Epidemiology related sessions during the 
Geneva Congress 2012

**Day 1: 16.6.12**

11:00-12:30: **PAPRICA – from early symptoms to diagnosis**
Epidemiology of allergy and primary prevention measures – Gideon Lack, UK
Eczema as an early manifestation of atopy – Andreas Bircher, CH

14:00-17:30: **Postgraduate Course 5 - Epidemiology for the clinical allergist**
Study design: ecological and cross-sectional – Carsten Flohr, UK
Study design: case-control and cohort – George Konstatinou, US
Basic statistics – Kristy Logan, UK
Designing and planning a clinical allergy study – Michael Perkin, UK

**Day 2: 17.6.12**

8:30-10:00: **Plenary Symposium - Childhood, the tipping point towards allergy**
Genetic and epigenetic basis of allergy - Donata Vercelli, US
The environment and the development of allergy - Erika von Mutius, DE
Early disease assessment with lung function - Urs Frey, CH

10:30-12:00: **Oral Abstract Session 2 - Allergy epidemiology**
Introductory lecture: Food allergy and asthma: the need of harmonization of study outcome measures - Michael Perkin, UK

10:30-12:00: **Symposium - Stress and obesity as promotors of allergy**
Obesity and asthma: pathophysiology - Peter Gibson, Australia
Obesity and asthma: common genetic determinants? Michael Kabesch, Germany
Stress and allergy - Angela Haczku, United States

12:00-13:30: **Poster 01 - New perspectives in epidemiology of adult asthma**

12:00-13:30: **Poster 2 - Risk factors for asthma in children and adolescents**

12:00-13:30: **Poster 8 - Preventing childhood allergy and its morbidity**
12:00-13:30: Poster 11 - Epidemiology in childhood allergic disorders

13:30-15:00: Symposium - Novel epidemiological insights on asthma and infection
Respiratory virus in the inception of childhood asthma - Robert Lemanske, US
Role of rhinovirus C in childhood asthma - Peter Le Souef, AU
Bacterial colonisation as a risk factor for initiation and expression - Hans Bisgaard, DK

13:30-15:00: Symposium - Developmental origins of allergy and asthma
Transgenerational transmission of asthma risk - Morten Dahl, DK
Molecular players in prenatal modifications of allergy risk - Peter Sly, AU
Prenatal exposures driving asthma risk - Irina Lehmann, DE

13:30-15:00: Symposium - The nose and the eyes: close neighbour
Epidemiology of rhinoconjunctivitis - Glenis Scadding, UK
Is there a pathophysiologic relationship between nasal and conjunctival allergy? - Peter Hellings, BE
Optimal treatment for both nasal and ocular allergy - Andrea Leonardi, IT

15:30-17:00: Symposium - Environmental influences: from cough to irritant-induced asthma
Cough at work - highlight from an EAACI position paper - Gianni Pala, IT
The World Trade Center syndrome - Ben Nemery, BE
Irritant-induced asthma at home - Susan Tarlo, CA

15:30-17:00: Symposium - Gender issues in allergic diseases
Gender difference and immediate type hypersensitivity reactions - Erika Jensen-Jarolim, A
A Gender-related issues at the workplace - Gianna Moscato, IT
Gender-related therapy adherence - Malin Axelson, SE

17:30-19:00: LSAAI Symposium - Environmental issues in asthma in Latin America
Virus, pollution and asthma in Latin America - Jose Gereda, PE
Smoking and asthma in children and adolescents - Carlos Baena-Cagnani, AR
Asthma and sleep disorders - Ivan Cherrez, EC
**Day 3: 18.6.12**

10:45-12:15: Symposium - Asthma and poverty: a global challenge
Indoor and outdoor environments - Isabella Annesi-Maesano, FR
Social factors - Arnaldo Capriles Hulett, VE
Stress and violence - Rosalind Wright, US

12:15-13:30: Poster 27 - New aspects in childhood asthma epidemiology worldwide
12:15-13:30: Poster 31 - Epidemiology of childhood wheeze and asthma
12:15-13:30: Poster 37 - Epidemiology of food allergy

13:00-13:30: Pro & Con 4 - Allergen avoidance is successful in primary and secondary prevention of allergy
Pro - Susanne Lau, DE
Con - Adnan Custovic, UK

13:30-15:00: Symposium - Genes, environment and asthma phenotypes
Genetics of asthma is context-dependent - Fernando Martinez, US
Asthma phenotypes and gene-environment interactions - Adnan Custovic, UK
Prenatal exposure and allergy development - Roger Lauener, CH

15:30-17:00: Symposium - New trends in allergy research in Russia
Epidemiology of food allergy in Russia - Ludmilla Ogorodova, RU
The interaction of RSV and epithelial cells in the lung - Musa Khaitov, RU
The role of autoantibodies in chronic urticaria - Elena Borzova, UK

**Day 4: 19.6.12**

7:30-8:15: Meet the Expert 18
Molecular approaches to the epidemiology of allergic diseases - Magnus Wickman, SE

10:30-12:00: Workshop – Food allergies in clinical practice
Diagnosing food allergy, the state of the art - Jonathan Hourihane, IR
How to manage multiple food allergies - Antonella Muraro, IT
Preventing food-related anaphylaxis - Cansin Sackesen, TR
10:30-12:00: Business Meeting – Interest Group Epidemiology
Post-genomic epidemiology of allergic disease: the end of the beginning of the beginning of the end? – David Strachan, UK

10:30-12:00: Oral Abstract Session 23 - Preventing childhood allergy
Introductory lecture: Allergy prevention: how, when, and in whom? - David Strachan, UK

12:00-13:30: Poster 61 - Epidemiology of rhinitis and conjunctivitis

12:00-13:30: Poster 77 - New insights into the relationship between air pollution and allergies

12:00-13:30: Poster 79 - Epidemiology and risk factors for occupational allergy

13:00-15:00: Symposium - Allergy and asthma trends in Africa
Increase in respiratory allergy and sensitisation in Africa: what lessons can we learn? - Michael Levin, ZA
Food allergy in children with eczema in South Africa: the first wave of the food allergy epidemic in Africa? - Claudia Gray, ZA
Different or unusual food allergens from Southern Africa - Shiang-Ju Kung, BW

13:30-15:00: Symposium - Food allergy and atopic dermatitis: a tale of two epithelia?
Epidemiological evidence implicating defects in skin barrier to sensitisation to food allergens - Aziz Sheikh, UK
Classical and pollen-related food allergies in patients with atopic dermatitis - the impact of late eczematous reactions - Thomas Werfel, DE
When to use elimination diets in children with atopic dermatitis? - Suzanne Pasmans, NL

13:30-15:00: Oral Abstract Session 27 - Risk factors for asthma over a lifetime
Introductory lecture title: Aging and asthma - Ana Todo-Bom, PT

13:30-15:00: Oral Abstract Session 29 - Pollutants, allergens, climate: impact on allergies?

15:30-17:00: Symposium - Indoor air pollution and allergy
Indoor air pollution and allergy in industrialised countries - Giovanni Viegi, IT
Indoor air pollution and allergy in developing countries - Kevin Mortimer, UK
Epidemiological evidence on respiratory effects of dampness and mould - Mark Mendell, US
Day 5: 20.6.12

8:30-10:00: Plenary Symposium - Risk factors for allergy
Threats from the environment - Thierry Rochat, CH
Infections at the inception of allergy - Nikos Papadopoulos, GR
Our lifestyle, the gateway to more allergies? - Fernando Martinez, US

10:30-12:00: Workshop - Lifestyle and asthma: an EAACI Task Force consensus
Obesity and asthma - Andre Moreira, PT
Physical exercise and asthma - Matteo Bonini, IT
Diet and asthma - Vanessa Garcia Larsen, UK