Chronic Respiratory Diseases and COVID-19: A GARD Webinar on May 28, 2020

This 1-hour webinar focused on experience from the field (Brazil, China, Greece, Italy, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey) was coordinated by GARD and attended by nearly 100 individuals. The webinar panelists included: Drs. Alvaro Cruz, Wang Chen, Mina Gaga, Sian Williams, Cherian Varghese, Giovanni Viegi, Talant Sooronbaev, and Arzu Yorgancioglu. To date, the recording of the webinar has been viewed by over 1,500 times and can be viewed at this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V2WqfxPeQ-4Z0Uw3Tx-b-KmtcXt9uYaKd/view

Publications on COVID19 by GARD Colleagues


Meet Florence, WHO’s first virtual health worker. Florence is designed to help the world’s 1.3 billion tobacco users quit. She uses artificial intelligence (AI) to dispel myths around COVID-19 and smoking and helps people develop a personalized plan to quit tobacco. (https://www.who.int/news-room/spotlight/ai-for-quitting-tobacco-initiative)


ASMA GRAP 2020 — new asthma guideline by Spanish Group, IPCRG (https://issuu.com/respiratorigraph/docs/guia_grap)


Including interview “Saving millions of lives requires to join forces” with Prof Pittet - hand sanitizer creator. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvZmXw8SwLQ)
Local Events/Activities/Webinars

• Vietnam Respiratory Society Annual Conference, 3 – 4 July 2020. Over 1,000 doctors attended the event.

• Pediatric asthma patient club meeting on July 8 2020 at the Tan Phu District Hospital, Vietnam. Healthcare workers, children and parents were interacting.


The recent three-day EUFOREA EPOS 2020 webinar series, June 2020 attracted over 1000 registrants with a total of over 1800 individual stream session viewings. A global audience of 44 countries covering Europe, North America, The Middle East and Asia joined to view the education series regarding the EPOS 2020 guidelines paper. The audience enjoyed interactive sessions with live Q&A and panel interaction. EUFOREA are pleased to announce details of how to view the recorded ‘on demand’ materials, information can be found on the events section of the EUFOREA website www.euforea.eu

Awards and Tributes

Legends of allergology / immunology: Dr. Jean Julien Raoul Bousquet: a Chemist, a Pharmacist, a Biologist, a Physician and - above all - an innovative Scientist.


Dr. Teresa To awarded Canada Research Chair in Asthma.

This is a 7-year (2020-2026) Career Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Dr. To is the first Canadian female researcher to receive the chair in the field of population asthma health research.
Upcoming National/International Conferences and Webinars

7 – 9 September 2020 (virtual)
The ERS 30th Annual International Congress (https://erscongress.org/)

10 September 2020
3rd Annual Global Respiratory Summit (https://gaapp.org/global-respiratory-summit-2020/)

25 September 2020 - World Lung Day
Join respiratory organizations from around the world and celebrate World Lung Day on 25 September. To get involved and receive the World Lung Day Toolkit when it's released, email Lisa Roscoe from the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) on lisa.roscoe@firsnet.org.

September – November 2020 (webinar)
Weekly (Wed 10am EST) capacity building webinars offered by the Global Allergy and Airways Patient Platform (GAAPP, https://gaapp.org/weekly-capacity-building-webinars/)

18 – 21 October 2020 (virtual)
CHEST Annual Meeting (https://www.chestnet.org/)

20 – 24 October 2020
51st Union World Conference on Lung Health in Seville 2020 (https://seville.worldlunghealth.org)
The Union Conference will include a symposium titled “Treating Mild Asthma: A Paradigm Shift” (Prof Asma El Sony of GAN and Prof Helen Reddel of GINA) SESS-WCLH-2020-00358, with other speakers from GAN: (https://wclh2020.abstractserver.com/preview/#/session/d96866de0e15a5535)

23 – 24 October 2020
European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients’ Associations (EFA) Allergy and Respiratory Patients Conference. This first Allergy and Respiratory Patients Conference is a semi-virtual event that will take place on October 23rd – 24th 2020. The two days event will give a glance on the latest innovations in research and care for allergies and airways diseases and help build capacity in the digital space. (https://www.efanet.org/)

4 – 8 November 2020 (virtual)
26th National Congress of the Romanian Society of Pneumology (https://www.congres-srp.ro/)

16 – 18 November 2020
Geneva Health Forum (in presence & online)
With a series of hands-on activities on accessible, reproducible equipment for health. (http://ghf2020.g2hp.net/)

29 – 31 January 2021
25th Congrès de Pneumologie de Langue Française, CPLF at Lille Grand Palais (http://www.congres-pneumologie.fr/)

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On behalf of the GARD Executive Committee, Planning & Regional Groups, we wish you and your family a pleasant summer filled with love, peace and health. Please stay in touch, stay safe and well!

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