



Report from Allergy School e-PAD: EAACI Practical Allergy Diagnosis (Moscow, Russia 27-29 August 2015)

The EAACI Allergy Practical Allergy Diagnosis (e-PAD) School took place in Moscow (Russia) from 27th until 29th August 2015. The school was organised by Dr Hans Jürgen Hoffmann, Denmark and Dr Musa Khaitov, Russia. More than eighty researchers from 26 countries were involved.

The opening lecture and welcome was given by Dr Antonella Muraro, EAACI President. The topic of her lecture was “Molecular Allergology: Where are we now?”.

The focus of the school was laid on various basic and clinical aspects of diagnosis of allergic disorders.

The first plenary session, including lectures by Heimo Breiteneder, Rudolf Valentia, Christian Lupinek and Marianne van Hage, was dedicated to the molecular diagnosis of allergy.

In the practical sessions participants were splitted into several groups. Practical sessions were devoted to modern diagnostic methods: allergen microarrays, basophil activation test (BAT), use of m-health technology, advanced provocation tests.

The first day of the meeting ended with a welcome reception and poster presentations.

The Friday morning started with a second plenary session devoted to cellular diagnosis of allergy. Hans-Jürgen Hoffmann, Christobalina Mayorga and Alexandra Santos illustrated several theoretical and practical aspects of BAT in the diagnosis and management of allergic diseases.

In the afternoon the third plenary session was dedicated to drug allergy (Paul Whitaker), food allergy (Karin Hoffmann-Sommergruber), insect venom allergy (Markus Ollert) and inhalant allergic diseases (Enrico Heffler).

The social programme included a guided tour and a traditional Russian dinner at Vysotskiy restaurant jazz club.

The programme of the third day ended with a plenary session devoted to m-health technology in allergy diagnosis (Paolo Matricardi) and a round table discussion between Juniors and experts. Overall, we received positive feedback from all attendees.

Moreover, new collaborations were initiated. The school was well organised and we would like to thank all the speakers. Many thanks also to the EAACI president Dr Antonella Muraro for the participation and to the chairs of the meeting.

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