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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.

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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.
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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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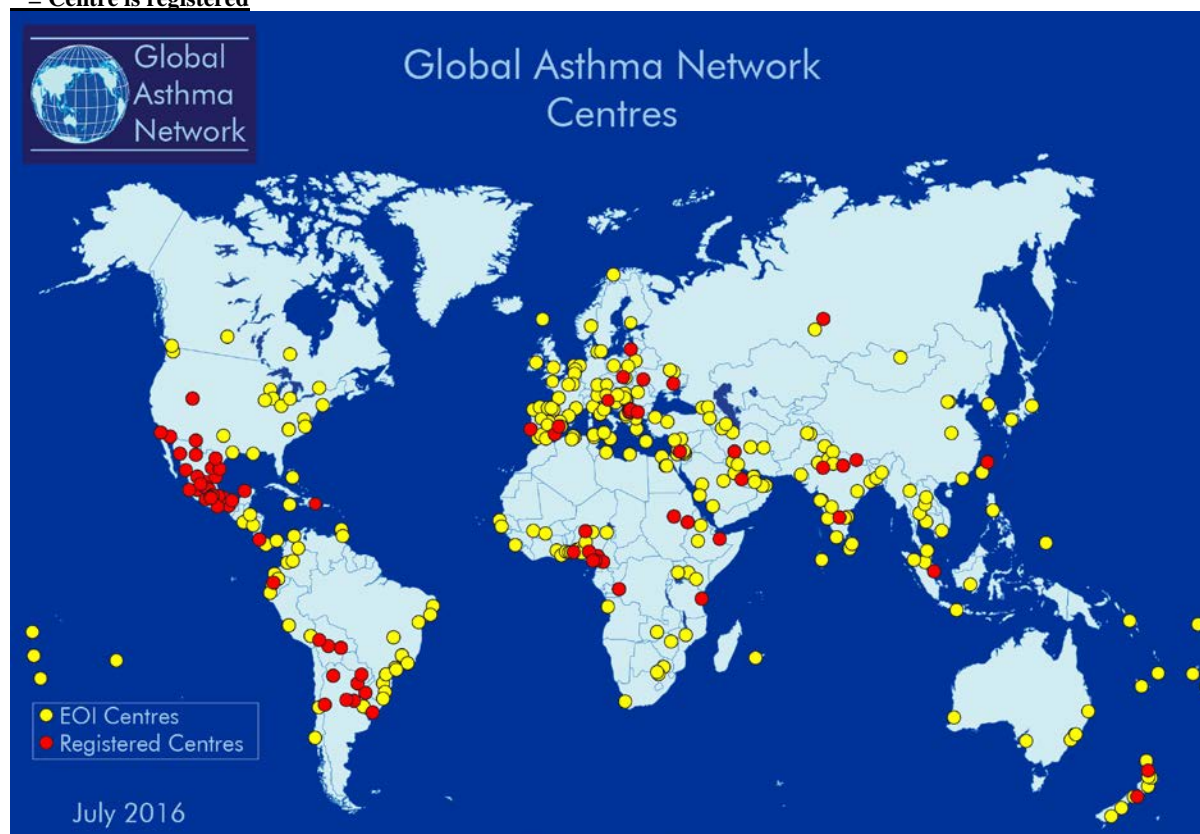
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Global Asthma Network Centres Sept 2015 344 centres from 132 countries

* = Centre is registered



Africa

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
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Ife
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Owo
Benin City
Gwagwalada
Senegal
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Sierra Leone
Freetown
Somalia
*Hargeisa

South Africa

Polokwane
Cape Town
Ekurhuleni
Pretoria
Sudan
*Khartoum
*Gadarif
Tanzania
*Dar es Salaam
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Zambia
Lusaka
Zimbabwe
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Benin
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Congo Dem Rep
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Mozambique
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North Sumatera
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Japan
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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
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Syrian Arab Republic
Lattakia
United Arab Emirates
Sharjah
Al Ain

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 Francisco. 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.

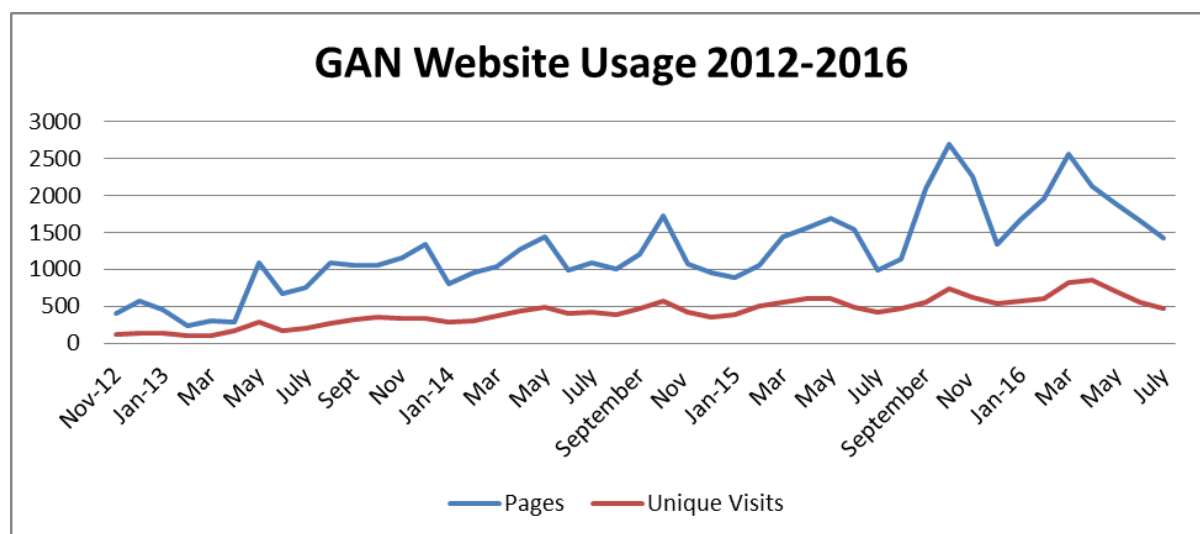
Global Asthma Network Website Report – June 2016

The [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](#).

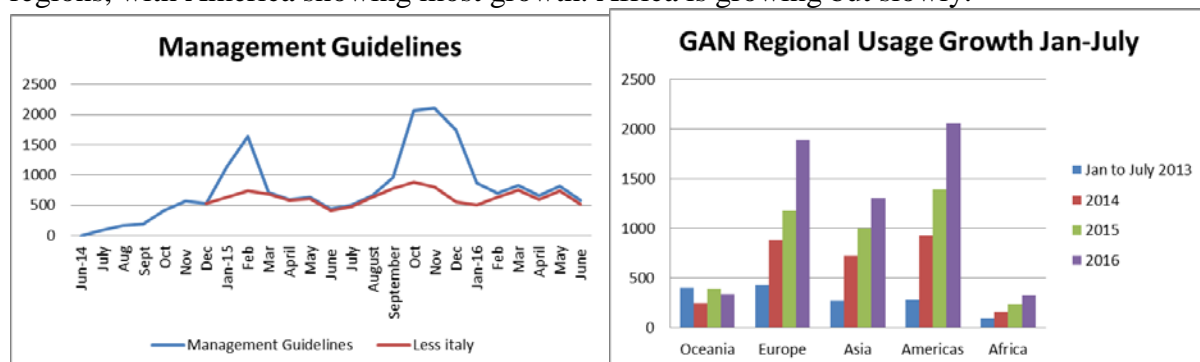
The website will be continuously updated in the coming year to include tools and information to support our Asthma Surveillance research.

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

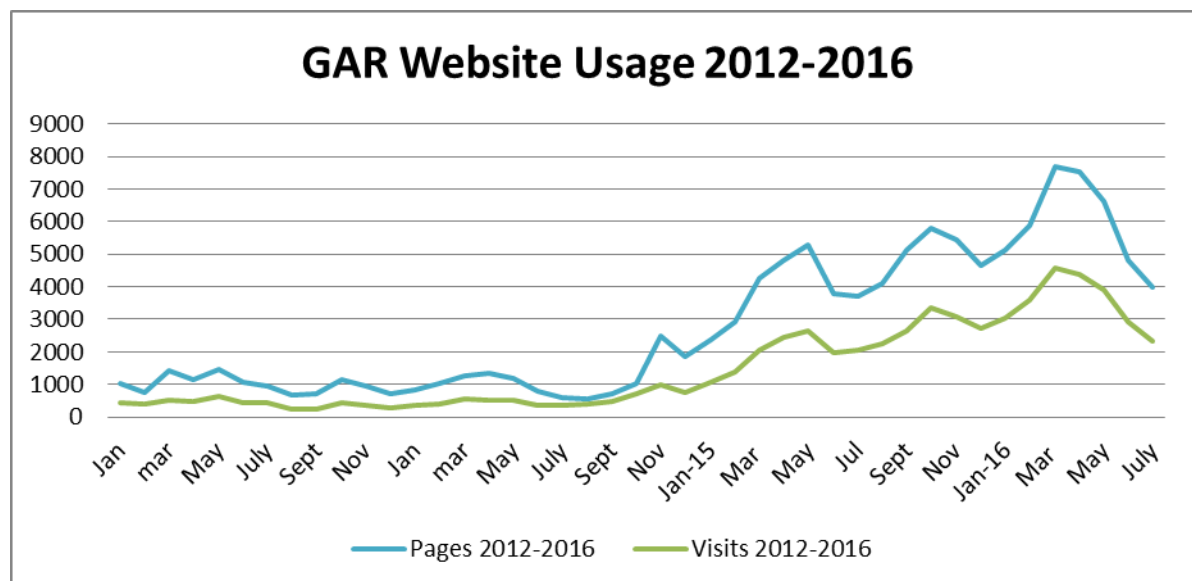


The management guidelines section has also shown increased usage. This has been driven mainly by the Italian, Columbian, Peruvian and Bosnian guidelines. Guidelines for over 20 different countries are being downloaded each month. Website usage has increased in all regions, with America showing most growth. 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 222 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