and information to support our Asthma Surveillance research.



Global Asthma Report Downloads

The precursor activity leading to the Global Asthma Network was the [Global Asthma Report 2011](#). After three years it is still being accessed regularly around the world and demand has increased 6 fold. The 2014 update is currently in preparation.



Social Media

The Global Asthma Network is on [Twitter](#). All Global Asthma Network tweets are included as an extension of the [news section](#). News items are tweeted, as well as pertinent Asthma related information.

derway we will include a facebook page as another way for investigators to keep in contact with and support each other.

A Wikipedia page is also in the process of being drafted. It will follow the format of the existing ISAAC Wikipedia page.

Once the Surveillance study is un-

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The Global Asthma Network is now on twitter

GAN Steering Group member speaks at NCD Child Conference

Steering Group member Professor Luis García-Marcos spoke at the 2014 NCD Child Conference held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on 20-21 March. This important conference provided an opportunity to establish and strengthen regional partnerships - with a special focus on the Caribbean - to ensure the needs of children, adolescents and youth are a priority focus within the context of NCD action and the post 2015 agenda.

Read the NCD [Child Conference Report](http://www.healthycaribbean.org/newsletters/august-2014/hcc-150814.html) - "Doing What Needs To Be Done" at <http://www.healthycaribbean.org/newsletters/august-2014/hcc-150814.html>

GAN photographs from the ATS meeting San Diego May 2014

Innes Asher and Philippa Ellwood manned the Global Asthma Network booth in the Global Community of the Exhibitors area at the ATS. Here are a few photos to share.



Professor Innes Asher was invited as a plenary speaker at the ATS conference. The title of her presentation was Asthma Disparities: A Global Perspective.



GAN at the UN NCD Review

New York, 10 July 2014 - Secretary-General's (Ban Ki-Moon) message to high level meeting on Progress achieved in the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases [delivered by Ms. Susana Malcorra, Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General]

I am pleased to send greetings to this important gathering. The global epidemic of non-communicable diseases is a major and growing challenge to development. Each year, in developing countries alone, strokes, heart attacks, cancer, diabetes or asthma kill more than 12 million people between the ages of 30 and 70. It is possible to prevent most of these deaths. We need a set of simple, effective and affordable solutions for all Member States that can be tailored to each country's needs. The draft outcome document before you helps chart the way forward.

Three years ago we agreed that it is time to act. We asked governments to protect their citizens from NCD risk factors, provide responsive health systems and track the trends of this epidemic. We also called on civil society and the private sector to help us implement new policies, so the scale of the problem would not prevent us from achieving the Millennium Development Goals. As a result, more governments are now providing institutional, legal, financial and service arrangements to prevent and control NCDs.

Last year I established the United Nations Interagency Task Force on Non-Communicable Diseases, with the World Health Organisation in the lead. It is assisting countries to implement the WHO Global NCD Action Plan, which aims for a 25 per cent reduction in premature deaths from NCDs by 2025. Improved global monitoring and improved co-ordination will provide the foundation for advocacy, policy development and global action. And this high-level meeting can help frame the concrete actions that countries should take between now and the third High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2018.

Success will depend on finding new ways to strengthen the ability of countries to adopt bolder measures. The World Health Organisation has a special role to play. It has a proven ability to influence policy and build capacity, and a long-standing role as a trusted partner working across sectors. The WHO will continue to lead. But the rapidly growing demand for technical assistance means the United Nations system as a whole must incorporate NCDs as a priority and develop innovative partnerships. We need strong leadership and action from other sectors and non-State actors. We need to improve access to affordable medicines for NCDs. And we must find new ways of encouraging the private sector to stop marketing unhealthy foods to children and produce more foods that are low in fat, sugar and salt.

The actions you have identified in the draft outcome document can help remove the barriers to good health that blight the lives of too many people. Let us leave this meeting energized, inspired and committed to the course we have embarked on.

I wish you a productive meeting.

Innes Asher was invited to present at the FIRS NCD side meeting of the UN NCD Review.
(programme follows on next page)



INVITATION

“Shared Drivers, Shared Solutions: NCDs, Lung Health and Sustainable Development”

Wednesday 9 July 2014, 18.30-20.30

Westin Grand Central, 212 East 42nd Street (between 2nd & 3rd Ave),
New York, NY 10017

Against the backdrop of the UN High-Level Review on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, we cordially invite you to a side event to explore the integration of chronic respiratory disease, NCDs, and health across all dimensions of sustainable development.

Moderator	Dr Jacob Kumaresan	Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations in New York
Speakers	Dr Jonathan Samet	Director, USC Institute for Global Health
	Dr Innes Asher	Chair, Global Asthma Network Steering Group
	Dr Kelly Henning	Director of International Health Programs, Bloomberg Philanthropies
	Ms Paula Johns	Executive Director, Alliance for the Control of Tobacco Use
	Dr Neil Schluger	Chief Scientific Officer, World Lung Foundation
	Ms Katie Dain	Executive Director, NCD Alliance

Please use this link to RSVP: <http://goo.gl/YUf76M>



The NCD Alliance
Putting non-communicable diseases
on the global agenda

