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ABOUT INTERASMA

It was in 1954 that some of the pioneers of European allergology, including Hansen, Quarles Van Ufford, Sangiorgi and Duchaine, decided to create the International Association of Asthmology after discussing the problems that bronchial asthma was raising in internal medicine, pediatrics, allergology and respiratory medicine. Prof. Sangiorgi in particular devoted himself with considerable energy to this project. The Association was registered in Milan in 1954, and a year later, on May 25, 1955, the first official founding meeting took place in Utrecht, organized by Dr. Quarles van Ufford. Also present at this meeting were Professors Hansen, Sangiorgi, Duchaine and Wolfer-Bianchi, among others. Later, at the first Congress (held in Lubeck) and at subsequent meetings, the following were admitted as founding members: Sanchez-Cuenca (Spain), Varela Fuertes (Uruguay), Spoujitch (Yugoslavia), Holler (Austria), Vera Walker (United Kingdom), Capuani (Italy), Gronemeyer (Germany), Fuchs (Germany) and Damas Mora (Portugal).

By the late 1950s, the increase of bronchial asthma in health statistics was already beginning to worry us. It was a question of uniting diagnostic criteria and therapies in a way that would lead to effective means of treating and managing asthma, and of unifying methods of study and research so that the complex etiopathogenesis of this illness could be better understood. At no stage did the Association try to reduce the importance of any other society. The initially small group of members gradually grew, the Association being joined by exceedingly active members.

During the next years our statutes were renewed, and INTERASMA's Chapters began to be active. Two Chapters were established for Europe, three for Africa, two for Asia, three for America and one for Australia. In this way the various Annual Meetings appeared, in order to increase interest in INTERASMA in the various regions. Surprisingly, these meetings were extremely successful in terms of the participation of pediatricians, internists, chest physicians, and allergologists. These meetings have continued taking place subsequently, and the number of participants has increased steadily from one to the next.

As the Association grew, the conclusion was reached that creating national societies of asthmology was not as important as creating INTERASMA Chapters, that in their different regions could interact and promote joint efforts among all the various specialties interested in asthma. This form of organization has also resulted in the annual regional meetings and Chapter meetings, held independently of the World Congress (which takes place every two years), thus giving strength to the philosophy of INTERASMA in the different regions of the world.

We have the pleasure to invite you to attend the next World Congress of Asthma (WCA 2012) which will be held in Québec City renowned for its beauty and culture and give the occasion to the world's experts to meet in a perfect environment.

Interasma Global Asthma Association
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Dear Colleagues:

You are invited to take part to the World Congress of Asthma, which will be held in one of the world's great cities, Québec City, Canada, in August 18-21, 2012.

The members of the Organizing Committee have put together a superb educational and networking meeting that should be one of the highlights of 2012 in the field of respiratory medicine. All clinicians and researchers, as well as allied health professionals interested in asthma are invited to attend this event. World class speakers will offer an update on the epidemiology, physiopathology, clinical management and various other aspects of care of children and adults with asthma.

You should take this opportunity to visit our most beautiful European-like region. Québec City is renowned for its hospitality, gastronomy, near-by nature and various attractions that will make this journey a most memorable one. The old part of the town is on UNESCO's world heritage sites list and the European ambiance in a North American setting and a bilingual French and English environment that will appeal to visitors from all continents. In a recent survey of 28 000 readers of the magazine Condé Nest Travaeler, Québec City has been declared the best destination in Canada, the third best in North-America and the 6th best in the world.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I invite you to the World Congress of Asthma in Québec in the summer 2012. I also invite you to look at the virtual tour of the city on our website <http://www.quebecregion.com/en>



Louis-Philippe Boulet, MD, FRCPC, FCCP
President of the World Congress of Asthma 2012

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of Interasma it gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend the 21st World Congress of Asthma which will be held from August 18 to 21, 2012 in Québec City, Canada.

Interasma was founded in 1954 with the aim of uniting the efforts of internists, pediatricians, allergologists and chest physicians to provide a better standard of care for asthmatic patients. Two years later the very first World Congress of Asthma was held in Lubeck/Bad Lippspringe, Germany. Since that time, congresses have been held successfully every two to three years, whilst experiencing steadily increasing quality and participation.

As one of the primary activities of Interasma, this Congress represents an outstanding opportunity for scientists studying asthma and clinicians treating asthmatic patients to share recent information and experiences. This is especially important as, over the past few decade, we have seen a dramatic increase in asthma prevalence which has created a great socio-economic burden in many parts of the world. Through this Congress, we are able to take a closer look at the causes of asthma which will hopefully allow us to develop more effective treatments for this widespread disease.

Let us also not forget the intimate friendships and fruitful memories we are sure to make in beautiful Québec City, which I am told is one of the oldest and most historic cities in North America.

My sincerest gratitude goes to Professor Louis-Philippe Boulet and the local Organizing Committee for their hard work and wonderful organization, which will surely result in a great success. I look forward to meeting all of you in Québec in 2012!

Sincerely yours,



You-Young Kim, M.D., Ph.D.
President of Interasma



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Wenzel Sally
Wong Gary
Zernotti Mario
Zitt Myron

- Adherence to therapy
- Asthma epidemiology
- Genetics of asthma
- Asthma and the environment
- Mechanisms of inflammation in asthma
- Asthma pathophysiology
- Infections and asthma
- Animal models of asthma
- Assessment of asthma
- Clinical aspects of asthma management
- Physiology of airway constriction in asthma
- Non-invasive measurements of airway inflammation
- Phenotyping asthma
- Psychological assessment
- Asthma Care
- Asthma control
- Assessment of effects of new drugs on asthma: research models
- Asthma guidelines
- New treatments of asthma
- Asthma education and knowledge translation
- Asthma in children
- Asthma in elderly
- Gender differences
- Asthma in indigenous populations
- Asthma exacerbations
- Severe asthma
- Asthma phenotypes
- Asthma and rhinitis
- Asthma in the obese
- Asthma and OSA
- Asthma and/or COPD
- Asthma in the athlete
- Occupational asthma
- Aspirin-induced asthma
- Asthma and pregnancy
- Asthma and smoking
- Asthma and GERD
- Confounders of asthma
- Asthma and ABPA
- Pharmacologic treatment of asthma
- Current initiative in asthma research
- AllerGen NCE Symposium
- CSACI Symposium
- SPLF Symposium



PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, 18 AUGUST, 2012					SUNDAY, 19 AUGUST, 2012							
					Room A	Room B	Room C					
8:00									Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D
8:30												
9:00					Keynote Lectures Changes in prevalence and incidence of asthma Why is asthma prevalence still raising ?							
9:15					Break							
9:30					Asthma pathophysiology I	The Genetics of asthma	Pediatric asthma					
11:00					Break							
11:15	REGISTRATIONS				Asthma pathophysiology II	Asthma in specific populations I	Oral Presentations	*P.D.				
12:30									Industry Sponsored Symposia	Industry Sponsored Symposia	Sponsored Symposia	POSTER SESSION Basic science, allergy, immunology
13:00					Frederic E. Hargreave Memorial Lecture A historical perspective of asthma: from past to future							
14:00	REGISTRATIONS				Symposium - Asthma Education Networks			EXHIBITION				
14:30										National Society Symposium SPLF +RSR-FRSQ + APPQ		
15:45					Session in French			EXHIBITION				
16:00					National Society Symposium ACAAI					EXHIBITION		
17:00					National Society Symposium CTS/ACCP			EXHIBITION				
17:30					National Society Symposium WAO					EXHIBITION		
18:00					National Society Symposium WHO/GARD/GINA/GOLD Major world initiatives On asthma and allergy			EXHIBITION				
18:30					Debate Are LABA detrimental to asthma? Are dustmite exposure preventative measures useful?					EXHIBITION		
19:30					Asthma & rhinitis guidelines I			EXHIBITION				
					Oral Presentations					EXHIBITION		
					Sponsored Symposium			EXHIBITION				
					Sponsored Symposium Pharmacoepidemiology of asthma					EXHIBITION		
					Sponsored Symposium			EXHIBITION				
					Break					EXHIBITION		
					*P.D.				EXHIBITION			
					Official Opening Opening Lecture The future of learning and health care improvement (How to improve knowledge translation into current care)						EXHIBITION	
					Reception				EXHIBITION			

*P.D.: Poster Discussion

The Preliminary Programme at a Glance is subject to change without notice.

Please visit the Congress website at www.WCA-2012.com for the most up-to-date programme information

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



MONDAY, 20 AUGUST, 2012					TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 2012				
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D		Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D
8:00									
8:30	Keynote Lecture Asthma, the environment and epigenetics					Keynote Lecture The future of asthma therapy			
9:00	Break					Break			
9:15	Asthma Education	Asthma in specific populations II	Asthma cohorts	adherence		Biomarkers and asthma	Case reports discussions on difficult-to-treat asthma (interactive session)	Oral Presentations	
9:30	Break					Break			
11:00	Severe asthma in adults	Severe asthma in children	Asthma and the environment	*P.D.		Asthma therapy III	Occupational asthma	Oral Presentations	*P.D.
11:15	Break					Break			
12:30	Sponsored Symposium	Sponsored Symposia	Sponsored Symposia	POSTER SESSION education, clinical aspects, psychological aspects,		Oral Presentations	Oral Presentations	Oral Presentations	POSTER SESSION Evaluation and Asthma Therapy
14:00	Keynote Lecture Severe asthma: a challenge to address					National Society Symposium	National Society Symposium	National Society Symposium	
14:30	Pharmacologic treatment of asthma I	Assessment of asthma	Oral Presentations	education, clinical aspects, psychological aspects,					
15:30	Break			*P.D.		Closing Ceremony			*P.D.
15:45	Pharmacologic treatment of asthma II	Asthma and COPD	Oral Presentations	Epidemiology,					
16:00	Break								
17:30	Sponsored Symposia	Sponsored Symposia	Sponsored Symposia						
18:00									
18:30									



SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2012

08:00 - 18:00

Registrations

Room A

13:00 - 17:00

Symposium - Asthma Education Networks

16:00 - 18:30

National Society Symposium

Canadian Thoracic Society/ACCP Symposium

18:30 - 19:30

Official Opening

18:30 - 19:30

Opening Lecture

Sharon Straus *Canada*

The future of learning and health care improvement
(How to improve knowledge translation into current care)

19:30

Reception

Room B

13:00 - 17:00

National Society Symposium

Symposium SPLF + RSR-FRSQ + APPQ - session in French

17:00 - 18:30

National Society Symposium

Symposium WAO?

Chairs: *Richard Lockey USA, Giorgio Walter Canonica Italy*

Lanny Rosenwasser *USA*

To be determine

Ruby Pawankar *Japan*

Allergic Rhinitis and asthma

Michael Kaliner *USA*

To be determined

Ignacio Ansotegui *Spain*

To be determined

Tom Casale *USA*

To be determined



Room C

13:00 - 14:30

National Society Symposium

Symposium CSACI ?

14:30 - 17:00

National Society Symposium

Symposium ACAAI

Chairs: Gailen Marshall USA, Lawrence DuBuske USA

Sheldon Spector *USA*

Inhalation Challenges in Asthma

Myron Zitt *USA*

Exhaled Nitric Oxide in Asthma

Michael Foggs *USA*

Socioeconomic factors and Asthma Control

Stan Fineman *USA*

The Role of the Allergist in Asthma Care

Gailen Marshall *USA*

Psychological impact of Asthma

Lawrence DuBuske *USA*

Biologic Agents for Asthma Control

17:00 - 18:30

National Society Symposium

Symposium WHO, GARD, GINA, GOLD

Major world initiatives on asthma and allergy

Chairs: Paul O'Byrne Canada, Allan Becker Canada

Mark Fitzgerald *Canada*

The Global Initiative on Asthma

Jean Bousquet *France*

ARIA

Alvaro Cruz *Brazil*

GARD

Jean Bourbeau *Canada*

GOLD



08:00 - 18:00

Registrations

Room A

08:30 - 09:15

Keynote Lectures

Chairs: *Louis Philippe Boulet Canada, Paul O' Byrne Canada*

Teresa To *Canada*

Changes in prevalence and incidence of asthma

Malcolm Sears *Canada*

Why is asthma prevalence still raising ?

09:15 - 09:30

Break

09:30 - 11:00

Break-Out Session

Asthma pathophysiology I

Chairs: *William Busse USA, Qutayba Hamid, Canada*

Peter Sterk *The Netherlands*

Inflammatory mechanisms

Pascal Chanez *France*

Airway remodelling in airway diseases

Yohan Bossé *Canada*

The role of airway smooth muscle

11:00 - 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:30

Break-Out Session

Asthma pathophysiology II

Chairs: *Peter Sterk The Netherlands, Peter Paré Canada*

Qutayba Hamid *Canada*

Non-allergic asthma

Giorgio Walter Canonica *Italy*

The role of atopy in airway diseases

Bruce Bochner *USA*

Immunoregulation and asthma

12:30 - 14:00 Break

Industry Sponsored Symposia

14:00 - 14:30

Keynote Lecture

Frederic E. Hargreave Memorial Lecture

Chair: *Paul O'Byrne Canada*

Tom Platts-Mills *USA*

A historical perspective of asthma: from past to future

14:30 - 15:45

Break-Out Session

Phenotyping asthma

Chair: *Sally Wenzel USA*

Pascal Chanez *France*

What are we talking about?

Peter Gibson *Australia*

Inflammatory and molecular phenotyping

You Young Kim *Korea*

Innate Immunity and asthma phenotypes

15:45 - 16:00

Break



Room A

16:00 - 17:30

Debate

Are LABA detrimental to asthma?

Chairs: *André Cartier Canada, Sally Wenzel USA*

Fernando Martinez <i>USA</i>	PRO
Malcolm Sears <i>Canada</i>	CON

Are dustmite exposure preventative measures useful?

Chairs: *Allan Becker Canada, Stuart Carr Canada*

Adnan Custovic <i>UK</i>	PRO
Tom Platts-Mills <i>USA</i>	CON

17:30 - 18:30

Sponsored Symposium

Room B

09:30 - 11:00

Break-Out Session

The Genetics of asthma

Chairs: *Catherine Laprise Canada, Dvirke Postma The Netherlands*

Yohan Bossé <i>Canada</i>	What Genomics taught us about asthma
Peter Paré <i>Canada</i>	What has GWAS taught use about asthma
Michael Kobor <i>Canada</i>	Epigenetics of asthma

11:00 - 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:30

Break-Out Session

Asthma in specific populations I

Chairs: *Nicolaos Siafakas Greece, Pierre Ernst Canada*

Parameswaran Nair <i>Canada</i>	Asthma in the elderly
Carlos Camargo <i>USA</i>	Gender differences
Sergio Bonini <i>Italy</i>	Asthma in the athlete

12:30 - 14:00 Break

Industry Sponsored Symposia



Room B

14:30 - 15:45 Break-Out Session

Asthma exacerbations in adults

Chairs: *William Busse USA, Diane Lougheed Canada*

Mark Fitzgerald <i>Canada</i>	Causes and time-course
Peter Gibson <i>Australia</i>	Prevention and treatment
Carlos Camargo <i>USA</i>	Exacerbations and long-term outcomes

15:45 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:30 Break-Out Session

Asthma & rhinitis guidelines I

Chairs: *Sergio Bonini Italy, Mario Zernotti Argentina*

Ian Brozek <i>Canada</i>	How to improve practice guidelines
Martyn Partridge <i>UK</i>	How to improve asthma guidelines implementation
Mark Fitzgerald <i>Canada</i>	Adapting guidelines to socio-cultural specificities

17:30 - 18:30 Sponsored Symposium

Pharmacoepidemiology of asthma

Chairs: *Pierre Ernst Canada, Martyn Partridge UK*

Carlos Nunes <i>Portugal</i>	An overview
Mark Fitzgerald <i>Canada</i>	How to assess asthma care costs: a primer in pharmaco-economic evaluation
Lucie Blais <i>Canada</i>	Current data on asthma pharmaco-economics

Room C

09:30 - 11:00 Break-Out Session

Pediatric asthma

Chairs: *Patrick Daignault Canada, Francine Ducharme Canada*

Carlos Baena-Cagnani <i>Argentina</i>	Assessment of asthma in children
Andy Bush <i>UK</i>	Asthma Phenotypes in children
Stan Szeffler <i>USA</i>	Current management of asthma in children

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:30 Oral Presentations

12:30 - 14:00 Break Sponsored Symposia



Room C

14:30 - 15:45 National Society Symposium

Canadian Thoracic Society Session

Chair: *Diane Lougheed Canada*

Catherine Lemière *Canada* Non-invasive measurements of airway inflammation in asthma management

Chris Liciskai *Canada* Adjunct therapy in asthma

Francine Ducharme *Canada* Written action plans for asthma exacerbations

15:45 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:30 Oral Presentations

17:30 - 18:30 Sponsored Symposium

Room D

09:00 - 18:00 Poster Session

Basic science, allergy, immunology

11:00 - 12:30 Poster Discussion A

15:45 - 16:00 Poster Discussion B



08:00 - 18:00

Registrations

Room A

08:30 - 09:15

Keynote Lecture

Chair: *Giorgio Walter Canonica Italy*

Tom Platts-Mills *USA*

Asthma, the environment and epigenetics

09:15 - 09:30

Break

09:30 - 11:00

Break-Out Session

Asthma Education

Chairs: *Martyn Partridge UK, Manon Labrecque*

Peter Gibson *Australia*

Evidence-based asthma education & self-management

Francine Ducharme *Canada*

Asthma action plans

Martyn Partridge *UK*

How to improve treatment adherence in asthma

11:00 - 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:30

Break-Out Session

Severe asthma in adults

Chairs: *William Busse USA, Qutayba Hamid Canada*

Stephen Holgate *UK*

Etiology and Physiopathology

Pascal Chanez *France*

Co-morbidities and phenotypes

Sally Wenzel *USA*

Treatment

12:30 - 14:00 Break

Sponsored Symposium

14:00 - 14:30

Keynote Lecture

Chair: *Anne Fitzpatrick USA*

Sally Wenzel *USA*

Severe asthma: a challenge to address

14:30 - 15:45

Break-Out Session

Pharmacologic treatment of asthma I

Chairs: *Michel Laviolette Canada, Malcolm Sears Canada*

Malcolm Sears *Canada*

β 2-agonists

Paul O'Byrne *Canada*

Anti-inflammatory agents

William Busse *USA*

Monoclonal Antibodies

15:45 - 16:00

Break

Room A

16:00 - 17:30 Break-Out Session

Pharmacologic treatment of asthma II

Chairs: *William Busse USA, Giorgio Walter Canonica Italy*

Paul O'Byrne <i>Canada</i>	New therapies
Michel Laviolette <i>Canada</i>	Thermoplasty
Peter Sterk <i>The Netherlands</i>	Treatment strategies: which one is the best ?

17:30 - 18:30 Sponsored Symposia

Room B

09:30 - 11:00 Break-Out Session

Asthma in specific populations II

Chairs: *Carlos Baena-Cagnani Argentina, Stavros Constantopoulos Greece*

Parameswaran Nair <i>Canada</i> or Ann Dixon <i>USA</i>	Asthma in the obese patient
Jean Bousquet <i>France</i> or Alvaro A. Cruz <i>Brazil</i>	Asthma and rhinitis
S. González-Díaz <i>Mexico</i>	Asthma and pregnancy

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:30 Break-Out Session

Severe asthma in children

Chairs: *Stan Szeffler USA, Allan Becker Canada*

Anne Fitzpatrick <i>USA</i>	Severe asthma in children
Andy Bush <i>UK</i>	Phenotyping severe asthma in children
Robert Lemansky <i>USA</i>	Asthma exacerbations in children

12:30 - 14:00 Break Sponsored Symposia

14:30 - 15:45 Break-Out Session

Assessment of asthma

Chairs: *Peter Sterk The Netherlands, Ronald Dahl Denmark*

Diane Lougheed <i>Canada</i>	Perception of symptoms in asthma
Donald Cockcroft <i>Canada</i>	Measures of airway responsiveness
Sergio Bonini <i>Italy</i>	Allergy skin testing

15:45 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:30 Break-Out Session

Asthma and COPD

Chairs: *André Cartier Canada, Jean Bourbeau Canada*

Ronald Dahl <i>Denmark</i>	Immunology of Asthma & COPD
François Maltais <i>Canada</i>	Diagnostic issues
Jean Bourbeau <i>Canada</i>	The mixed asthma/COPD phenotype



Room B

17:30 - 18:30

Sponsored Symposia

Room C

09:30 - 11:00

Break-Out Session

Asthma cohorts

Chairs: *Peter Paré Canada, Giorgio Walter Canonica Italy*

Fernando Martinez *USA*

US Asthma cohorts

Allan Becker *Canada*

Canadian cohort (CHILD)

Malcolm Sears *Canada*

New Zealand

Adnan Custovic *UK*

UK

You Young Kim *Korea*

Korea elderly asthma Cohort

11:00 - 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:30

Break-Out Session

Asthma and the environment

Chairs: *Ignacio Ansoategui Spain, Stuart Carr Canada*

Adnan Custovic *UK*

The role of allergens in asthma

Caroline Duchesne *Canada*

Bioaerosols and nanoparticles

Chris Carlsen *Canada*

Air pollution and asthma

Tom Platts-Mills *USA*

Climate Change and its influence in asthma

12:30 - 14:00 Break

Sponsored Symposia

14:30 - 15:45

Oral Presentations

15:45 - 16:00

Break

16:00 - 17:30

Oral Presentations

17:30 - 18:30

Sponsored Symposia

Room D

09:00 - 18:00

Poster Session

Epidemiology, education, clinical aspects, psychological aspects, adherence

11:00 - 12:30

Poster Discussion A

15:45 - 16:00

Poster Discussion B

08:00 - 16:00

Registrations

Room A

08:30 - 9:15

Keynote Lecture

Chair: *Sally Wenzel USA*

Paul O'Byrne *Canada*

The future of asthma therapy

09:15 - 09:30

Break

09:30 - 11:00

Break-Out Session

Biomarkers and asthma

Chairs: *Catherine Lemièrè Canada, Andrew Halayko Canada*

Parameswaran Nair *Canada*

Induced sputum analysis

Todor Popov *Bulgaria*

Exhaled NO, Soluble markers and proteomics

Peter Sterk *The Netherlands*

Exhaled air gases, VOCs and Metabolomics

11:00 - 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:30

Break-Out Session

Asthma therapy III

Chairs: *André Cartier Canada, Stavros Constantopoulos Greece*

Carlos Nunes *Portugal*

Confounders of asthma

William Busse *USA*

Inner-city asthma

Peter Gibson *Australia*

Asthma in aboriginals

12:30 - 14:00

Oral Presentations

14:00 - 15:30

National Society Symposium

15:30 - 16:00

Closing Ceremony

Louis-Philippe Boulet *Canada*

You Young Kim *Korea*

Room B

09:30 - 11:00

Break-Out Session

Case reports discussions on difficult-to-treat asthma (interactive session)

Robert Lemansky *USA*

... in a young atopic patient

Peter Gibson *Australia*

... in a pregnant woman

Pascal Chanez *France*

... in a patient with normal pulmonary function

11:00 - 11:15

Break



Room B

11:15 - 12:30 Break-Out Session

Occupational asthma

Chairs: *Jean-Luc Malo, Catherine Lemière Canada*

David Berstein *Canada*

Determinants and etiologic factors of OA

André Cartier *Canada*

Evaluation of occupational asthma

Susan Tarlo *Canada*

Treatment and prevention of OA

12:30 - 14:00 Oral Presentations

14:00 - 15:30 National Society Symposium

Room C

09:30 - 11:00 Oral Presentations

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:30 Oral Presentations

12:30 - 14:00 Oral Presentations

14:00 - 15:30 National Society Symposium

Room D

09:00 - 16:00 Poster Session

Evaluation and Asthma Therapy

11:00 - 12:30 Poster Discussion A

15:45 - 16:00 Poster Discussion B

Potential additional sessions

Chairs: *Pierre Ernst Canada, Carlos Nunes Portugal*

Scott Weiss

Vitamin D and asthma

Mark Fitzgerald

Acetaminophen and asthma

David Lange

NSAID, Aspirin and asthma

National Society Symposium ?

Asia-Pacific Chapter InterAsma

Chairs: *You Young Kim Korea, Ruby Pankawar Japan*

Ken Ohta *Japan*

Asthma in Japan

Gary Wong *China*

Asthma burden in China

Jin Yao Wang

Allergens and Asthma

Scientific Programme

The scientific programme includes Plenary Sessions, National Societies Symposia, Debates, Round Table Discussions, Lectures, Free Paper Sessions, Poster Sessions and Industry Sponsored Symposia.

CME Credits

International and European Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits will be offered for the XXI World Congress of Asthma in Quebec through Interasma the Global Asthma Association and through the Canadian Thoracic Society according to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. EACCME credits are recognized Europe-wide and in America. CME credits can be exchanged for National CME credits by contacting your National CME Authority. For AMA PRA Category 1 credit™ please contact the American Medical Association. The number of CME credits will be announced on the Congress website prior to the Congress.

Certificates of attendance

Certificates of attendance will be available to all registered delegates and will be collected from the registration desk on site.

Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Committee welcomes the submission of original contributions for Oral and Poster Presentations at the Congress. Authors are requested to choose their preferred type of presentation (oral or poster) during their Abstract's submission. All submitted Abstracts will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee which reserves the right to propose a different type of presentation than the selected one. The submitting author will receive due notification after the evaluation procedure. The submitting author can send multiple Abstracts. For each Abstract a minimum of one author should be registered, otherwise the Abstract will not be accepted.

Abstract book

WCA feels that printed Abstract book is no longer appropriate and the decision has been taken to provide all Abstracts in electronic format. As an alternative to a printed copy, delegates can obtain the Abstracts on CD-ROM. You can also download the Abstracts on site by using your registration code.

Abstract Submission

- Deadline April 10, 2012
- Possible changes, additions or corrections will not be accepted after this date.
- Upon submission kindly indicate one of the following topics that best describes the Abstract:
 - Asthma - Allergy - Immunology - Pediatric Asthma - Rhinitis & Asthma
 - Clinical Management - Asthma & COPD
- Abstracts are to be submitted electronically, through the official Congress website www.wca-2012.com
- Abstracts sent by fax or post-mail (hard copy) will not be accepted for evaluation.
- It is the author's responsibility to submit a guideline-compliant Abstract.
- Abstracts should be written and presented in English.
- Abstracts will only be considered for presentation if they are not published or submitted for presentation elsewhere and have at least one of the authors registered.
- The registration fee (deducting administrative costs) will be refundable if the Abstract is not accepted.

Notifications

- Notifications of acceptance will be sent to the corresponding author by April 30, 2012.
- For all inquiries regarding Abstracts kindly contact: wca2012-abstracts@frei.gr
- In case you do not receive a confirmation-email after submitting an Abstract, or if you have not received a notification of acceptance by May 01, 2012 kindly contact wca2012-abstracts@frei.gr



Guidelines for abstract submission

Abstracts should be computer-generated in Microsoft word.doc format.

Abstract text word limit: 350 words (including tables and diagram texts).

Suggested font: Arial, size 10 cpi.

Text justification: full.

Title of Abstract: The Abstract title should be typed in bold and upper-case letters.

Author(s):

- Surname(s) of the author(s) should be typed in upper-case, preceded by the first name(s) written in full (e.g. Maria REYNOLDS).
- The name of the presenting author should be written first and should be underlined (e.g. Maria REYNOLDS).

Affiliation details:

- The affiliation details of all authors [department, institution/hospital, city/town, state and country] should be typed under the authors' name list, in upper/lower case preceded by the corresponding indices in ascending order.

e.g. Authors: Maria REYNOLDS¹, David PEARLMAN²,

Affiliations: 1.University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Colorado Springs, CO, USA

2.Colorado Allergy and Asthma Center, P.C., Denver, CO, USA

Abstract text:

- The rest of the Abstract text should be typed in upper/lower case.

In order to make the Abstract as informative as possible, please provide:

- a brief statement of the purpose of the study
- the method used
- the result observed
- the conclusions based upon the results

We kindly ask you to subtitle the paragraphs in **bold** format in the following order:

Introduction, Objectives, Methods, Results and Conclusions

Abstracts having incomplete data or including phrases such as "the conclusions are to be discussed" or "the evidence will be presented" etc. will not be accepted.

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Authors: Maria REYNOLDS¹, David PEARLMAN², Hendrik NOLTE³, Anjuli NAYAK⁴

Affiliations: 1.University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Colorado Springs, CO, USA; 2.Colorado Allergy and Asthma Centers, P.C., Denver, CO, USA; 3.Schering-Plough, Kenilworth, NJ, USA; 4.Wheeze, Wheeze & Itch Associates, Normal, IL, USA

Introduction: Recent reports suggest that the "asthma epidemic" has reached a plateau.

Objectives: To assess time trends in the prevalence of wheezing, current asthma and allergic rhinitis in Italian young adults from 1990 to 2010.

Methods: The same standardized screening questionnaire was administered to random samples of the general population (age 20-44) in Italy, in the frame of three multicentre studies: ECRHS I (1991/93; n=6031); ISAYA (1998/2000; n=18873; the ongoing (to be completed by 06/2010) GEIRD (2007/10; by 31/01/2010: n= 9965). Eligible subjects were contacted by post up to 5 times in case of non response and finally phone interviewed. Preliminary time trends in prevalence were estimated from subjects who answered to the first two mail contacts, in the 4 centres which repeated the survey at different points in time.

Results: The estimates of time trends from 1990 to 2010 for Italy, using all the 4 centres with available data, are shown in the figure (see Fig.).

Conclusions: These preliminary findings strongly suggest that asthma epidemic is not over in Italy.

Registration procedure

Registration can be made using the following options:

1. Online 2. By email/fax 3. On site

- Online registration can be made by visiting <http://www.wca-2012.com/registration> where the registration form will open and once completed may be submitted online. Payments are conducted within a secure (SSL) banking system.
- Email/fax registration can be made a) by filling in the enclosed registration form or b) by downloading it from <http://www.wca-2012.com/registration> and sending it either by email to wca2012-registration@frei.gr or by fax to +30 210 3219296.
- On site registrations can be made at the Congress Secretariat.

CATEGORY	Early bird Until April 10, 2012	Normal Until July 31, 2012	On site
Specialists	400 €	500 €	600 €
Residents	250 €	300 €	350 €
Other Health Professionals	200 €	250 €	300 €
Accompanying persons	110 €	130 €	150 €

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Registration confirmation

Upon successful registration and payment of fees, each participant will receive confirmation of their registration. **A personal email address should be provided for correspondence.**

Group registration

Group registrations will be offered to groups of 15 persons or more. Appointments for early pick up of the Congress material can be made for pre-registered groups. For further information please contact **FREI S.A. TRAVEL-CONGRESS**, wca2012-registration@frei.gr

Registration

For registration information before and after the WCA 2012 please contact wca2012-registration@frei.gr
The registration desk will be located at the Québec City Convention Centre and will operate on the following dates and times:

Saturday	August 18	09:00 – 19:00
Sunday	August 19	08:00 – 19:00
Monday	August 20	08:00 – 19:00
Tuesday	August 21	08:00 – 17:00

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellations of confirmed registrations are subject to a charge of 100 € per participant provided the cancellation is received no later than June 01, 2012.
- For cancellations received after this date no refunds will be made.

Name change

- Replacements (=delegate name change) of confirmed registrations after July 01, 2012 are subject to an administrative fee of 40 € per participant.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The organizers have made block reservations in Québec City in various hotels and price ranges for Congress delegates. August is considered a high season for Québec therefore hotel accommodation will be allocated on a "first come-first served" basis. In order to benefit from the special rates, we strongly advise all participants to reserve their hotel accommodation as soon as possible.

Accommodation booking procedure

Accommodation bookings can be made using the following options:

1. Online 2. By email/fax 3. On site

- Accommodation bookings can be made by visiting <http://www.wca-2012.com/accommodation> where the reservation form will open and once completed may be submitted online. Payments are conducted within a secure (SSL) banking system.

- Email/fax registration can be made a) by filling in the enclosed accommodation booking form or b) by downloading it from <http://www.wca-2012.com/accommodation> and sending it either by email to wca2012-accommodation@frei.gr or by fax to +30 210 3219296.

- On site accommodation arrangements can be made at the Congress Secretariat.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 10, 2012

Requests received after June 10, 2012 are subject to availability and requests may be allocated to a different hotel than the requested one.

Hotel	Category	Room Type	Rates in €
Delta Québec* <i>Walking distance</i>	4 *	Single	180 €
		Double	215 €
Hilton Québec <i>Walking distance</i>	4 *	Single/Double	185 €
Palace Royal <i>Walking distance</i>	4 *	Single/Double	180 €
Fairmont Le Château Frontenac	4 *Superior	Single/Double	260 €

All rates are per room, per night and include all applicable taxes.

** Rates include breakfast*

Accommodation Procedure for individual delegates

Upon booking a deposit of 200 € per booking is required to secure the room reservation.

Total accommodation payment deadline date: June 01, 2012

Credit card details must accompany all accommodation bookings.

Change of booking

Changes in accommodation will only be accepted if sent in writing to wca2012-accommodation@frei.gr

Group bookings

For group bookings (15 hotel rooms and more) please send your request to FREI S.A. via email wca2012-accommodation@frei.gr or fax +30 2103219296. Different payment and cancellation policies will apply for all group bookings.

Terms & Conditions of Booking Reduction – Cancellation

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Cancellations **from May 16, 2012 until July 16, 2012**: 50% cancellation fees on the total amount due will apply. After this date as well as no-shows and early departures, full cancellation fees will apply.

All refunds will be processed after the Congress.

SOCIAL EVENTS



Saturday, August 18, 2012

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception

Québec City Convention Centre

Cultural event

Cirque de Soleil Performance

Sunday, August 19, 2012

Cultural visit - Québec City tour for accompanying persons

10:00 - 13:00 hrs

President's Dinner (by invitation only)

20:00 hrs at the Parliament building

After the visit, dinner at "Le Parlementaire"

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Closing ceremony

Québec City Convention Centre

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Location

Québec City has everything a city needs to welcome visitors and keep them coming back for more. It is a favourite destination for conferences, business and incentives, with world-class facilities that offer visitors all the modern conveniences and comforts of city living. Québec City has been showered with all kinds of awards from the tourism industry and the famous Magazine "CONDE NAST TRAVELLER" has reported that the city has been declared in a survey of 28.000 of their readers as the best destination in Canada, the third best in North-America and the 6th best in the world. In Québec City, summer lasts from June to September, with a succession of Festivals accompanying the sunshine and good cheer. Additionally, Québec City is renowned for the quality of its fine dining and has a little black book's worth of local and European – style restaurants, sidewalk cafes, and cool bistros where you can enjoy local products and fine cuisine. The old Québec City is an open-air museum surrounded by a very well preserved castle whose beauty only finds match in fairy-tales.



Useful links

Generic site

<http://www.quebecregion.com/en>

Arts and Culture

http://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/en/touristes/voir/arts_culture.aspx

Activities and Attractions

http://www.quebecregion.com/en/what_to_do/listings?a=vis

Museums

http://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/en/touristes/voir/attraits/musees_lieux_exposition.aspx

Experiences

<http://www.bonjourquebec.com/qc-en/experiences0.html>

Events

http://www.quebecregion.com/en/what_to_do/calendar_events?a=vis

Restaurants

<http://www.quebecregion.com/en/restaurants?a=vis>



GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress Venue

Québec City Convention Centre
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Québec, Canada, G1R 5T8 (Canada, USA)
Tel: 418 644-4000/1 888 679-4000 Fax: 418 644-6455
Website: www.convention.qc.ca

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Transportation and Access

With its network of convenient road, air, and rail connections, getting to the Québec City region couldn't be simpler! For additional information please visit: <http://www.quebecregion.com>

Requirements for Entering Canada (Passports and Visas)

Visitors must hold a valid passport; a visa may be required in some cases. Delegates from the USA will not need a passport. For more information about visas, please consult the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Web site at www.cic.gc.ca. You may also consult the nearest Canadian embassy, the consulate, a customs broker or your travel agent.

Letter of invitation for Visa

Registered participants who may need a confirmation letter of their registration for visa purposes are kindly requested to contact wca-2012@frei.gr. This letter does not commit the organizers as to providing any financial support.

Travel and Health Insurance

It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase adequate coverage for health, travel and private liability insurance before departing from their home countries. The Congress organizers will not accept responsibility for personal injury, loss or damage to private, personal property of participants and/or accompanying persons.

Language

Québec City is a bilingual destination. French is the official language of Québec. English is also spoken.

Electricity

The electric current is 110 volts/60 cycles, as it is throughout North America. Because the outlets cannot accommodate European plugs, you are advised to bring or buy an adaptor. Hotels can also provide guests with adaptors.

Time zone

Canada time is UTC/GMT -5.

Restaurants

Although the Québec City area is often referred to as North America's fine dining capital, it could also be called its casual dining capital, its sidewalk café capital, its bistro capital, its wine & cheese capital... In fact, food in Québec City is one of the great pleasures of life. Old Québec alone offers a breathtaking selection of more than 100 restaurants for all tastes and budgets. Québec's food industry stands out as much for its quality as for its variety. It offers an impressive range of menus: fine Québec cuisine, French gastronomy, fresh-market cooking, tasty meals in family restaurants, international cuisine and specialties from various countries. Most restaurants in Québec have a selection of dishes available à la carte. In French-speaking Québec City, an entrée, as the name suggests, is an entry into a meal, or an appetizer. It is followed by a plat principal, the main dish. Lunch generally costs about 30% less than dinner, and many of the same dishes are available. Lunch is usually served 11:30 to 14:30 hrs, dinner 18:30 until about 23:00 hrs. Tip at least 15% of the bill. Remember that for the Québécois, dîner (dinner) is lunch, and souper (supper) is dinner.

Tipping

In Canada, tips are not included on restaurant bills and are usually left to the customer's discretion. A tip of 10% of the total cost before taxes is recommended.

Shopping

Most businesses, including shopping centres, are open as follows:

Monday to Wednesday: 9:30 am. to 5:30 pm / Thursday and Friday: 9 am to 9 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am to 5 pm / Sunday: 10 am to 5 pm

Taxes

Most property and services are subject to the GST/HST and the QST.

The GST is calculated on the selling price at the rate of 5%.

The QST is calculated on the selling price (including the GST) at the rate of 9,5%.

Example

The taxes are calculated as follows on a taxable item with a selling price of \$100:

Selling price	\$100.00
GST (\$100 x 5%)	\$5.00
QST ([\$100 + \$5] x 9.5%)	<u>\$9.97</u>
Total	\$114.97

No smoking Regulations

The Tobacco Law forbids smoking in all public buildings, including bars and restaurants.

Climate

Most of Québec's cities enjoy a humid continental climate, with four very distinct seasons and significant differences in temperature marking each one. Summer is hot, while winter sees a considerable amount of snow fall. In fact, Québécois owe their legendary joie de vivre to these climatic variations. Temperature average in August, is between 14°C - 23°C (54°F - 73°F) during the day. Weather information website:

www.weatheroffice.gc.ca



GENERAL INFORMATION

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The participating airlines for this event are: Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Blue1, bmi, Brussels Airlines, Continental Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EgyptAir, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, Spanair, SWISS International Air Lines, TAM Airlines, TAP Portugal, THAI, Turkish Airlines, United, US Airways.

Discounts are offered on most published business and economy class fares, excluding website/internet fares, senior and youth fares, group fares and Round the World fares.

Please note: For travel from Japan and New Zealand special fares or discounts are offered by the participating airlines on their own network.

When making your travel plans please present confirmation of your registration or proof of attendance.





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18-21 August 2012

Québec City, Canada



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A. PARTICIPANTS DETAILS

BADGE INFORMATION (As you want your name badge to read)

Title: Prof. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

MAILING INFORMATION: Office Residence

Department: _____

Organization/Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

State/Prov.: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
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ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) INFORMATION

(*For children only)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ *Years old : _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ *Years old : _____

B. REGISTRATION FEES (please tick to indicate)

CATEGORY	Early bird Until April 10, 2012	Normal Until July 31, 2012	On site
Specialists	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 500 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 600 €
Residents	<input type="checkbox"/> 250 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 300 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 €
Other Health Professionals	<input type="checkbox"/> 200 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 250 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 300 €
Accompanying persons	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 €	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 €

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C. ACCOMMODATION BOOKING (please tick to indicate)			
Hotel	Category	Room Type	Rates in €
Delta Québec* <i>Walking distance</i>	4 *	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	180 €
		<input type="checkbox"/> Double	215 €
Hilton Québec <i>Walking distance</i>	4 *	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double	185 €
Palace Royal <i>Walking distance</i>	4 *	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double	180 €
Fairmont Le Château Frontenac	4 *Superior	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double	260 €

- All rates are per room, per night and include all applicable taxes.
 - Early reservation is highly recommended.
 - A deposit of 200 € per booking is required to secure your room reservation. Please note that the remaining payment is due the latest by June 01, 2012 and your credit card will be automatically charged, if not advised otherwise.
- * Breakfast included.

_____/08/2012 _____/08/2012 _____ _____ € _____
 Check-in Date Check-out Date No. of Nights No. of Rooms Total Amount for Accommodation

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 I will share my room with _____

D. PAYMENT METHOD

A) Registration Fees: € _____ Total Amount (A Reg. Fees + B Room Deposit): € _____
 B) Accommodation Deposit: € 200 *Accommodation balance due June 01, 2012: € _____

OPTION 1: Credit Card Payment

- Please charge my credit card
 Visa Master American Express

Card No: _____ Expiry Date: _____ / _____

CVC (card validation code): _____ Name of card holder: _____

Billing Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

OPTION 2: Bank Transfer Payment

I have transferred the total amount due to the ALPHA BANK: BRANCH FILELINON (120)
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 120-00-2320-005353 BENEFICIARY: FREI S.A.
 IBAN CODE: GR29 0140 1200 1200 0232 0005 353 REF.: WCA 2012
 SWIFT CODE: CRBAGRAAXXX

- Bank charges are the responsibility of the payee and should be paid at source in addition to the total amount due.
- Please indicate your name and address on the reverse and send a copy of the bank transfer together with your form.

E. CANCELLATION POLICY – TERMS & CONDITIONS

Registration Replacement & Cancellation Policy

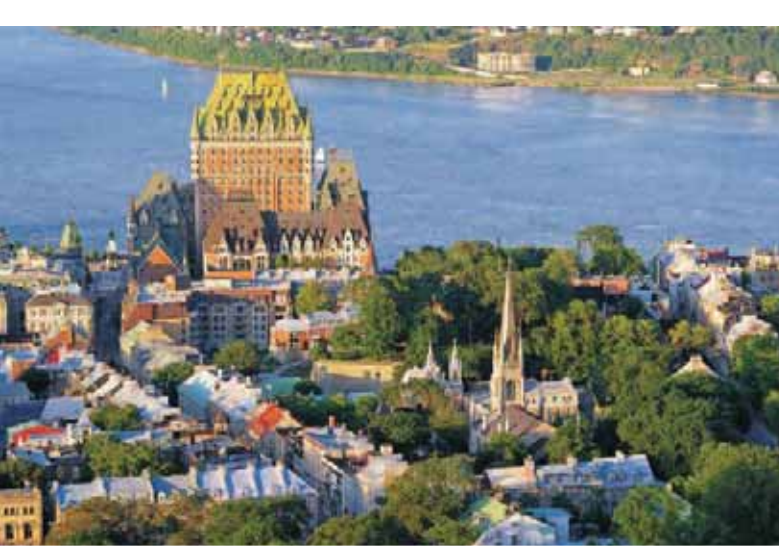
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- Replacements (=delegate name change) of confirmed registrations after July 01, 2012 are subject to an administrative fee of 40 € per participant.
- Cancellations of confirmed registrations are subject to a charge of 100 € per participant provided the cancellation is received no later than June 01, 2012.
- For cancellations received after this date no refunds will be made. All refunds will be processed after the Congress.

Accommodation Cancellation Policy:

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- Cancellations **until May 15, 2012**: 20% cancellation fees on the total amount due will apply.
- Cancellations **from May 16, 2012 until July 16, 2012**: 50% cancellation fees on the total amount due will apply.
- Cancellations **after July 16, 2012 as well as no-shows and early departures**, full cancellation fees will apply.
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Date: _____ Signature: _____

*By signing this form you authorize FREI S.A. to also charge the above credit card for the total amount indicated above upon receipt of the form and for the balance of your accommodation, no later than June 01, 2012. If you have paid your deposit by bank transfer, the balance is required to be received no later than June 01, 2012.



Dates to remember



April 10, 2012	Early bird registration deadline
April 10, 2012	Deadline for Abstract Submission
July 31, 2012	Deadline for late registration
From August 01, 2012	On-site registration
August 18, 2012	Exhibition set up
August 21, 2012	Exhibition dismantling