



# GARD Newsletter

We *Welcome* **four organizations joining GARD !**

## Asthma and Respiratory Foundation New Zealand

Asthma and Respiratory Foundation NZ is New Zealand's leading not-for-profit authority on respiratory health. In New Zealand respiratory disease accounts for one in ten of all hospital stays and is our third most common cause of death. One in six New Zealanders live with a respiratory condition and with rates increasing it is estimated that the annual cost is more than \$6 billion. What we do:

- Raise awareness, provide information, training and resources for health professionals, schools and consumers
- Facilitate the NZ Respiratory Conference
- Support research and new technology
- Engage with government on a nationwide strategy to reduce respiratory disease

<https://www.asthmafoundation.org.nz>

**Asthma  
+ Respiratory  
FOUNDATION NZ**

1 in 7 kiwi kids have asthma

Check out our online resources to support parents, caregivers and teachers at [learnaboutlungs.org.nz](http://learnaboutlungs.org.nz)



## European Forum for Research and Education in Allergy and Airway Diseases (EUFOREA)

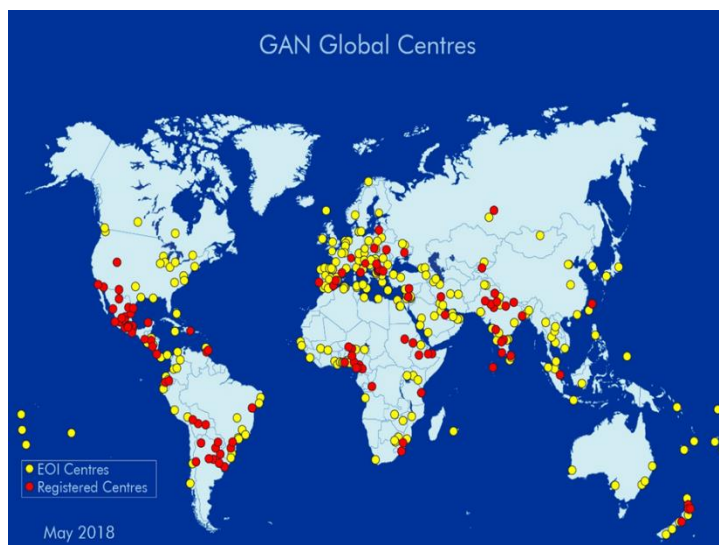
Euforea is an international non-profit organization aiming at reducing the prevalence and burden of chronic respiratory diseases via patient-centered approaches. EUFOREA closely collaborates with patients and key opinion leaders in the field of respiratory care in the 4 focus areas of activities: Research, Education, Advocacy & Digital Solutions. *MySinusitisCoach* for chronic rhinosinusitis is a good example of a mobile health tool developed by EUFOREA helping patients and doctors to achieve better outcomes of treatment. EUFOREA and GARD have previously collaborated during the 2017 GARD-Annual Meeting in Brussels (Belgium), and during the EU Summit 2018 on mHealth and Air Pollution in Vilnius (Lithuania).

<https://www.euforea.eu/>

**mySinusitisCoach**  
mobile app.



## The Global Asthma Network (GAN)



The Global Asthma Network (GAN) aims to better understand the impact of asthma around the world, and investigates ways of reducing its burden. More than 350 centres in 130 countries are involved in GAN. Phase I of GAN is underway, involving children in primary and secondary schools and adults (their parents) in many centres in countries in all regions of the world. GAN Phase I aims to provide new information on how common and severe asthma is, how it is being managed, and what the risk factors are. The results of this study will become available in 2019.

<http://www.globalasthmanetwork.org/>

## The Portuguese Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (IHMT)

IHMT created in 1902, is an Academic Unit of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa (UNL). It functions in the dependence of the Ministry of Higher Education and Science, and it aims at developing the scientific knowledge on global health problems as well as on tropical diseases. The Institute is involved in postgraduate education and training, research, services to the community and cooperation for health development in the Portuguese-speaking African countries and East Timor. The academic training is focused on doctoral and master's programs with unique specificities in Portugal: biomedical sciences (including parasitology and medical microbiology), tropical medicine (clinical and tropical pathology) and public health (international/global health, public health and development, health policies and development, tropical public health and biostatistics).

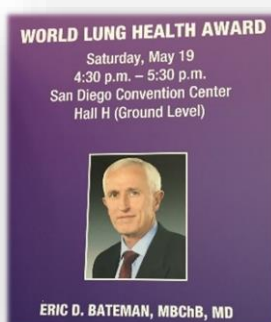
<http://www.ihmt.unl.pt/en/>



## Congratulations to Dr Eric Bateman & Dr Mohammad Reza Masjedi

### The ATS 2018 World Lung Health Award Recipient **Dr Eric Bateman**      The WHO Director General Special Award Recipient **Dr. Mohammad Reza Masjedi**

The World Lung Health Award recognizes contributions to improving world lung health in the area of translational or implementation research, delivery of healthcare, continuing education or care of patients with lung disease, or related political advocacy with a special emphasis on efforts that have the potential to eliminate gender, racial, ethnic, or economic health disparities worldwide.



The award recognizes the outstanding contribution to the advancement of the policies and measures contained in the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and its guidelines, particularly in relation to the theme of World No Tobacco Day.



### GARD Publications (<http://gard-breathefreely.org/publications/>; last 5 months, January to May 2018) IN JOURNAL OF THORACIC DISEASE-GARD SECTION (<http://jtd.amegroups.com/>):

- **Arzu Yorgancıoğlu, 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*; 10(3):2052-2058.
- **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*; 10(1):534-8.

### OTHER RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS BY GARD COLLEAGUES:

(To download these publications, go to <http://gard-breathefreely.org/publications/>; last 5 months, January to May 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. Waserman, 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.
- **Urrutia-Pereira M, Mocellin LP, de Oliveira RB, Simon L, Lessa L, Solé D.** Knowledge on asthma, food allergies, and anaphylaxis: Assessment of elementary school teachers, parents/caregivers of asthmatic children, and university students in Uruguaiana, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. *Allergol Immunopathol (Madr)*. 2018 Jan 12. pii: S0301-0546(17)30178-7. doi: 10.1016/j.aller.2017.09.018. [Epub ahead of print]



### **Special Notice: The WHO Wants Your Papers!**

In low- and middle-income countries, noncommunicable diseases account for 78% deaths and untold economic losses, yet only 1% of global health funding goes towards preventing these diseases. To inform better policies, the **Bulletin of the World Health Organization** is looking for submissions for its theme issue on noncommunicable diseases, to be launched at Prince Mahidol Award Conference in January 2019. Deadline for submission: **July 15, 2018**. For details and Submissions Guidelines: [click here](#)

## Upcoming Relevant Conferences & Events

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- 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 (<https://gard-breathefreely.org/>)

### NATIONAL CONGRESSES:

- Sept 2018 - GARD - Air Pollution Impact in Latin América, Bolivarian Chapter - Regional **SLaai Congress**, Perú
- 26 Sept - 29 Sept 2018 - XIII Internati onal Congress of the **Polish Society of Allergology**, Mikolajki, Poland (<https://congress2018.szkoleniapta.pl/>)
- 20 October - 23 October 2018 - 45th Congress of **Allergy and Immunology of Brazil** (ASBAI), Recife, Brazil
- 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: 14 November 2018 - **World COPD Day**

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