

Inaugural Business Meeting

Geneva 2012

Founding members

Carsten Flohr, Chair

George Konstantinou, Secretary

Christian Apfelbacher (Webmaster)

Peter Burney

Jon Genuneit (JMA)

Roger Lauener

Kirsty Logan

Paolo Matricardi

Michael Perkin

The main aims of our IG:

- to raise the profile of population-based studies as well as clinical trials through dedicated epidemiology-related sessions during the annual EAACI Congress.
- to organise educational activities on study methodology and statistics to help improve the quality of epidemiological studies.
- to foster research collaborations between epidemiologists in the allergy field across Europe



David Strachan

Professor of Epidemiology

St George's
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“Post genomic epidemiology of allergic disease: the end of the beginning or the beginning of the end?”

Review of activities 2011-2012

a. Membership (n=160)

b. Website

Useful epi and statistics links, Congress epi sessions

c. Newsletter

2 pieces, one in EAACI Newsletter, Editorial in e-News

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d. EAACI Congress 2012 (not part of SPC)

- PG course: 'Epidemiology for the Clinical Allergist' (Paolo, Christian, George, Kirsty, Michael, Carsten)
- Abstract review – Carsten & George
- 3 OAS, two chaired by IG members, intro Michael
- 4 Poster sessions, chaired by IG members

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e. Registry TF (A-Reg)

- approved Sept 2011 (full document on website)
- joint initiative between Nikos Papadopoulos (ExCom) and us

Aims (full document on IG/EAACI website):

1. To provide a platform for the formation of allergic disease registries across EU country borders to develop suitable monitoring tools for use in both clinical practice and research.
 2. To aid standardisation of data collection on allergic diseases, their diagnosis and treatment to ultimately improve disease and exposure measurement.
- 2 national registries (drug allergy – P. Demoly, France; anaphylaxis – M. Worm, Germany) & two new registries (systemic Rx/immunoRx)

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➤ EU PARENT Programme (cross-border PATient REgistries iNiTiative)
official Collaborating Partner

Members:

Nikos Papadopoulos (Chair), Carsten Flohr (Secretary), Christian Apfelbacher, Peter Burney, Moisés Caldéron, George Konstantinou, Pascal Demoly, Aziz Sheikh, Margitta Worm

TF meeting in Athens in September

Planned output: position paper on allergy registry methodology



Planned activities 2012-2013

a. Milan 2013 SPC

Programme proposals:

2 symposia (farm effect & global epidemiology, other lectures)
workshop on registry methodology/Pro&Con/Meet the Expert

New PG course: randomised controlled trials, critical appraisal/systematic reviews/meta-analysis

Workshop guideline development, as EAACI is moving from position papers to guidelines – suggest for Milan 2013?

Invited speaker for Milan 2013

Planned activities 2012-2013

b. Other potential activities for 2013/2014

- **Epidemiology EAACI Summer School (with JMA?)? 2014**
- **TF on research gaps in allergy epidemiology (systematic review of systematic reviews)**
- **TF proposal deadline 10th Sept 2012**

Planned activities 2012-2013

Future meetings

Board membership from 2013

AOB

Dinner: TONIGHT, 7.30pm

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