

Upcoming National/International Conferences



1- 3 July 2022, Prague, Czech Republic (Hybrid)

Annual Congress of the European
Academy of Allergy and Clinical
Immunology (EAACI)
(<https://www.eaaci.org/>)

4-6 September 2022, Barcelona, Spain

The ERS International Congress
(<https://www.ersnet.org/congress-and-events/congress/>)

16-19 October 2022, Nashville, USA

CHEST Annual Meeting
(<https://www.chestnet.org/Learning-and-Events/Events/CHEST-Annual-Meeting/Sessions>)

8-11 November 2022 (Virtual)

Union World Conference on Lung Health
(<https://conf2022.theunion.org/>)

Tentative Fall 2022 (Virtual)

GARD Annual General Meeting

Conferences in 2023

20-22 April 2023, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

CTS, Canadian Respiratory Conference
(<https://cts-sct.ca/crc/>)

19-24 May 2023, Washington DC, USA

ATS, American Thoracic Society Annual
International Conference
(<https://www.atsconferencenews.org/ats-2023-goes-to-washington/>)

9-13 September 2023, Milan, Italy

ERS International Congress
(<https://www.ersnet.org/congress-and-events/congress/>)

26-29 October 2023, Sydney, Australia

WONCA World Conference
(<http://www.wonca2023.com.au/>)

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Festival 'Taking Care Together' www.openvillage.ch

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What if we created a common health heritage?

Early May, 100+ civil society actors co-hosted a festival to reimagine our health and wellbeing. The event was organized by Breathing Games in collaboration with the Geneva Health Forum.

The World Health Organization co-funded the event.



Seven ways to collectively re-create our health

- Recovery in mental health
- Planetary health
- Narrative medicine
- Walkshops
- Art therapy and legislative theatre
- Health commons
- Sharing circles



Interested? Discover testimonials

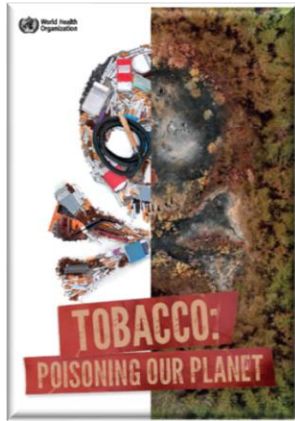
- The engineer challenging intellectual property for better health
interview with Vaibhav Chhabra, Maker's Asylum
- When theatre offers health solutions
interview with Isabelle Wachsmuth, WHO

To take part in sketching the next edition: www.openvillage.ch



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OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES



WHO Featured Publication: Tobacco: poisoning our planet
<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240051287>

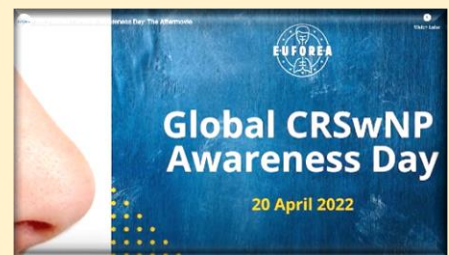
Tobacco use is a well-documented threat to global health, and in the area of tobacco control, extensive work has been done to communicate the health risks of tobacco use and to reduce the demand for tobacco through effective policy interventions. What has been less discussed or documented are the environmental health risks of tobacco cultivation, production, distribution, consumption and waste. The harmful impact of the tobacco industry on the environment is vast and growing, and has thus far received relatively little attention from researchers and policy-makers. The environmental consequences of tobacco use move it from being a human problem to a planetary problem. It is not just about the lives of tobacco users and those around them, or even those involved in tobacco production. Tobacco can no longer be categorized simply as a health threat – it is a threat to human development as a whole.



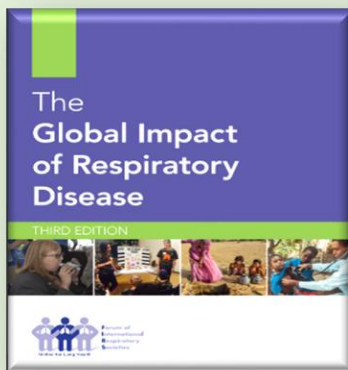
Global Asthma Network Newsletter
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IPCRG Newsletters
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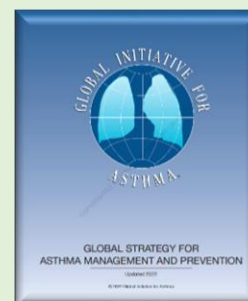
EUFORA Global CRSwNP Awareness Day & White Paper on European Patient Needs and Suggestions on Chronic Type 2 Inflammation of Airways and Skin
 Video: <https://youtu.be/G4TaZC7PFoQ>



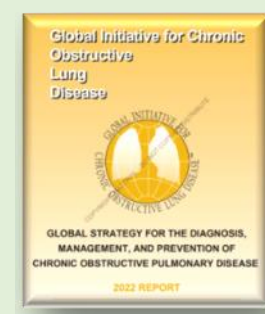
FIRS - The Global Impact of Respiratory Disease 3rd Edition, outlines major causes of respiratory disease and mortality
<https://www.firsnet.org/resources/publications>



IPCRG – COPD Right Care
 The COPD Right Care project has been developed on the back of the success of the Asthma Right Care project which created and developed tools that have enabled behaviour changing conversations between health professionals and people with asthma. The COPD Right Care project aims to achieve the same for people with COPD.
<https://www.ipcr.org/copdrighcare>



2022 GINA Report Update – This update incorporates new scientific information about asthma based on a review of recent scientific literature by an international panel of experts on the GINA Science Committee.
<https://ginasthma.org/gina-reports/>



2022 GOLD REPORTS – GLOBAL Strategy for Prevention, Diagnosis and Management of COPD.
<https://goldcopd.org/2022-gold-reports/>

Upcoming Events & Activities:

- World Bronchiectasis Day - July 1, 2022
- World Lung Day – September 25, 2022
- World Pneumonia Day – November 12, 2022
- World COPD Day – November 16, 2022 (<https://goldcopd.org/world-copd-day-2022/>)

Past Events & Activities:

• **World Asthma Day (May 3, 2022) Activities:**



– *Asthma Right Care at the IPCRG Conference* - IPCRG marked World Asthma Day with a range of Asthma Right Care events at their 11th World Conference in Málaga. Delegates spoke to the delivery team and collected copies of resources such as the Asthma Slide Rule and Guidelines, Question + Challenge cards and the Reliever Reliance Test (<https://mailchi.mp/ipcrg.org/ipcrg-may-2022-newsletter>).

– Bangladesh Lung Foundation celebrated World Asthma Day with a focus on the 2022 GINA Guidelines on asthma management



– Hochiminh City Society of Asthma, Allergy and clinical immunology held a well-attended and a successful meeting on World Asthma Day

• **World No Tobacco Day (May 31, 2022) Activities:**

– WHO featured World No Tobacco Day webinars

- 1) *Talking Trash – Behind the tobacco industry’s ‘green’ public relations*, May 12, 2022 (to view recording: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/05/12/default-calendar/talking-trash--behind-the-tobacco-industry-s--green--public-relations>)
- 2) *Fighting tobacco product waste*, June 2, 2022 (recording not available currently, details: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/06/02/default-calendar/world-no-tobacco-day-2022-webinar--fighting-tobacco-product-waste>)



– FIRS addresses tobacco industry on World No Tobacco Day - Alongside a call for the tobacco industry to be held accountable for its role in harming the environment, FIRS urges everyone to stay well informed about tobacco industry practices. FIRS supports the message that we should all strive to be greener and to stop smoking - and help others to stop smoking - to improve our health and the health of our planet.



– The China National Respiratory Medicine Center, China Health Education Center and JianKang Newspaper, May 27, 2022 – Dr. Wang Chen called for nationwide project “Tobacco cessation, doctors first” to jointly create a smoke-free social and cultural atmosphere in China and highlighted findings on prevalence of tobacco dependence in China ([Lancet Reg Health West Pac](#)).



• **Other Activities:**

– GARD Portuguese speaking countries – Webinars of Clinical Cases

GARD- Portuguese speaking countries has organized quarterly online meetings, dedicated to physicians of various specialties, for the presentation and discussion of clinical cases on respiratory pathology. The first meeting was organized by Portugal, and took place in November 2021, with the theme of COVID-19. In February 2022, the second meeting, organized by Angola, was held, and was dedicated to adult asthma. In June of this year, the meeting was coordinated by Brazil, and its theme was asthma in children.



These meetings are recorded in order to facilitate the viewing of a greater number of Portuguese speaking countries health professionals. Recordings are available at: <http://gard-cplp.ihmt.unl.pt/Conferencias.html>

– **11th IPCRG World Conference held in Malaga, 5-7 May, 2022.**

Over 450 participants participated in person and over 300 attended virtually from over 30 countries with a tremendously positive atmosphere at the conference, from start to finish (<https://www.ipcr.org/news-and-events/11th-ipcr-world-conference-thank-you-for-attending>).



– **CME sessions conducted by the Bangladesh Lung Foundation in May 2022**

CME on Pulmonary fibrosis and CME on Pulmonology updates which presented paper on Interstitial lung diseases, updated management of asthma and chest radiology.



IN MEMORY



Dr. J. Mark FitzGerald passed away in Vancouver, Canada on January 18, 2022 (<https://cts-sct.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/JMFeditedObituary.-January2022.pdf>). Many of us who knew Mark, considered Mark not only a colleague, caring physician, patient advocate and giant in the field of respiratory medicine, but also a friend. Mark served as Chair and member of the CTS Asthma Assembly, involved in the development of asthma guidelines. He was the lead author of the 2017 CTS position paper on the recognition and management of severe asthma. Mark was also past Chair and member of both the hugely influential Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) Science Committee and the GINA Executive in which roles he had substantial impact on the way that asthma is managed at an international level. Mark's extraordinary contributions and impact on human health has made an indelible mark on the people he

influenced as a clinician, researcher, colleague, mentor and friend. He has been at the forefront of shaping health outcomes for the Canadian and global respiratory community in ways that will live on for many years to come. Mark's creative, innovative approach and witty sense of humour were always at the forefront, enabling new research, collaborations, and clinical advances. His fun-loving, passionate demeanor and quick Irish wit endeared him to everyone he met, and especially to the many young people that he mentored in their careers in respiratory medicine. He will be greatly missed.



Dr. Don Enarson, the first full-time Director of Scientific Activities, The Union, and one of the GARD founding members, died on June 1, 2022 (<https://theunion.org/news/farewell-don-enarson>). Don was an extraordinary person. His vision, intelligence, originality, humility, love of humanity and his kindness had a profound impact on all who met him and many more who did not meet him. His contributions are many including: the DOTS strategy, its global expansion and ongoing development; the reputation of The Union as the pre-eminent source of expert advice and support for national TB programs and Ministries of Health (in collaboration with Nils Billo, Executive Director of The Union); the application of public health and DOTS principles to other lung health problems: asthma, COPD, pneumonia and ARI in children; research on the epidemiological basis of TB and the public health approach to TB prevention and

care; advocacy for, and implementation of, the epidemiological approach to disease control; and the mentoring of a generation of lung health leaders around the world. Prof Guy Marks, President and Interim Executive Director, said: "As one of many Union members of a certain age, I can say that Don was instrumental in exciting me about TB as a global health problem and drawing me in to The Union family..." He will be greatly missed.

**GARD Executive Committee,
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wish you and your family a pleasant summer!**



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