



# GARD Newsletter



## Brussel, Belgium GARD Annual Meeting

The 11<sup>th</sup> GARD General Meeting was held at the Academie Royale de Medecine de Belgique: Brussels, Belgium November 9-11, 2017. Over 200 GARD members attended this annual meeting. A joint GARD-EUFOREA session focusing on air pollution and mHealth was part of this year's program in collaboration with the Reference Site Network of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. Details of the meeting agenda can be found in <http://gard-breathefreely.org/meetings-news-events/>

## 2017 GARD Election Executives & Planning Committees

During the 2017 GARD General Meeting in Brussels, Belgium, the GARD Planning Group and Executive Committee were elected.

**Executives:** Drs N Khaltaev (Chair), A Yorgancioglu (Vice-Chair), N Billo, J Bousquet & T To.

**Planning Committee:** E Bateman AB Kheder, G Viegi, P Hellings, B Samolinski, J Correia de Sousa, A Valiulis, A Cruz, TA Winders, H Sagara, R Stelmach, N Chavannes, B Gemicioglu & K Whorlow. See details in <http://gard-breathefreely.org/about/elections-exec/>

## GARD Website <http://gard-breathefreely.org/>

The GARD website entitled [gard-breathefreely.org](http://gard-breathefreely.org/) was officially launched during the 11<sup>th</sup> GARD General Meeting. The website offers up-to-date information about GARD, activities at local GARD countries, GARD publications, a list of affiliated organizations and their URL links. The website embedded the google translator, so the content can be viewed in multiple languages. Since the launch in November 2017, the website has over 12,000 views from across the world.



## GARD Poster Presentations & Winners

A total of 23 posters were presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> GARD General Meeting. These posters can be viewed and downloaded at the GARD website ( <http://gard-breathefreely.org/poster-pwd-page/resources-poster/> ). Five posters were selected as the best posters (alphabetical order by country): Paulo Camargos (Brazil), Elisabeth Nunes (Mozambique), Jose Rosado Pinto (Portugal), Yousser Mohammad (Syria), and Lan Le Thi Tuyet (Vietnam). Congratulations to the winners!

## GARD Country Activities - Bangladesh

Better Breathing Bangladesh, a World Health Organization (WHO) Global Alliance against chronic Respiratory Diseases (GARD) demonstration project. Better Breathing Bangladesh (BBB) is making strides in improving respiratory health care in the country

<http://www.theipcr.org/display/TeachColleagues/Better+Breathing+Bangladesh>



World COPD Day 2017

## GARD Publications

### DESIGNATED GARD SECTION IN THE JOURNAL OF THORACIC DISEASE

The following are the latest publications about GARD:

(<http://gard-breathefreely.org/publications/>)

- Öner Erkekol F, Köktürk N, Mungan D, Saçkesen C, Önen ZP, Özkan S, Balkan A, Ergün P, Kocabaş CN, Baran Aksakal N, Ekici B, Özkan Altunay Z, **Gemicioğlu B**, **Yorgancıoğlu A**. Assessing the knowledge in primary health care following an educational course structured in the context of GARD chronic airway diseases national control program. *Tuberk Toraks*. 2017 Jun;65(2):80-89. Turkish.
- **Nikolai Khaltaev**. GARD, a new way to battle with chronic respiratory diseases, from disease oriented programmes to global partnership. *Journal of Thoracic Disease*. Vol 9, No 11 (November 2017).
- **José Rosado-Pinto**, Pedro Carreiro-Martins. The global alliance against chronic respiratory diseases Portugal: 10 years of experience. *Journal of Thoracic Disease*. Vol 9, No 10 (October 2017).
- **Nils E. Billo**. Role of the Global Alliance against Respiratory Diseases in scaling up management of chronic respiratory diseases—summary meeting report. *Journal of Thoracic Disease*. Vol 9, No 8 (August 2017).

## Upcoming Relevant Conferences & Events

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- 19 May - 23 May 2018 - ATS International Conference, San Diego, USA
- 26 May - 30 May 2018 - EAACI 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, Munich, Germany
- 31 May - 2 June 2018 - 9th IPCRG World Conference: Porto, Portugal

### EVENTS:

- 1 May 2018 - World Asthma Day
- 14 November 2018 - World COPD Day

## To submit items for the upcoming newsletter:

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