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Dear Global Asthma Network colleagues and friends,

Welcome to the September GAN newsletter. It has been a very busy 2015 so far for us in Auckland and we welcome the inclusion of 32 new centres and 8 new countries since our last newsletter in August 2014.

On a sombre note, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Eamon Ellwood at the end of October, due to insufficient central coordinating funding. We have enjoyed having Eamon as part of the GAN team for the past 7 years and will miss him very much. He has done a splendid job creating and updating the GAN website, creating and updating databases, on-line tools, and analysing surveys.

I am pleased to announce that Professor Neil Pearce (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine [LSHTM]) will be the co-ordinator of GAN Phase 1. The Auckland centre will have the title GAN Global Centre with Philippa continuing in her role and communicating with all of you. The Phase 1 data centres will be now located in London (LSHTM) under the guidance of Professor Pearce, and in Murcia Spain (University of Murcia), under the guidance of Professor Luis Garcia-Marcos (for Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries). However the submission of all data and centre reports will be to Philippa who will then forward them on to the appropriate data centre. The GAN Phase 1 Manual for Global Surveillance: Prevalence, Severity, Management and Risk Factors is now

completed (updated on 10th September) and is up on the GAN website for you to view, and download <http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/surveillance/manual/manual.php> if you wish and to begin your fieldwork. The manual is large - over 220 pages, so you may prefer to download the individual chapters that are more relevant to you and your fieldwork. Dear Global Asthma Network colleagues and friends,

The GAN website will continue to be updated by Eamon until he leaves and we welcome contributions and suggestions. Please do send any items of interest to Eamon (e.ellwood@auckland.ac.nz) so that he can add these to the website.

We are very heartened at the number of centres and countries that have been interested in the Global Asthma Network (already 301 centres from 126 countries). We are delighted that the tools for the first GAN Surveillance: Prevalence, Severity and Risk Factors study are ready for your use. Philippa has some important points of interest for you on the next page. We wish you well with your study.

With all best wishes from the GAN Global Centre.

Innes

Professor Innes Asher ONZM
Chair of GAN

And
Philippa and Eamon

Global Asthma Network methodology notes for collaborators

It is exciting to now have the fieldwork tools up on the GAN website <http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/> under the "surveillance" tab on the GAN website you will find the tab to access the Manual. I very much look forward to working with you all.

Please note: *the new version of the Manual was uploaded on September 10th. If you have a previous version, please replace it with this up to date version as there are some important additions.*

The Registration Document is also available on line and ready to go!

<http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/surveillance/register.php> and when you

have completed this, please click on the "submit" button at the end of the document. This will be sent to me and I will then prepare an individual centre report and send this to you so that you can complete this as your fieldwork progresses. You can also download the registration form, complete and send to me at p.ellwood@auckland.ac.nz

There are some important things to note:

- All the points listed below are in the Manual and I urge you and your fieldworkers to read the guidelines so that they are familiar with them.
- The adolescent group (13/14 year olds) is the compulsory group but not all questions are compulsory
- Not all questions for the children

(6/7 year olds, optional age group) and the Adults (parents/guardians of the adolescents and children, optional group) are compulsory.

- The video is only used for the adolescent group
- If the adult group is used, the questionnaires must be linked in some way to the adolescent and children by the coding boxes; or if the questionnaires are scanned, a bar code system could be used. We have suggestions for how this can be done in the manual
- Any translations of the English language questionnaire must be back translated to English and submitted to the GAN Global Cen-

tre (Philippa) for archiving

- A map of the study area is required. If the GAN collaborating centre was an ISAAC centre, the same geographical sampling frame must be used. Please check with the GAN Global Centre (Philippa) to see if the map that was submitted for ISAAC is suitable for use in GAN and when you register your centre the previous description of your sampling frame will be sent to you with the centre report. If you wish to change this sampling frame please enter into dialogue with Philippa

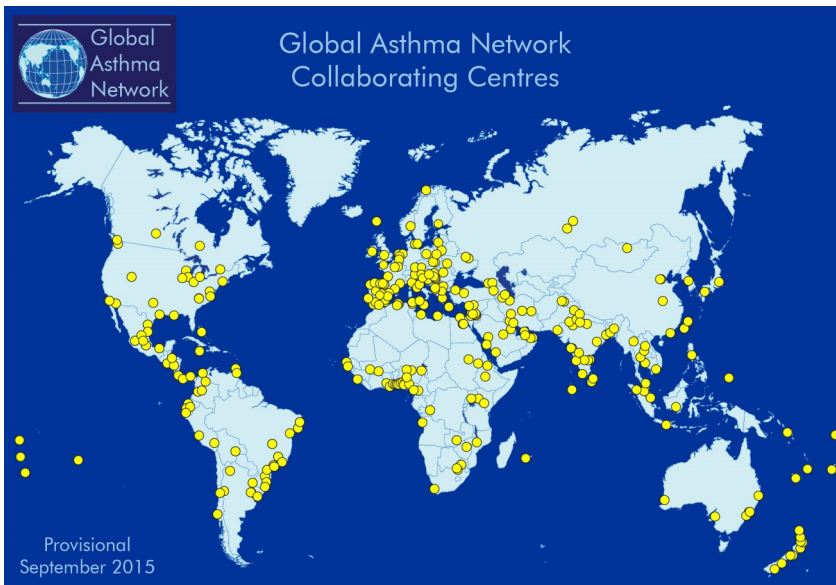
All the very best for your fieldwork. It will be a great pleasure to be working with you all. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance.

Kind regards



Philippa (p.ellwood@auckland.ac.nz or info@globalasthmanetwork.org)

Global Asthma Network Centres September 2015



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

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
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
Ahwaz
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

Syrian Arab Republic
Lattakia

United Arab Emirates

Sharjah
Ajman

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

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
Uruguaiana

Global Asthma Network Centres August 2014 Cont.

Chile Santiago Valdivia	Montevideo	Finland Helsinki	Ternopil	Belgium Antwerp
Colombia Cali Bogota Barranquilla Bucaramanga	North America Canada Montréal Ontario Vancouver Saskatoon	Georgia Tbilisi Kutaisi	Oceania Australia Sydney Newcastle Adelaide Brisbane Perth	Channel Islands Guernsey
Costa Rica Costa Rica	United States North Carolina Fort Wayne Madison Seattle Chicago Metropolitan Detroit Iowa City Washington DC Houston New Orleans Dallas Virginia Utah Hartford	Hungary Szeged Szigetvár	Fiji Suva	Cyprus Nicosia
Ecuador Quito Guayaquil Esmeraldas		Kosovo Prishtina	French Polynesia Polynésie française	Denmark Copenhagen
El Salvador San Salvador		Kyrgyz Republic Bishkek	New Caledonia Nouvelle-Calédonie	France Marseille Bordeaux West Marne Créteil
Grenada Grenada		Latvia Riga	New Zealand Auckland Wellington Otago Hawke's Bay Waikato Christchurch Bay of Plenty Northland Marlborough	Greece Athens Thessaloniki Crete
Honduras San Pedro Sula		Macedonia Skopje	Niue Niue Island	Ireland Ireland
Jamaica Kingston		Norway Oslo Tromsø	Palau Palau	Italy Roma Palermo Florence Trento Ascoli Piceno Empoli Bari
Mexico Monterrey Ciudad de Mexico Ciudad Victoria Guadalajara Mexicali Valley Villahermosa San Luis Potosí Querétaro Tijuana	Northern and Eastern Europe Albania Tiranë Lezhë	Poland Krakow (1995) Poznan Katowice Warsaw	Samoa Apia	Netherlands Utrecht Zwolle Leiden
Nicaragua Matagalpa	Armenia Yerevan	Romania Cluj-Napoca Bucharest	Solomon Islands Solomon Islands	Portugal Lisboa
Panama Panamá City David-Panamá	Belarus Grodno	Russia Novosibirsk Tomsk	Tokelau Tokelau	Spain Cartagena Barcelona Castellón San Sebastián La Coruña Valencia Sevilla Cádiz Asturias Bilbao Málaga Madrid Toledo Santander Salamanca Mar Menor
Peru Lima Tumbes Puno	Bosnia and Herzegovina Prijeedor	Serbia Belgrade Novi Sad Indjija	Tonga Nuku'alofa	United Kingdom Birmingham
Trinidad and Tobago Trinidad and Tobago	Bulgaria Sofia	Slovenia Golnik	Tuvalu Funafuti	Vatican City Vatican City
Uruguay	Czech Republic Pilsen	Sweden Lund	Vanuatu Port Vila	
	Faroe Islands Faroe Islands	Turkey Ankara Istanbul	Western Europe Austria Salzburg Urfahr-umgebung	
		Ukraine Kharkiv Rural Kharkiv		

Afghanistan	American Samoa	Andorra	Anguilla	Antigua and Barbuda
Aruba	Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Barbados	Belize
Bermuda	Bhutan	Botswana	British Virgin Islands	Brunei
Burundi	Cambodia	Cape Verde	Cayman Islands	Central African Republic
Chad	Comoros	Congo	Cook Islands	Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba	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	Korea, North	Lebanon
Lesotho	Liberia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg
Macao	Madagascar	Marshall Islands	Martinique	Mauritania
Mauritius	Mayotte	Micronesia	Moldova	Monaco
Montenegro	Morocco	Myanmar	Namibia	Nauru
Nepal	Netherlands Antilles	Niger	Northern Mariana Islands	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 and the Grenadines	Suriname	Swaziland
Switzerland	Tajikistan	Tanzania	Timor-Leste	Turkmenistan
Turks and Caicos Islands	U.S. Virgin Islands	Uzbekistan	Venezuela	Yemen

101 Countries / Territories that we would like to encourage to participate in GAN. We would be very interested to have a contact for these.

Website Report

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 [up-coming conferences and symposiums](#),

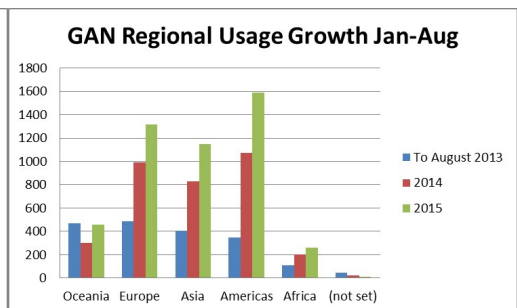
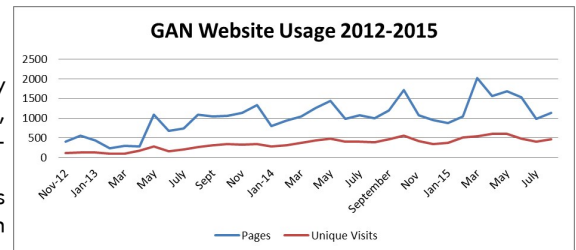
[asthma management guidelines](#) and the latest [asthma related news](#).

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

Website Statistics

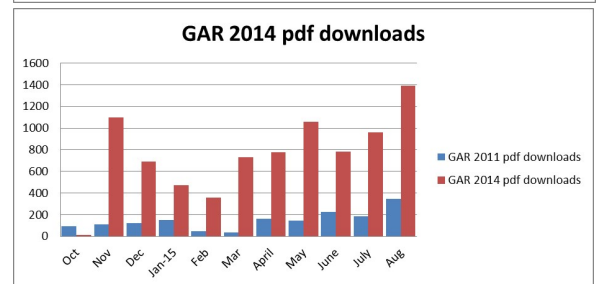
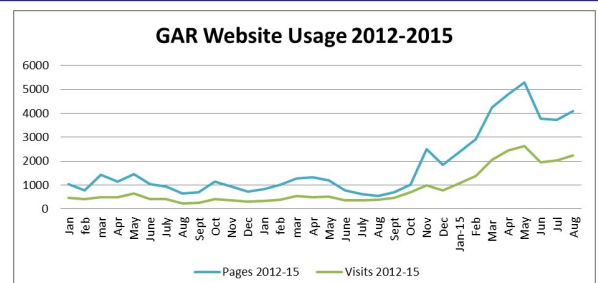
Website usage has continued to steadily increase as can be seen in the stats below, in spite of seasonal dips in July and January.

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 [Twitter](#) and is gaining more followers regularly. We now have 194 followers. Follow us at [@GlobalAsthmaNet](#). 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.

Wikipedia

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

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