



GARD Newsletter

GARD Country Activities - ACOCU Network, Vietnam

ACOCU Network: Asthma and COPD Outpatient Units (ACOCU), pioneered by **Dr. Le Thi Tuyet Lan**, was established in 2000 at the University Medical Center in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Today, there are 178 units in 47/63 provinces throughout the country.

Provision of Care: ACOCU offers patients chest X-Ray, spirometry, clinical examinations, telephone counselling and organizes a patient club.

Education & Knowledge Translation:

Conducts training workshops to medical settlements, doctors, nurses and technicians.

Medical Supplies & Support: Distributes spirometers and electronic peak flow meters to medical settlements and provides technical support to provincial medical bases including Binh Dinh, Vung Tau, Tien Giang, and Dong Thap Province.

ACOCU Activities: Hosts annual ACOCU Network meetings and celebrations of World Asthma Day, World COPD Day and Non-Smoking Day

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Special Webinar: Free registration [here](#). Once registered, you will receive a link to access the webinar. For more information & questions: juan.pimentel@mail.mcgill.ca



Participatory Research at McGill (PRAM) Game Lab

WEBINAR SERIES



Game jams to co-design respiratory health games in Canada and Europe
Guest Speaker: Fabio Balli
Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 from 12:30 - 13:30 (Eastern Time)

Fabio Balli leads impact driven projects in Canada and Europe. After ten years of interventions at the local and international scale, he co-founded *Breathing Games*, an open science initiative to encourage people of all ages to develop respiratory health technologies. Balli holds graduate degrees in Human Systems Engineering, Game Design, and Adult Education; his research focusing on health commons.

GARD Publications (<http://gard-breathefreely.org/publications/>; last 5 months, Nov 2017 to Mar 2018)

The GARD section in the *Journal of Thoracic Disease* (<http://jtd.amegroups.com/>) was created in July 2017. GARD participants are welcome to submit original research articles, reviews and/or reports featuring local GARD activities. We thank the journal editors Drs. Nanshan Zhong and Guangqiao Zeng for waiving the publication fee. Drs. Yousser Mohammad and Alvaro Cruz are the current GARD section editors.

- **Arzu Yorgancioğlu, Bilun Gemicioglu, Banu Ekinci, Zübeyde Özkan, Hasan Bayram, Begüm Ergan, Refika Ersu, Ali Kocabaş, Nurdan Köktürk.** Asthma in the context of global alliance against respiratory diseases (GARD) in Turkey. *Journal of Thoracic Disease*. Accepted in Feb 2018.
- **Alvaro A. Cruz, Paulo A. Camargos, Marilyn Urrutia-Pereira, Rafael Stelmach.** Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases (GARD) Brazil success case: overcoming barriers. *Journal of Thoracic Disease*. Vol 10, No 1 (January 2018), p.534-8.
- **Nikolai Khaltaev.** GARD, a new way to battle with chronic respiratory diseases, from disease oriented programmes to global partnership. *Journal of Thoracic Disease*. Vol 9, No 11 (November 2017), p.4676-89.

Other Relevant Publications by GARD Colleagues

(To download these publications, go to <http://gard-breathefreely.org/publications/>; last 5 months, Nov 2017 to Mar 2018)

- Maheu-Cadotte MA, Cossette S, Dubé V, Fontaine G, Mailhot T, Lavoie P, Cournoyer A, **Balli F**, Mathieu-Dupuis G. Effectiveness of serious games and impact of design elements on engagement and educational outcomes in healthcare professionals and students: a systematic review and meta-analysis protocol. *BMJ Open*. 2018 Mar 16;8(3):e019871.
- **T. To, J. Bouchard, L. P. Boulet, J. Brozek, J. Denburg, H. Schünemann, F. E. R. Simons, S. Wasserman, P. K. Keith, I. Agache, C. Bachert, A. Bedbrook, G. W. Canonica, T. Casale, A. A. Cruz, W. J. Fokkens, P. W. Hellings, B. Samolinski & J. Bousquet.** ARIA 2016 executive summary: Integrated care pathways for predictive, preventive and personalized medicine across the life cycle. *Canadian Journal of Respiratory, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine*. Published Online: 14 Feb 2018.
- **R Stelmach and AA Cruz.** The paradox of asthma: neglect, burden, and big data. *J Bras Pneumol*. 2017;43(3):159-160.

Upcoming Relevant Conferences & Events

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- 19 May - 23 May 2018 - **ATS** International Conference, San Diego, USA (<http://ats-conference.org/>)
- 26 May - 30 May 2018 - **EAACI** 37th Annual Congress, Munich, Germany (<http://eaacicongress2018.org/>)
- 31 May - 2 June 2018 - 9th **IPCRG** World Conference, Porto, Portugal (<http://www.theipcr.org/>)
- 31 August - 1 September 2018 - The **GARD** General Meeting, Helsinki, Finland ([program TBD](#))

NATIONAL CONGRESSES:

- 11 April - 15 April 2018 - **TTS** (Turkish Thoracic Society) 21st Annual Congress, Antalya, Turkey (<http://www.toraks.org.tr>)
- 19 April - 21 April 2018 - **Romanian Society of Pneumology**, 7th National Respiratory Pathophysiology Conference, The 4th National Tuberculosis Conference, The 2nd National Conference 9G (New Generation), Sinaia, Romania
- 31 October- 3 November 2018 - The 25th National Congress of the **Romanian Society of Pneumology**: The lung and the air quality: a new frontier, Poiana Brasov, Romania

EVENTS:

- 1 May 2018 - **World Asthma Day**
- 14 November 2018 - **World COPD Day**

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