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## NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2016



Dear Global Asthma Network colleagues and friends,

Happy Christmas.

GAN Phase I is underway! We are delighted to have formal registrations from 106 centres in 43 countries and registrations continue to arrive. For those of you who have expressed an interest but not yet registered, we look forward to receiving your registration which can be done via the website using this link <u>http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/surveillance/register.php</u>. Many centres are beginning fieldwork in the New Year, however some have already started and we wish you well. We are here to help if you have any questions. Please remember, that if you include the adult group (recommended), you may name a second Principal Investigator for your centre.

Data coding correction. By now you will have received an email regarding the error in the coding manual for question 62 for the 6/7 year age group questionnaire (parental completed). Please do take special note of the correction to this question for data entry for question 62.

In the GAN Global Centre in Auckland, Philippa Ellwood is the Research Manager, communicating with you as you start the fieldwork and send in data; and Eamon Ellwood is with us, although, very part time, due to ongoing funding restrictions. We hope this is rectified to some extent next year. Our Data Centres in London, UK and Murcia, Spain are geared up to have a very busy year ahead as the GAN Phase I data comes in for processing and analysis.

We include some photos of the research group from Uruguaiana, Brazil for interest and a news item. Please continue to send us items of interest for the newsletter as this is a good way to share information.

Although this newsletter is very brief, the main purpose is to wish you all a happy end of the year and start of the New Year. We hope you are able to have restorative holidays with your families and friends. We are delighted to be part of the Global Asthma Network and enjoy working with you very much.

On behalf of the Global Asthma Network Auckland Group, I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

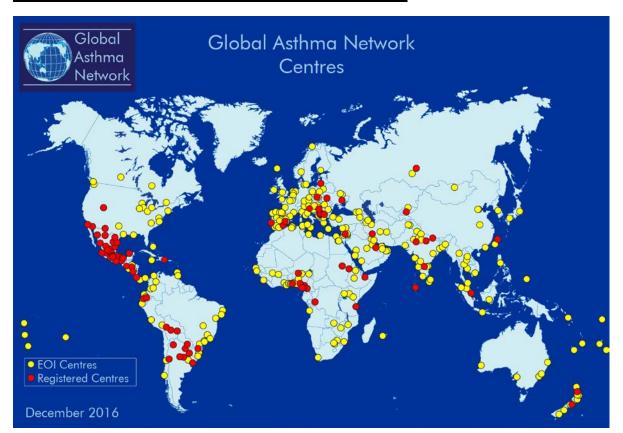
## Innes

Professor Innes Asher ONZM Chair of GAN and Philippa and Eamon



Professor Marilyn Urrutia Pereira and her research team from Uruguaiana RS, BRAZIL Universidade Federal dos Pampas





### Global Asthma Network Centres December 2016 349 centres from 133 countries

<u>Africa</u> Burkina Faso Bobo-Dioulasso Cameroon Douala Bafoussam Yaounde Buea Egypt Cairo Alexandria Cairo-Castle Ethiopia Addis Ababa Mekelle Gambia The Gambia Ghana Kumasi Accra Kenya Eldoret Nairobi Malawi Blantyre Nigeria Ibadan lfe Lagos Maiduguri Kano Gusau Enugu Owo Benin City Gwagwalada Senegal Dakar 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 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 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 Barranguilla Bucaramanga Costa Rica Costa Rica Dominican Republic Santo Domingo Ecuador Quito Guayaquil Esmeraldas Samborondón Cumbayá El Salvador San Salvador

Grenada Grenada Guatemala Guatemala Honduras San Pedro Sula Tegucigalpa *Jamaica* Kingston Mexico Monterrey Ciudad de Mexico Ciudad Victoria Guadalajara Mexicali Valley Villahermosa San Luis Potosí Querétaro Tijuana Toluca Toluca (2) Durango Chihuahua Mexico City Central Mexico City South East Oaxaca Chiapas Ciudad Juárez Michoacán Xalapa Córdoba Puerto Vallarta Nuevo Laredo Mérida Hermosillo Sonora Mexico City South West Aguascalieñtes Mexico City East Guanajuato Culiacan Puebla Pue Matamoros Veracruz Nicaragua Matagalpa Managua 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 Hartford

#### Northern and Eastern Europe Albania Tiranë Lezhë Armenia

Yerevan Belarus Grodno Bosnia and Herzegovina 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 Gjilan . Kyrgyz Republic Bishkek Jalalabat Latvia Riga *Macedonia* Skopje *Norway* Oslo Tromsø Poland Krakow (1995) Poznan Katowice Warsaw Romania Cluj-Napoca Bucharest Russia Novosibirsk Tomsk Serbia Belgrade Novi Sad Indjija Slovenia Golnik Sweden Lund Turkey Ankara Istanbul Ukraine Kharkiv Rural Kharkiv Ternopil Zaporizhzha <u>Oceania</u> Australia Sydney Newcastle Adelaide Brisbane Perth Fiji Suva French Polynesia Polynésie française New Caledonia Nouvelle-Calédonie New Zealand

Auckland

Wellington

Hawke's Bay

Christchurch

Otago

Waikato

Bay of Plenty Northland Marlborough Niue Niue Island Palau Palau Samoa Apia Solomon Islands Solomon Islands 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 Vatican City

GAN_Centres_Registered					
Region	CountryName	CentreName			
Africa	Cameroon	Bafoussam			
Africa	Cameroon	Yaounde			
Africa	Cameroon	Buea			
Africa	Nigeria	Maiduguri			
Africa	Nigeria	Lagos			
Africa	Nigeria	Gusau			
Africa	Nigeria	Enugu			
Africa	Sierra Leone	Freetown			
Africa	Somalia	Hargeisa			
Africa	South Africa	Cape Town			
Africa	South Africa	Pretoria			
Africa	Sudan	Khartoum			
Africa	Sudan	Gadarif			
Africa	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam			
Africa	Congo, Dem. Rep.	Kinshasa			
Asia-Pacific	Singapore	Singapore			
Asia-Pacific	Taiwan	Taipei			
Asia-Pacific	Thailand	Bangkok			
Asia-Pacific	Thailand	Chiang Mai			
Asia-Pacific	Thailand	Khon Kaen			
Eastern Mediterranean	Iran	Ahvaz			
Eastern Mediterranean	Palestine	Ramallah			
Eastern Mediterranean	Qatar	Doha			
Eastern Mediterranean	Syrian Arab Republic	Lattakia			
Indian Subcontinent	India	Jaipur			
Indian Subcontinent	India	Lucknow			
Indian Subcontinent	India	Bangalore			
Indian Subcontinent	India	Chandigarh			
Indian Subcontinent	Maldives	Malé			
Indian Subcontinent	Nepal	Kathmandu			
Latin America & Caribbean	Argentina	Salta			
Latin America & Caribbean	Argentina	Mendoza			
Latin America & Caribbean	Argentina	Corrientes			
Latin America & Caribbean	Argentina	San Francisco			
Latin America & Caribbean	Argentina	Córdoba Ciudad			
Latin America & Caribbean	Bolivia	Santa Cruz			
Latin America & Caribbean	Bolivia	Cochabamba			
Latin America & Caribbean	Bolivia	La Paz			

GAN_Centres_Registered					
Region	CountryName	CentreName			
Latin America & Caribbean	Brazil	Passo Fundo			
Latin America & Caribbean	Brazil	Santo André			
Latin America & Caribbean	Brazil	Uruguaiana			
Latin America & Caribbean	Costa Rica	Costa Rica			
Latin America & Caribbean	Ecuador	Samborondón			
Latin America & Caribbean	Ecuador	Cumbayá			
Latin America & Caribbean	Guatemala	Guatemala			
Latin America & Caribbean	Honduras	Tegucigalpa			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Monterrey			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Mexico City North			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Guadalajara			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Mexicali			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Ciudad Victoria			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Villahermosa			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	San Luis Potosí			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Tijuana			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Toluca (1)			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Toluca (2)			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Querétaro			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Durango			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Chihuahua			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Mexico City Central			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Mexico City South East			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Оахаса			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	San Cristabal de las Casas			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Ciudad Juárez			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Michoacán			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Xalapa			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Córdoba			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Puerto Vallarta			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Nuevo Laredo			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Mérida			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Hermosillo Sonora			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Mexico City South West			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Aguascalientes			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Mexico City East			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Guanajuato			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Culiacan			

GAN_Centres_Registered					
Region	CountryName	CentreName			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Puebla Pue			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Matamoros			
Latin America & Caribbean	Mexico	Veracruz			
Latin America & Caribbean	Nicaragua	Managua			
Latin America & Caribbean	Paraguay	San Lorenzo			
Latin America & Caribbean	Uruguay	Montevideo			
Latin America & Caribbean	Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo			
North America	United States	Utah			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Bulgaria	Sofia			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Croatia	Rijeka			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Kosovo	Prishtina			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Kosovo	Mitrovica			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Kosovo	Gjakova			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Kosovo	Реја			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Kosovo	Prizren			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Kosovo	Gjilan			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Kyrgyz Republic	Jalalabat			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Latvia	Riga			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Poland	Katowice			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Russia	Tomsk			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Serbia	Belgrade			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Ukraine	Ternopil			
Northern and Eastern Europe	Ukraine	Zaporizhzha			
Oceania	New Zealand	Auckland			
Oceania	New Zealand	Wellington			
Western Europe	Portugal	Lisboa			
Western Europe	Spain	Cartagena			
Western Europe	Spain	San Sebastián			
Western Europe	Spain	Valencia			

In the next newsletter we would like to include names of the main Principal Investigator for each centre. Please let me know if you do not wish to have your name included.

# Photo of the GAN Steering Group at the London meeting held in London on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

## Back row from left to right

Guy Marks, David Strachan, Asma El-Sony, Charlotte Rutter, Joanne Sturgess, Richard Silverwood

### Front Row from left to right

Innes Asher, Virginia Perez, Luis García-Marcos, Philippa Ellwood, Neil Pearce

## London GAN Data Centre personnel: Neil, Richard, Charlotte and Joanne Murcia GAN Data Centre personnel: Luis and Virginia



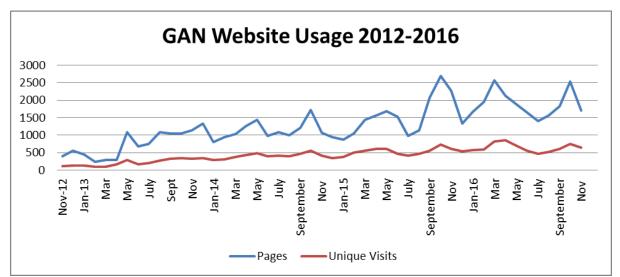
## Global Asthma Network Website Report – December 2016

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 <u>asthma related news</u>.

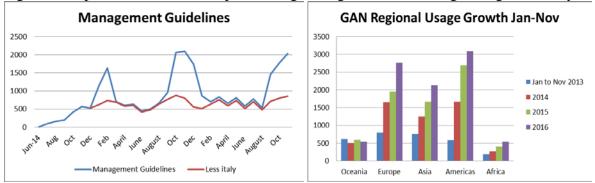
The website will be continuously updated in the coming year to include tools and information to support our Asthma Surveillance research.

## Website Statistics

Website usage had been increasing, but now seems to have plateaued, as can be seen in the stats below, with seasonal dips in July and January

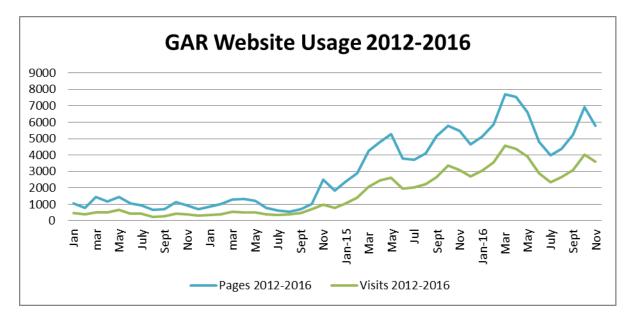


The management guidelines section continues to see increased usage. This is being driven mainly by the Italian, Columbian, Peruvian and Bosnian guidelines. Guidelines for over 20 different countries are being downloaded each month. Website usage has increased in all regions except Oceania, with Europe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



## Global Asthma Report 2011 and 2014

The GAR website has followed the trend of the GAN website, with usage plateauing in 2016. 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 235 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 <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global\_Asthma\_Network</u>