The 14th GARD General Meeting was held virtually on October 6-7, 2021 with 134 GARD colleagues attended this annual meeting via Zoom. On Day-1, Dr. Arzu Yorgancioglu, the GARD Chair, gave an update on GARD followed by a specific forum with representative speakers from FIRS, GINA and GOLD highlighting strategies for working with LMIC and their contributions to GARD. The day concluded with breakout workshops on various topics.

On Day-2, Dr. Yorgancioglu put forward a GARD Declaration on the urgent need for clean air and called to action in support of the implementation of the new air quality guideline issued by the WHO on September 22, 2021 (https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/what-are-the-who-air-quality-guidelines). WHO officials, Dr. Bente Mikkelsen, Director of NCD, and Dr. Sarah Rylance, Medical officer of CRDs, provided an overview of the WHO CRD priorities. As with Day-1, the meeting concluded with breakout workshops on various topics. During both days, 23 ePosters from GARD members were streamed during the meeting breaks.

The GARD General Assembly (for GARD members only) started on Day-2 after the General Meeting concluded. The Assembly was attended by 94 members who engaged in a discussion on efforts in increasing membership in LMIC, advocacy strategies, benchmarking network success and how GARD, as a WHO network, can work better with WHO to maximize our impact and move towards a common goal.

Meeting recordings, ePosters, PowerPoint presentations are now available on the GARD website (https://gard-breathefreely.org/gard-gm/).


• A series of narrative reviews on air pollution and respiratory health. Taborda-Barata L and Viegi G. Pulmonology (in press).

14th GARD General Meeting Report
https://gard-breathefreely.org/gard-gm/

Recordings and e-Posters of the 14th GARD General Meeting
https://gardbreathefreely.org/resources-2/

Global Asthma Network Newsletter
For more details, contact Philippa Ellwood at p.ellwood@auckland.ac.nz

Global Asthma Network
The Global Asthma Network strives for a world where no-one suffers from asthma

Other Resources

IPC RG Newsletters
https://www.ipcrg.org/news-and-events

EUFOREA Patient’s Unmet Needs in Chronic Rhinosinusitis Care

UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science:
https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000379949.locale=en
Fostering research with open sciences
https://sciencesouvertes.hypotheses.org/

Asthma and Respiratory Foundation New Zealand
– A Report on the current prevalence and patterns of use of e-cigarettes in secondary schools

National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP)

2021 GINA MAIN REPORT
– Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention
https://ginasthma.org/gina-reports/

NHLBI/NIH Focused Updates
2020 Asthma Management Guidelines:
https://www.nihbi.nih.gov/health-topics/asthma-management-guidelines-2020-updates

2022 GOLD REPORTS – GLOBAL Strategy for Prevention, Diagnosis and Management Of COPD
https://goldcopd.org/2022-gold-reports/

2021 FIRS - The Global Impact of Respiratory Disease,
outlines major causes of respiratory disease and mortality
https://www.firsnet.org/resources/publications
Dr. Guy Marks – A recipient of the 2021 Lung Health Legend Awards. These awards recognize individuals who have contributed over a substantial period of time to advancing Lung Foundation Australia’s Mission and Vision. Dr. Marks was recognized for his dedicated commitment to making improvements in the air quality, tuberculosis and COPD and asthma space and enriching the lives of those living with lung disease.

Dr. Jean Bousquet was awarded the FEACI in 2021 for his continuous excellence in research on airways remodelling in asthma, allergy multimorbidity, a new definition for IgE-mediated diseases, the digital transformation of health, air pollution planetary Health and, more recently COVID-19.

Dr. Mina Gaga – a member of the GARD Executive Committee, Director and Head, 7th Respiratory Medicine Department and Asthma Centre, Athens Chest Hospital “Sotiria” was appointed Deputy Minister of Health, Greece.

Dr. Digambar Behera was awarded the 3rd highest Civilian Award (PADMA SHRI) in India by His Excellency the President of India for his contribution in the field of Medicine (Respiratory Medicine).

Drs. Chen Wang and Asma El Sony were selected members of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (STAG-NCD; https://www.who.int/groups/stag-ncd) was established in October 2021 to act as an advisory body to WHO to further WHO’s leadership and coordination role in promoting and monitoring global action against noncommunicable diseases.

WE CONGRATULATE OUR GARD COLLEAGUES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS! BRAVO!
EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN GARD COUNTRIES

Upcoming Event:
Saturday, January 8, 2022
10:00 AM GMT - 2:00 PM GMT (via Zoom)

2022 GOLD UK/Africa Satellite Conference — In partnership with the British Thoracic Society Global Health Group and the Pan African Thoracic Society, GOLD is delighted to present a virtual conference featuring the most recent GOLD strategies in the diagnosis, management, and treatment of patients with COPD and symposia on COPD care in LMICs with a particular focus on Africa. For more information on this free event, including registration, please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMP7YDZ
Please contact goldcopd@integrityce.com with any questions.

Past Activities:

Ann Woolcock Lecture by Professor Innes Asher: Asthma in the world: Where are we learning from ISAAC and the Global Asthma Network? — A summary overview of the last 30 years of ISAAC and GAN
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1CPBQ3afVI

EUFOREA News Episode with Prof. Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier (November 2021) - Dr. David Bull and Prof. Peter Schmid-Grendelmeier, Head of Allergy Unit, Department of Dermatology at the University Hospital of Zurich, explored the phenomenon of type 2 inflammation in the skin and what we can learn from it in. What this video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuWWmmCZ1E0

COPD Day 2021 - Activities recognizing World COPD Day in communities across the world. These were shared with GOLD and posted on the GOLD website. To see photos, use this link: https://goldcopd.org/world-copd-day/
PERSONAL CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY TO DR JEAN BOUSQUET

We would like to congratulate Jean on reaching his 75th birthday in such amazing form! He certainly practices what he preaches - and is still as active and healthy today as we all hope to be in years to come! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEAN! Long may you continue to be an inspiration to others!

ARZU's RECIPES FOR HAPPINESS

Congratulations on Arzu’s published book titled “Arzu’s Recipes for Happiness”. Proceeds from her book go to the Association for Supporting Contemporary Life’s “You Can Light a Candle Too” Project that gives scholarships to 35 female students.

GARD Executive Committee, Planning & Regional Groups wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

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