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Dear Global Asthma Network colleagues and friends,

A very warm welcome to you all, to this - the very first Global Asthma Network (GAN) newsletter. As you know, GAN was established in 2012, developing out of two groups, the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood (ISAAC) and the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union), bringing strengths from both organisations.

We are proud to say we have expressions of interest in GAN from 229 centres from 101 countries already! In the following pages you will find more detail on the centres. We have also included a section on website usage which you might find useful. This was something we included in the ISAAC newsletters.

The GAN website is regularly updated, and we always welcome contributions and suggestions. In addition to the work on GAN, the existing ISAAC website will continue to be maintained by Eamon Ellwood and publications added as they are published.

The 2014 American Thoracic Society (ATS) conference will be held in San Diego, USA from May 16-21. The outcome of our very first collaborative work has been submitted as an abstract and we are yet to hear about the outcome. The title and authorship is “Asthma management guidelines and strategies – who has them? P Ellwood, E Ellwood, MI Asher and the Global Asthma Study Group”. We have booked a GAN Exhibit Space in the Global Community section of the Exhibit Hall and hope to see you if you are attending the ATS. Philippa Ellwood and I will both be at the GAN booth. I have also been invited to present a lecture at the ATS on “Asthma disparities: A global perspective”

The GAN Steering Group is busy preparing for the Global Asthma Report (GAR) 2014 which will be modelled on the GAR 2011 <http://www.globalasthmareport.org/>. This will be ready in time for United Nations 2014 Non Communicable Disease Review (UN 2014 NCD Review).

We are finalising protocols for surveillance and will let you know when these are ready.

We are very heartened with the development of GAN so far and very pleased with the number of centres worldwide enrolling.

On behalf of the Global Asthma Network Executive I wish you a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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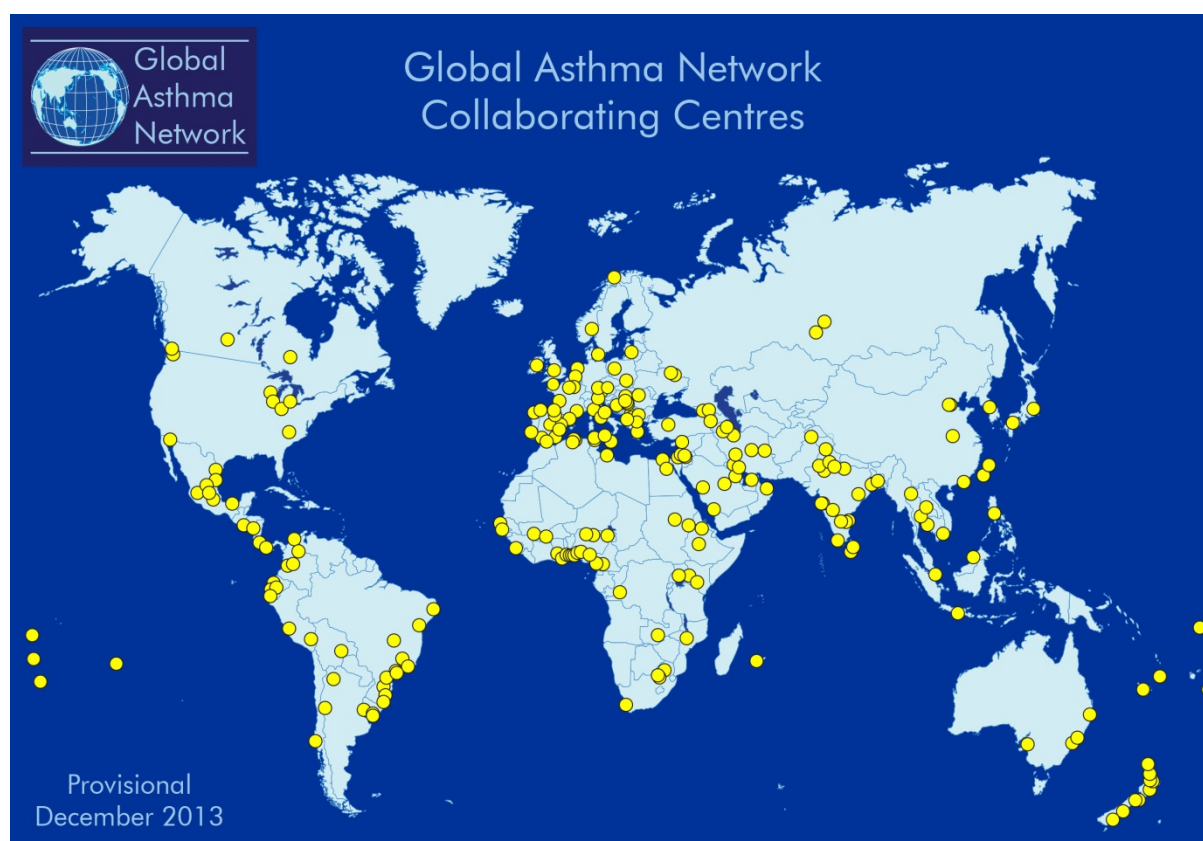
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Global Asthma Network Centres December 2013



Africa

Burkina Faso
Bobo-Dioulasso
Cameroon
Douala
Yaounde
Ethiopia
Addis Ababa
Mekelle
Gambia
The Gambia
Ghana
Kumasi
Accra
Kenya
Eldoret
Nairobi
Malawi
Blantyre
Nigeria
Ibadan
Ife
Lagos
Maiduguri
Kano
Gusau
Enugu
Senegal
Dakar

Africa

Sierra Leone
Freetown
South Africa
Polokwane
Cape Town
Ekurhuleni
Pretoria
Sudan
Khartoum
Gadarif
Uganda
Kampala
Zambia
Lusaka
Egypt
Cairo
Alexandria
Algeria
Algiers
Bab El Oued
Blida
Benin
Cotonou
Sèmè Podji
Congo Dem Rep
Kinshasa
Libya
Tripoli

Africa

Mali
Bamako
Reunion Island
Reunion Island
Togo
Lome
Tunisia
Ariana
Tunis

Asia-Pacific

Brunei
Brunei
Hong Kong
Hong Kong
China
Beijing
Hefei
Tayuan
Indonesia
Bandung
Japan
Fukuoka
Tochigi
Korea, South
Seoul
Philippines
Metro Manila

Asia-Pacific

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
Jordan
Amman
Jerash
Kuwait
Kuwait

Eastern Mediterranean***Malta***

Malta

Pakistan

Islamabad

Palestine

Ramallah

North Gaza

Saudi Arabia

Abha

Alkhobar

Madinah

Riyadh

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

Bangladesh

Dhaka

Sri Lanka

Colombo

Peradeniya

Latin America &**Caribbean*****Argentina***

Buenos Aires

Mendoza

Salta

Bolivia

Santa Cruz

Brasil

Sao Paulo South

Porto Alegre

Recife

Belo Horizonte

Rio de Janeiro

Brasília

Brasil (cont.)

Passo Fundo

Maceió

Curitiba

Feira de Santana

Santo André

Pelotas

Latin America &**Caribbean*****Chile***

Valdivia

Colombia

Cali

Bogota

Barranquilla

Bucaramanga

Costa Rica

Costa Rica

Ecuador

Quito

Guayaquil

Esmeraldas

El Salvador

San Salvador

Mexico

Monterrey

Ciudad de Mexico

Guadalajara

Mexicali Valley

Villahermosa

San Luis Potosí

Querétaro

Nicaragua

Matagalpa

Panama

Panamá City

David-Panamá

Peru

Lima

Tumbes

Puno

Uruguay

Montevideo

North America***Canada***

Ontario

Vancouver

Saskatoon

United States

North Carolina

Fort Wayne

Madison

Seattle

Chicago

Metropolitan Detroit

Northern and Eastern**Europe*****Albania***

Tiranë

Armenia

Yerevan

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Prijedor

Bulgaria

Sofia

Georgia

Tbilisi

Kutaisi

Hungary**Northern and Eastern****Europe**

Szeged

Kosovo

Prishtina

Latvia

Riga

Macedonia

Skopje

Norway

Oslo

Tromsø

Poland

Krakow (1995)

Poznan

Romania

Cluj-Napoca

Russia

Novosibirsk

Tomsk

Serbia

Belgrade

Novi Sad

Indjija

Ukraine

Kharkiv

Rural Kharkiv

Turkey

Ankara

Oceania***Australia***

Sydney

Newcastle

Adelaide

Brisbane

French Polynesia

Polynésie française

New Caledonia

Nouvelle-Calédonie

New Zealand

Auckland

Wellington

Otago

Hawke's Bay

Waikato

Christchurch

New Zealand (cont.)

Bay of Plenty

Northland

Marlborough

Niue

Niue Island

Samoa

Apia

Tokelau

Tokelau

Tonga

Nuku'alofa

Tuvalu

Funafuti

Vanuatu

Port Vila

Western Europe***Austria***

Salzburg

Urfahr-umgebung

Belgium

Antwerp

Channel Islands

Guernsey

France

Marseille

Bordeaux

West Marne

Créteil

Germany

Munich

Greece

Athens

Thessaloniki

Ireland

Ireland

Italy

Roma

Palermo

Florence

Trento

Ascoli Piceno

Empoli

Netherlands

Utrecht

Portugal

Lisboa

Spain

Cartagena

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Sevilla

Cádiz

Asturias

Bilbao

Málaga

Madrid

United Kingdom

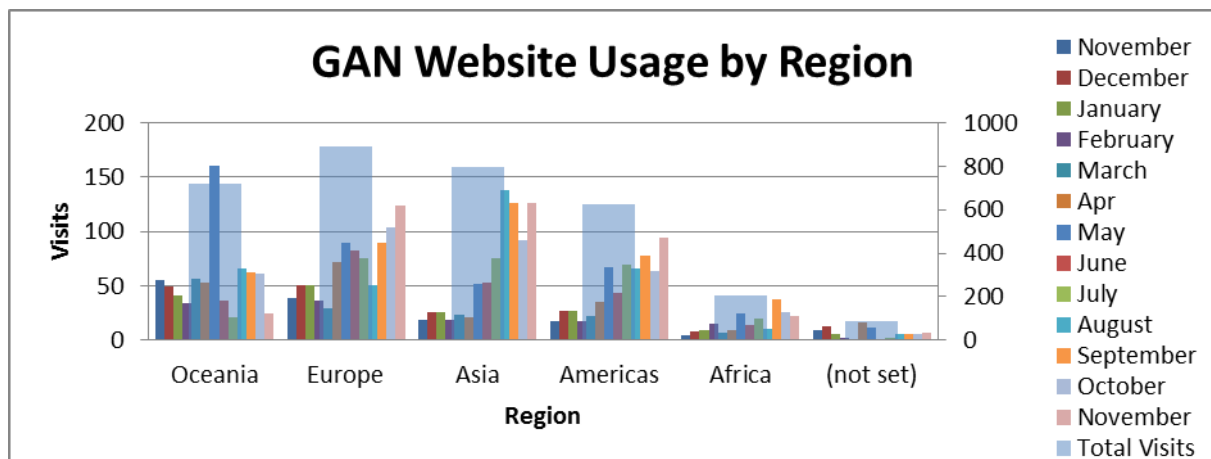
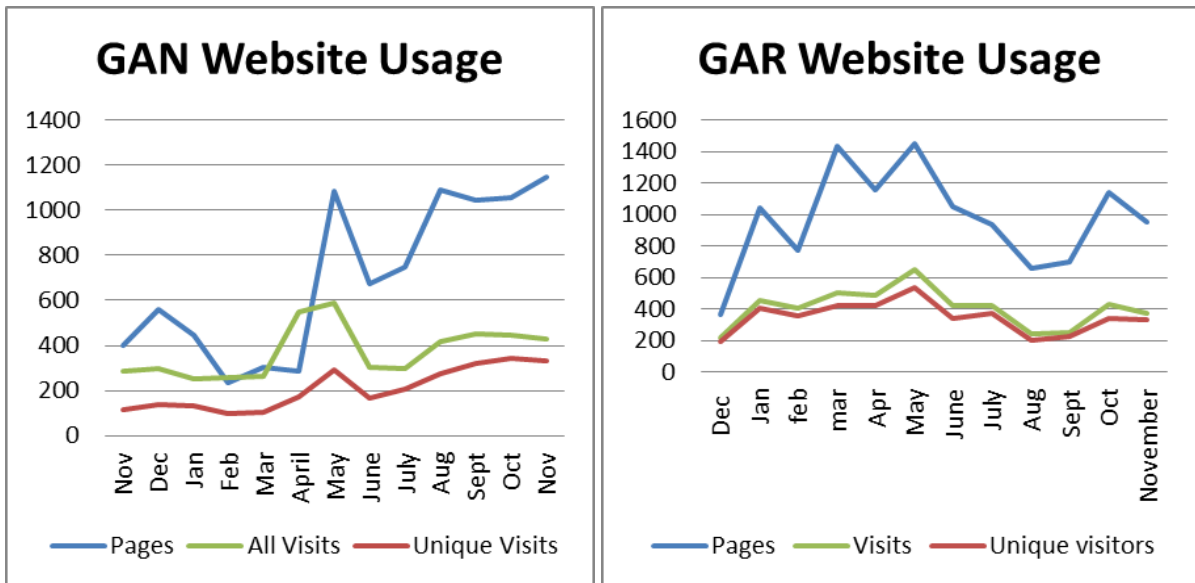
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Global Asthma Network Website Report

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 [upcoming conferences and symposiums](#), [asthma management guidelines](#) and the latest [asthma related news](#).

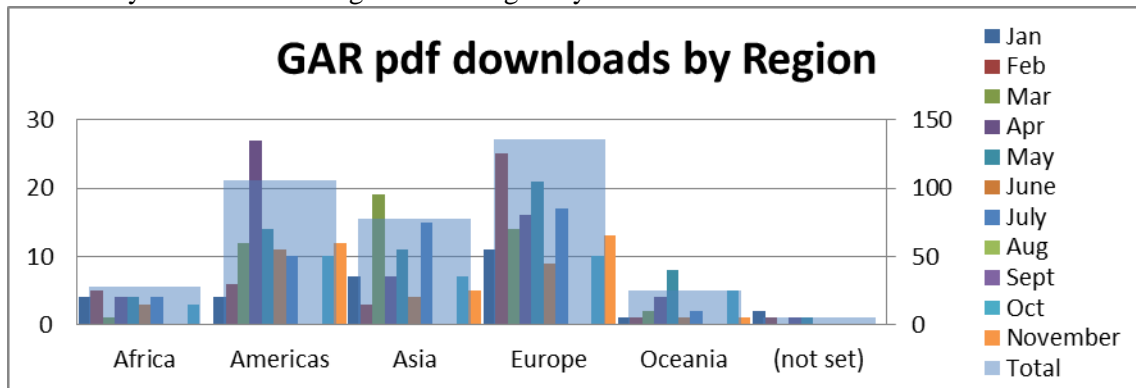
The website will be continuously updated in the coming year to include tools and information to support our Asthma Surveillance research.

Website Statistics



Global Asthma Report Downloads

The precursor activity leading to the Global Asthma Network was the [Global Asthma Report 2011](#). After two years it is still being accessed regularly around the world.



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.

Once the Surveillance study is underway 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.