European Respiratory Society

GLOBAL INITIATIVES

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European Respiratory Society

Approximately 9000 MEMBERS
From 100 COUNTRIES
NATIONAL GELEGATES participate in the ERS council
Four Pillars of the Society

Science & Education

Congress

Advocacy

Publications
Mission of the ERS in 2008

1. Strengthen the Pillars of ERS
   Science, Education, Advocacy
   Aim: improve patients’ care and people health

2. Complex Chronic Comorbidities

3. ERS-Other Scientific Societies
   Other specialties, National, International, Focus Groups

4. Pipeline (eg young members)

5. Exploit Web Technology
   www.ersnet.org
Scientific Committee Chair
Benoit Nemery (BE) 2006-2009

Guidelines Director
Mark Woodhead (UK) 2006-2009

Lung Science Conference Director
Geoff Laurent (UK) 2008-2010

Research Director
Sven-Erik Dahlén (SE) 2008-2010
Specific Activities 2007-2008
Science

- 2008 Berlin Annual Congress:
  Hopefully to be the best so far meeting

- FP 7, Innovative Medicine Initiative, Leuven Workshop, EU-IMI Call on Severe Asthma and COPD, 2 major grants on COPD, TB-NET, IPF

- 2008 Estoril Annual Lung Science Conference

- Fellowships & Grants
Specific Activities 2007-2008

- WEB Platform, ERS Live
- E-learning
- Web Seminars Spanish, Portuguese, Russia
- Web- Video- Tele- conferences
Measuring Success: Congress Attendance

Berlin 1997: 9334
Geneva 1998: 7983
Madrid 1999: 10104
Florence 2000: 11917
Berlin 2001: 12416
Stockholm 2002: 13002
Vienna 2003: 14814
Glasgow 2004: 14518
Copenhagen 2005: 16020
Munich 2006: 17240
Stockholm 2007: 15700
ERJ Impact Factor 5.076 (28% increase)
Guidelines

Guidelines Director 2006-2009
Mark Woodhead, UK

Update of existing guidelines

Produce New Guideline
ERS School

Patricia L. Haslam, School Chair

Paolo Palange, PG Courses Director

Gilbert Massard, External Courses Director

Johannes Wildhaber, E-learning Director

Anita K. Simonds, Breathe Editor
ERS School

Courses at Congress
- 11304 participants trained (2002-2007)
- Stockholm 2007: 24 PG courses including 1 full-day GRACE course & 1 joint with ACCP. 18 MP Seminars. The first Educational workshop

External School Courses
- 2-3 days; 20-100 participants
- No commercial sponsorship
- 33 courses organised (2003-2008)
- 347 faculty members
- Over 1500 participants trained
- 260 bursaries offered by ERS

Seminars at National Meetings
ERS School

Learning Resources

- Centralised web access to all materials produced by the ERS in 2008
- Ranked by members as the second reason to join ERS

- Complete revamp to be launched very soon, including:
  - Thematic classification
  - Educational tracks
  - Improved search facilities

- Online Live Courses
Breathe

- Circulation >12,000 highest of any ERS journal
- Peer-reviewed articles and interactive cases
- Ask the Expert and Hot Topics
- EBAP-accredited CME questions
- Publication of HERMES material
- 140,000 PDF downloads in 2007
European Diploma in Respiratory Medicine
Berlin 4 October 2008

• First European examination, Berlin 4 October, 14:00
• ERS commitment to best harmonised training Europe
• Knowledge-based examination (MCQ): 90 questions,
• Voluntary, no legal standing.

Reserved to specialist nationally qualified
Welcome to

Forum of European Respiratory Societies

FERS was set up in 2004, with a primary focus of ensuring greater collaboration between European and national societies via the coordination of activities and ultimately strengthening the ability of these societies to promote respiratory health and to influence governmental policy agendas.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE
FORUM OF INTERNATIONAL RESPIRATORY SOCIETIES
(Effective as of May 2008)

Article I. Mission

1. The Mission of the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (hereafter called the Forum) is to promote lung health worldwide through a partnership of international respiratory societies and organizations that share and coordinate their collective knowledge, expertise, and resources.

2. This Mission will be attained by the consideration of needs and the proposal of projects to meet these needs, which would be implemented jointly or individually by the member organizations.
Article III. Membership

The Forum has seven members:

1. The Asociacion Latinoamericana del Torax (ALAT), The American Thoracic Society (ATS), The American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), The Asia Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR), The European Respiratory Society (ERS), the Pan African Thoracic Society (PATS) and The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union).
This publication was officially launched on November 25, 2003 at the European Parliament in Brussels and was produced in conjunction with the European Lung Foundation (ELF).

The European Lung White Book is a 200-page report which includes data on the causes, means of prevention and treatment for a wide range of respiratory diseases, as well as epidemiological data collected from the 51 countries of the WHO.
IMI “Respiratory” 2008 calls

One call to build an EU severe asthma consortium focused on disease understanding

To harness efforts of already established groups presently working independently. Ultimately the severe asthma cohorts will enable scientific research, leading to validation of novel biomarkers and clinical measures/outcomes and will serve as a vehicle to develop relevant translational models.

One call to on COPD patient-reported outcome (PRO) to be used in clinical trials to evaluate treatments

This call would require development of a framework to understand the patients’ experience of COPD, to inform strategies to measure outcomes meaningful to patients and to develop/select and validate PRO measurement tools, to use in clinical trials evaluating treatments for the disease.
European Respiratory Society
Has a strong partnership with GARD and WHO

in Advocacy and awareness of Chronic Respiratory Diseases and could be one of the Scientific Society’s providing scientific data to WHO and GARD