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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2016

Dear Global Asthma Network colleagues and friends,

It is hard to believe that nearly 12 months has passed since the last newsletter was circulated (September 2015).

We did mention in the last newsletter that we would be saying a sad goodbye to Eamon Ellwood at the end of October, due to insufficient central coordinating funding. However, due to some internal funding from the University of Auckland, he is still with us, on very reduced hours. We have been very fortunate to have him as long as we have.

Registrations from 86 centres from 34 countries are continuing to come in, although not many in the past few months. We do understand that quite a few centres have begun the fieldwork and we do hope that is going well for those centres that have started. If you have started fieldwork but not yet registered we would be grateful if you could please do so via the website. http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/surveillance/register.php

The GAN booth at the ATS (May 2016) manned by Luis García-Marcos was very well attended (see report page 6) and we thank the ATS for their generous offer of a complementary booth.

At the European Respiratory Society (ERS) conference this year, which will run from 3rd to the 7th September. There are two GAN poster presentations: PA4186: Global asthma network identifies gaps in essential asthma medicines and PA4187: Global asthma network survey of national asthma strategies – Where are the gaps? I will be there, along with Philippa Ellwood and Luis García-Marcos from the GAN Steering Group. We would love to see you if you are attending. We suggest meeting by the Registration desk of the ERS venue, ExCel, London, on Tuesday 6th September in the middle of the day. An email will be circulated to confirm the meeting time and place.

We do encourage you to send items of interest to us for the newsletters as this is a good way of keeping in touch with each other.

Funding for the central coordination of GAN continues to be challenging, so if you have any suggestions of where to apply for funding we would be happy to hear from you.

There was a flurry of activity around World Asthma Day on 3rd May, and we have a news item from Kosovo in the following pages for your interest.

With all best wishes from the GAN Global Centre.

Innes

Professor Innes Asher ONZM Chair of GAN

World Asthma Day 2016 in Kosovo

My Dear friends,

The World Asthma Day-Ferizaji 2016, was held on 27 .05. 2016 in Ferizaj Kosovo. Although worldwide, it is the first Tuesday of May, in Kosovo the first may days are holidays. For that reason we have planned to organise the Symposium during last week of May.

This time approx 300 participants allergologists, pediatrics, ORL, general practitioners, nurses, students... were able to take lessons about asthma. It was a very successful Symposium.

Take the best regards from us. Dr Luljeta Neziri Ahmetaj PhD KIAAA-president







Professor Luljeta Neziri Ahmetaj KIAAA President Str Tivari 43 Prishtina 10000 Kosovo <u>luljetaahmetaj@gmail.com</u> Zürich, 10 March 2016

Dear Professor Ahmetaj,

On behalf of the EAACI Executive Committee, we have the pleasure to inform you that during its last meeting, it has been decided to accept your request for the Kosovo Immunology Asthma and Allergy Association (KIAAA) to become a Member Society of EAACI.

Your information will be added to our website shortly, to be displayed under Member Societies at: http://eaaci.org/organisation/national-societies/nas-member-societies.html

We would like to strengthen the relationship with the National Societies involving them more actively in the EAACI scientific, education and advocacy plans. In this regard a new National Allergy Societies - NAS - Committee has been put in place chaired by Thomas Werfel.

We kindly ask you to complete the attached nomination form to select an active member from your national society as representative in this NAS Committee who will serve as a major communication partner in the planned intensified interaction between EAACI and NAS.

Your representative shall be empowered by your Board to communicate in the NASC, must attend all NASC meetings and the NAS forum at the annual EAACI congress or nominate a deputy and should communicate via mail and TC with the Chairperson and Secretary regularly (approximately every 3 months). Please note that the communication language is English.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in EAACI. We are delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with your Society and look forward to exploring ways for making this collaboration fruitful.

Yours sincerely

Antonella Muraro EAACI President

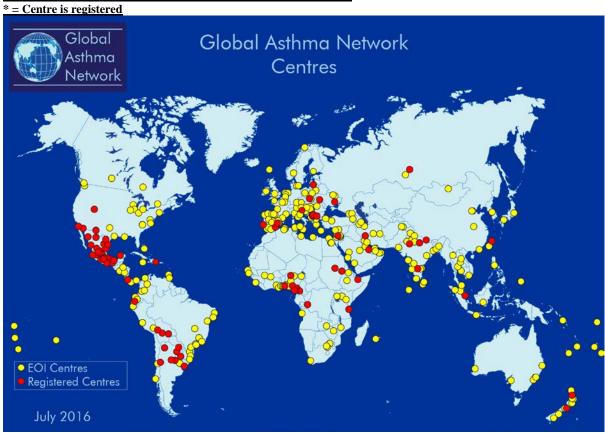
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Global Asthma Network Centres Sept 2015 344 centres from 132 countries



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Sierra Leone

Freetown

Somalia

*Hargeisa

South Africa Polokwane Cape Town Ekurhuleni Pretoria Sudan *Khartoum *Gadarif Tanzania *Dar es Salaam Uganda Kampala Zambia Lusaka Zimbabwe Harare Algeria Algiers Bab El Oued Blida Angola Luanda Benin Cotonou Sèmè Podji Congo Dem Rep *Kinshasa Libya Tripoli Benghazi *Mali* Bamako Mozambique Maputo 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 *Ahvaz Yazd Tehran Rasht Birjand Bushehr Zanjan Israel Israel Jordan Amman Jerash Irbid Kuwait Kuwait Malta Malta Pakistan Islamabad Peshawar Hyderabad Palestine *Ramallah North Gaza Saudi Arabia Abha Alkhobar Madinah Riyadh Jeddah Oman Al-Khod Muscat Qatar *Doha Syrian Arab Republic Lattakia United Arab Emirates Sharjah Al Ain

Indian Subcontinent Bangladesh Dhaka Sylhet India Kottayam New Delhi Chandigarh Bikaner *Jaipur Chennai

Mumbai (2 centres)

*Lucknow Orissa

Kolkata (2 centres)

Vellore *Bangalore Aligarh Bijapur Mangalore Rishikesh Maldives Malé Sri Lanka Colombo Peradeniya Nepal *Kathmandu

Latin America & Caribbean

Argentina

Buenos Aires (2 centres)

*Mendoza *Salta *Corrientes *San Francisco *Córdoba Ciudad Bahamas Bahamas Bolivia

*Santa Cruz *Cochabamba *La Paz Brasil

Sao Paulo South Porto Alegre Recife Belo Horizonte Rio de Janeiro Brasília Passo Fundo

Maceió Curitiba Feira de Santana Santo André Pelotas *Uruguaiana Chile Santiago

Valdivia Colombia Cali Bogota Barranquilla Bucaramanga Costa Rica

*Costa Rica

Dominican Republic

*Santo Domingo Ecuador Quito Guayaquil Esmeraldas *Samborondón El Salvador San Salvador Grenada

Grenada Honduras San Pedro Sula Jamaica

Kingston Mexico *Monterrey

*Mexico City North *Ciudad Victoria

*Guadalajara *Mexicali Valley *Villahermosa *San Luis Potosí *Querétaro *Tijuana *Toluca (1) *Toluca (2) *Durango *Chihuahua

*Mexico City Central *Mexico City South East

*San Cristabal de las Casas *Oaxaca *Ciudad Juárez *Michoacán *Xalapa *Córdoba

*Puerto Vallarta *Nuevo Laredo *Mérida

*Hermosillo Sonora *Mexico City South West *Aguascalientes *Mexico City East

*Guanajuato *Culiacan *Puebla Pue *Matamoros *Veracruz

Nicaragua Matagalpa **Panama** Panamá City David-Panamá Paraguay

*San Lorenzo Peru Lima Tumbes

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 Hartford

Northern and Eastern

Europe Albania Tiranë Lezhë Armenia Yerevan Belarus Grodno

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Prijedor Bulgaria *Sofia Croatia *Rijeka Czech Republic

Pilsen

Faroe Islands Faroe Islands

Finland

Helsinki Georgia Tbilisi Kutaisi Hungary Szeged Szigetvár Kosovo *Prishtina *Prizren *Peja *Gjakova *Mitrovica

Kyrgyz Republic **Bishkek**

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Latvia *Riga Macedonia Skopje Norway Oslo Tromsø Poland Krakow (1995) Poznan *Katowice Warsaw Romania Cluj-Napoca Bucharest Russia Novosibirsk *Tomsk

Belgrade Novi Sad Indjija Slovenia Golnik Sweden

Serbia

Lund Turkey Ankara Istanbul Ukraine

Kharkiv Rural Kharkiv *Ternopil *Zaporizhzha

Oceania Australia Sydney Newcastle Adelaide Brisbane Perth Fiji

Suva French Polynesia Polynésie française New Caledonia Nouvelle-Calédonie New Zealand *Auckland

*Wellington Otago Hawke's Bay Waikato Christchurch Bay of Plenty Northland Marlborough Niue Niue Island Palau Palau

Apia Solomon Islands Solomon Islands

Samoa

Tokelau Tokelau

Tonga Nuku'alofa Tuvalu Funafuti Vanuatu Port Vila

Western Europe

Austria Salzburg Urfahr-umgebung

Belgium Antwerp

Channel Islands

Guernsey Cyprus Nicosia Denmark Copenhagen France Marseille Bordeaux West Marne Créteil

Germany Munich Greece Athens Thessaloniki Crete Ireland Ireland Italy

Roma Palermo Florence Trento Ascoli Piceno Empoli Bari

Netherlands Utrecht Zwolle Leiden Portugal *Lisboa Spain *Cartagena Barcelona Castellón San sebastián

La Coruña *Valencia Sevilla Cádiz Asturias Bilbao Málaga Madrid Toledo Santander Salamanca Mar Menor United Kingdom Birmingham

Vatican City

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GAN at the American Thoracic Society (ATS) 2016



Professor Luis García-Marcos, from Murcia, Spain, GAN Steering Group member (on left) discussing GAN Phase I at a booth which he manned at the ATS in San Francisco, California, USA. The GAN booth (Booth GC7) was situated in the Global Community section of the Exhibitor Hall. The ATS ran from May 13 to 18th this year and was well attended by GAN collaborators.

We thank the ATS for providing GAN with a complementary booth in the Exhibitor Hall. Although this is the third year that this offer has been extended, we have taken up the offer twice, the first time was in 2014 at the ATS in San Diego, and this year in San Franciso. This is a marvellous opportunity as it gives us a chance to meet GAN collaborators to discuss any issues they may have as well as introducing GAN to potentially new collaborators. We are delighted to have these opportunities.

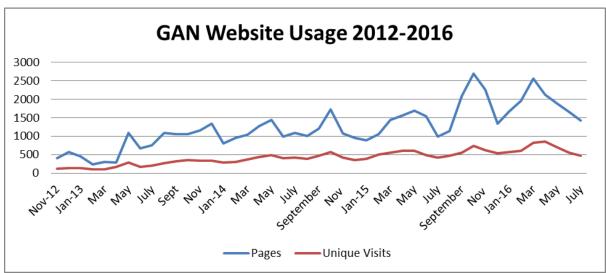
Global Asthma Network Website Report – June 2016

The <u>Global Asthma Network website</u> 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 <u>upcoming conferences and symposiums</u>, <u>asthma management guidelines</u> and the latest asthma related news.

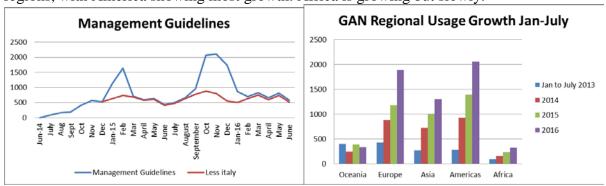
The website will be continuously updated in the coming year to include tools and information to support our Asthma Surveillance research.

Website Statistics

Website usage has continued to steadily increase as can be seen in the stats below, in spite of seasonal dips in July and January

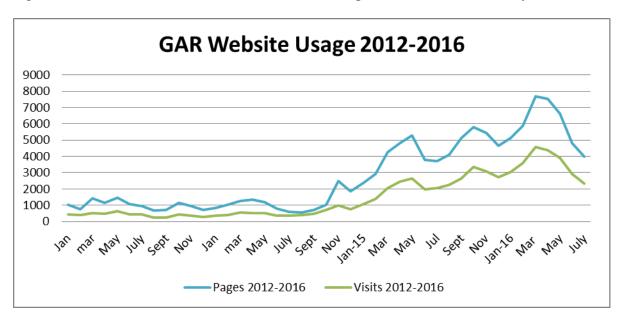


The management guidelines section has also shown increased usage. This has been driven mainly by the Italian, Columbian, Peruvian and Bosnian guidelines. Guidelines for over 20 different countries are being downloaded each month. Website usage has increased in all regions, with America showing most growth. Africa is growing but slowly.



Global Asthma Report 2011 and 2014

Since the launch of the 2014 update in October 2014, website usage has shown strong growth. After an initial dip the pdf downloads have increased at a steady rate, showing the continued high demand for this valuable document. The 2011 report also still shows steady use.



Social Media

The Global Asthma Network is on <u>Twitter</u> and is gaining more followers regularly. We now have 222 followers. Follow us at @GlobalAsthmaNet. All Global Asthma Network tweets are included as an extension of the <u>news section</u>. News items are tweeted, as well as pertinent Asthma related information.

Wikipedia

The Global Asthma Network now has a Wikipedia page. This can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_Asthma_Network