

# ANNEX

## 1. Directory of GARD Participants

Name of Organization	Year established	Journal and Website address	Mission
Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma (ARIA).	1999	<a href="http://www.whiar.org">www.whiar.org</a>	To educate and implement evidence-based management of allergic rhinitis in conjunction with asthma worldwide, through planning, managing, and financing pilot projects to improve the health of broad sectors of the population throughout the world, setting up rural healthcare activities, providing support for preventive diagnostic and therapeutic measures as part of basic healthcare.
ALLERG.O.S	2003		To improve, at a regional level (French Languedoc-Roussillon region), the diagnosis of patients with a suspected severe allergic reactions
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI).	1943	<i>Journal of Allergy &amp; Clinical Immunology</i> <a href="http://www.aaaai.org">www.aaaai.org</a>	The advancement of the knowledge and practice of allergy, asthma and immunology for optimal patient care.
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI).	1942	<i>Annals of Allergy, Asthma &amp; Immunology</i> <a href="http://www.acaai.org">www.acaai.org</a>	To improve the quality of patient care in allergy and immunology through research, advocacy and professional and public education; maintain and advance diagnostic and therapeutic skills of members; sponsor and conduct educational and scientific programmes and publications; develop and disseminate educational information for members, patients, health-plan purchasers and administrators, and other physicians and health professionals.

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Nongovernmental organization		200: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO
Nongovernmental organization, nonprofit organization for clinicians	Missions split into work packages (hymenoptera venom and food anaphylaxis, drug allergy, difficult to control asthma)	70 members (physicians, pharmacists, nurses involved in the network), EURO Region
Nongovernmental organization	7 interest sections: Asthma Diagnosis and Treatment; Basic and Clinical Immunology; Environmental and Occupational Respiratory Diseases; Food Allergy, Dermatologic Diseases and Anaphylaxis; Health Care Education, Delivery and Quality; Mechanisms of Asthma and Allergic Inflammation; Rhinitis, Sinusitis and Ocular Diseases	6000 in Canada, United States of America and 60 other countries: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO
Nongovernmental professional association for allergists and immunologists		4900 allergists and immunologists: AMRO and possibly other regions through international affiliate membership

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American Thoracic Society (ATS).	1905	<i>American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine;</i> <i>American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology;</i> <i>Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society</i> www.thoracic.org	To prevent and treat respiratory disease through research, education, patient care and advocacy; to decrease morbidity and mortality from respiratory disorders and life-threatening acute illnesses in people of all ages, interacting with national and international organizations that have similar goals.
Asian Allergy and Asthma Foundation (AAAF).	2004	website in preparation	To advance excellent clinical practice of allergic diseases and to reduce their burden through education, training, research, cost effective treatment and public awareness through continuous dialogue with the health ministry and world organizations with the same goals.
Asian Pacific Association of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (APAACI).	1989	www.apaaci.org	To support the development of the discipline of allergy, asthma and clinical immunology in the region; to encourage and assist in forming national societies where none exist; to promote the exchange and progress of knowledge in the region; to study the prevention and treatment of allergy, asthma and immune-mediated diseases specific to the region; to promote exchanges in training programmes between member countries; to help cooperation between clinical and basic research; to develop programmes for public education; to cooperate with other international organizations with similar goals; to disseminate knowledge through international congresses and by other means.
Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR).	1985	<i>Respirology</i> www.apsresp.org	To advance and promote knowledge of the respiratory system in health and disease; to strive to encourage research and improve clinical practice through teaching; to increase awareness of health problems in the area and to promote exchange of knowledge among respirologists in the Asia-Pacific region.
Asthma and Allergy Association (AAA).	1991	<i>Journal Asthme &amp; Allergies Infos</i> www.asmanet.com	To promote information, medical training and patients' education. Disseminate scientific information; function as a reference body for health organizations and media; encourage and provide training and continuing education. Answer patients' questions through a free hotline.
Danish Lung Health Association (DLHA).	1901	www.lungeforening.dk	To improve prevention and treatment of lung diseases in Denmark and to help patients with these diseases (especially chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) in the country.

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Nongovernmental, nonprofit, international, professional and scientific society for respiratory and critical-care medicine.	12 specialized assemblies	13 000 globally: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO
Regional nongovernmental organization		50 members representing all Asian countries: SEARO, WPRO
Association of national societies of allergy and clinical immunology in the Asia-Pacific region		15 national societies in SEARO, WPRO
Regional nongovernmental organization		10,150: SEARO, WPRO
Nongovernmental, nonprofit organization for patients, doctors and health professionals	sections for asthma, dermatology, paediatrics and allergies to improve information to patients and to promote patients' education. Can propose task forces and joint sessions with other specialist societies.	Over 2 500 members France
National nongovernmental organization		3493 members from the Faroe Islands and Greenland: EURO

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Dokkyo University School of Medicine, WHO Collaborating Centre for Prevention and Control of Chronic Respiratory Diseases. (DU-WCC)			Terms of reference as WHO Collaborating Centre; Asia-Pacific Initiative for Chronic Respiratory Diseases.
European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI).	1956	<i>Allergy (European Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology)</i> www.eaaci.net	To promote basic and clinical research; assess and disseminate scientific information; function as a reference body for other scientific, health and political organizations; encourage and provide training and continuing education; promote good patient care for allergic and immunological diseases.
European Centre for Allergy Research Foundation (ECARF).	2003	www.ecarf.org	To improve knowledge, research and awareness of allergies; decrease the burden of disease in patients and in society through structural research in allergy, spreading of excellence and knowledge among physicians and the public, initiatives for improving patient care, activities for a better quality of life for allergic patients.
European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA).	1992	www.efanet.org	To improve the quality of life of people with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and allergy and of their carers throughout Europe, contributing to a European community that shares the responsibility for substantially reducing the frequency and severity of these conditions and recognizes the social, environmental, economic and health implications.
European Respiratory Society (ERS).	1990	<i>European Respiratory Journal, European Respiratory Monograph, European Respiratory Review, European Respiratory Topic, ERS Newsletter, Breathe</i> www.ersnet.org	Promoting research; fostering education; exchanging knowledge; improving patient care.
Finnish Lung Health Association (FILHA).	1907	www.filha.fi	Training and education of management of chronic respiratory diseases; design, implementation of national programmes for diseases (asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, sleep apnoea), for smoking cessation (since 1994) and implementation of international project (tuberculosis); research, expert networking and human resource development.
Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS).	2002		Advocacy for global respiratory health and identification of new areas for global initiatives. Aims to be attained by the consideration of needs and the proposal of related projects, implemented jointly or individually by the member organizations.

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WHO Collaborating Centre		SEARO, WPRO
Nongovernmental, nonprofit organization for academicians, research investigators and clinicians	Sections for asthma, dermatology, otorhinolaryngology, immunology and paediatrics to improve information exchange and collaboration between scientists within and outside EAACI. Sections can propose task forces and joint sessions with other specialist societies.	39 European national societies, over 3 500 members: EURO
Nongovernmental foundation		Collaboration with Allergy Centre Charité, specialized in clinical work, research and dissemination of knowledge in allergy: EURO
Foundation		Alliance of 41 organizations in 23 countries in Europe representing 250 000 persons: EURO
Nongovernmental, nonprofit international medical organization	10 scientific assemblies serve as forum to present and discuss scientific work at yearly congress	Over 7000 members in 100 countries: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO
National nongovernmental organization	WHO collaborating centre	EURO (Finland, Russian Federation, Baltic nations), SEARO (Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia), WPRO (China)
Cooperative union of international professional and scientific societies		Participating organizations include ACCP, ALAT, APSR, ATS, ERS, UNION and ULASTER.

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Georgian Respiratory Association (GRA).	2004	<i>sakartvelos respiraciuli jurnali</i> (Georgian) www.georanet.org.ge	To promote basic, epidemiological and clinical research in respiratory medicine; to organize regular congresses, conferences, symposia, seminars, scientific meetings, exhibitions and all other clinical and scientific events; to develop and maintain high standards of continuing medical education for medical specialists; to produce scientific publications by the editing, printing, and publishing of reviews, journals, and bulletins to promote, encourage or disseminate research or educational work in the field of respiratory medicine; to produce guidelines on the diagnostic and management of respiratory diseases; to collaborate with other national and international organizations having a similar objectives or similar functions.
Ghent University, WHO Collaborating Centre (GU-WCC) Dept. Respiratory Diseases.	1817	www.ugent.be	To offer high-quality, research-based education; to play an important role in fundamental and applied research; to be an open, pluralistic, international institute with a social responsibility (full mission statement: <a href="http://www.ugent.be/en/ghentuniv/management/mission">www.ugent.be/en/ghentuniv/management/mission</a> ).
Global Allergy and Asthma European Network (GA2LEN).	2004	www.ga2len.net	To establish an internationally competitive network; to enhance quality and relevance of research and address all aspects of the disease; to decrease the burden of allergy and asthma throughout Europe. Activities consist of integration, coordination of scientific activities and spreading excellence.
Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA).	1991	www.ginasthma.com	Works with health care professionals and public health officials around the world to reduce asthma prevalence, morbidity and mortality. Through evidence-based guidelines for asthma management, and events such as the annual celebration of World Asthma Day, the Global Initiative for Asthma works to improve the lives of people with asthma in every corner of the globe.
Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD).	1998	www.goldcopd.com	Increase awareness of medical community, public health officials and general public that chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a public health problem; decrease its morbidity and mortality through implementing effective programmes for its diagnosis, management and prevention strategies for use in all countries and promoting studies into the etiology of its increasing prevalence.

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National nongovernmental, nonprofit organization	10 scientific working groups	420 members, 6 branches throughout Georgia; EURO
WHO Collaborating Centre		EURO
Research network in allergy and asthma	Work packages include: nutrition, infection, environment and pollution, occupation, gender sensitization and allergic disease, airway remodelling, clinical care, genetics and genomics	26 leading European teams, EAACI and EFA, one or more centres in each European country: EURO
Programme launched in collaboration with WHO and National Institutes of Health/ National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	Executive, Science and Dissemination Committees; national launch leaders	AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO (GARD target countries: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Portugal, Georgia, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, Vietnam)
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Institute of Neurobiology and Molecular Medicine - Italian National Research Council (INMM-CNR)	1923	www.cnr.it	CNR promotes and carries on research activities, in pursuit of excellence and strategic relevance within the national and international ambit, in the frame of European cooperation and integration. In cooperation with the academic research and with other private and public organizations, CNR ensures the dissemination of results inside the Country, defines, manages and coordinates national and international research programs, in addition to support scientific and research activities of major relevance for the national system. It promotes the valorization, the pre-competitive development and the technological transfer of research results carried on by its own scientific network and by third parties with whom cooperation relationships have been established. It promotes the collaboration in the scientific and technological field, and in the technical regulations field, with organizations and institutions of other Countries, and with supranational organizations in the frame of extra-governmental agreements. It provides, upon request of government authorities, specific skills for the participation of Italy to organizations or international scientific programs of inter-governmental nature. It carries on, through its own program of scholarships and research fellowships, educational and training activities in Ph.D. courses, in advanced after-university specialization courses, and in programs of continuous or recurrent education;
Interdisciplinary Association for Research in Lung Disease (AIMAR).	2001	<i>Multidisciplinary Respiratory Medicine</i> www.aimarnetwork.org	To prevent lung disease and promote lung health; to improve the quality of patient care by educating physicians and allied professionals and providing them with programmes and strategies for fighting lung disease such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, infections, tobacco and environmental pollution; to promote research on lung disease; to increase the awareness of public about lung diseases and their risks; to involve all decision-makers in campaigns to reduce environmental and tobacco pollution. To promote and maintain links with all societies and agencies interested in lung health, including patients' organizations, especially in the Mediterranean area.
International Association of Asthmology (INTERASMA).	1954	<i>Journal of Investigational Allergology &amp; Clinical Immunology, Interasma News newsletter</i> www.interasma.org	A forum for interdisciplinary discussions among pneumologists, allergists, paediatricians and general practitioners to exchange information on asthma research, practice and management: to focus on all aspects of asthma, bridging the gap between research and clinical practice; to encourage asthma education programmes for all health care professionals, educators and administrators; to improve the quality of life of asthmatics; to decrease the prevalence, morbidity and mortality of asthma.

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Public organization with autonomous rules and regulations, in accordance with the existing laws and the Italian Civil Code	The Institute of Neurobiology and Molecular Medicine (INMM) resulted from the merging of two historical major Institutes of the CNR: The Institute of Neurobiology and The Institute of Molecular Medicine. The Institute is divided in three sections : Neurobiology; Molecular Medicine and Genetics and Molecular Pathophysiology. The research activity of the INMM is mainly focussed on genetic, cellular and molecular mechanisms in health and disease with special reference to allergic and immunologic diseases, diseases of the nervous system, cancerogenesis. The following ongoing/planned studies might be relevant: Allergy and Infections; Innate immunity; IgE sensitisation and inflammation; Tissue remodelling; Biomarkers; Novel drugs; Public Awareness/Education	CNR is made of 108 Institutes with 6962 research workers (2260 Female and 4702 Male).
Nonprofit interdisciplinary association for research in lung disease	Medical areas involved : environmental, general, internal and occupational medicine, intensive care, cardiology, thoracic surgery, radiology, endocrinology, epidemiology, pharmacology, gastroenterology, geriatrics, immunology, infectious diseases, microbiology, neurology, oncology, otolaryngology, paediatrics, pneumology	EURO
International nongovernmental organization	Executive Committee, regional chapters	AMRO, AFRO, EMRO, EURO, WPRO

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International Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Coalition (ICC).	1999	www.internationalcopd.org	To improve care of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients through increasing awareness of the disease and an understanding of its diagnosis and management for both carers and patients. To create alliances with professional groups to accomplish these ends. To encourage and support national and regional groups in advocacy efforts toward policy-makers to prioritize chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in research and care.
International Pediatric Respiratory and Allergies Immunological Societies (IPRAIS).	1992		To promote a high standard and clinical service and research for children with respiratory, allergy and immunological disorders. This has been achieved by organising meetings every 2-4 years (Prague 2000, Hong Kong 2003,) and by developing clinical guidelines.
International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG).	2000	<i>Primary Care Respiratory Journal</i> www.theipcr.org	The primary objects of the charity are to improve public health by raising funds to organise research and reviews into the care, treatment and prevention of respiratory illnesses, diseases and problems in a community setting, and to make available the results of such research for the benefit of the public and healthcare professionals.
International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (the UNION).	1956	<i>International Journal of Tuberculosis &amp; Lung Disease</i> www.iaatld.org	To prevent and control tuberculosis and lung disease, particularly in low-income countries. To promote national autonomy, within the framework of priorities of each country, by developing, implementing and assessing antituberculosis and respiratory health programmes. To disseminate knowledge on tuberculosis, lung disease, HIV and resulting community health problems in order to alert doctors, decision-makers, opinion-leaders and the general public to the diseases' related dangers. To coordinate, assist and promote the work of its constituent members throughout the world. To establish and maintain close links with WHO, other United Nations organizations, governmental and nongovernmental institutions in health and development sectors.

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Nonprofit corporation; outreach of Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease and the United States Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Coalition		220 000 members: AMRO, EMRO, EURO, WPRO
Officially established as a forum, since 1998 IPRAIS became a society		Members from all WHO regions but with particularly strong representation of Asia/Pacific region
Scottish Charity, Company Limited by Guarantee	Sub Committees: Research, Education, Membership, Guidelines and Governance	15 Ordinary Members with voting rights, 19 Associate Members, 2 International Organisations and 6 Invited specialists
Membership organization with partners in all regions of the world	Scientific groups in asthma, tuberculosis, tobacco prevention, nursing, child lung health	Partners include WHO tuberculosis programme; Stop TB Initiative; Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: AFRO

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Italian Society of Respiratory Medicine (SIMER)	1993	<i>Medicina Toracica</i> www.simernet.eu	To promote education respiratory medicine and respiratory research, to bridge academic and hospital based respiratory medicine and research by fostering innovation in graduate and post-graduate training, to raise the standards of respiratory care by the production and dissemination of evidence based guidelines and the interaction with the public health political and administrative bodies at the national and regional levels.
Korea Asthma Allergy Foundation (KAF).	2003	www.kaaf.org	To increase the awareness of asthma and allergy to the government and the public and to increase the priority of asthma and allergy in the national health system and to improve the prevention and management of asthma and allergy.
Latin American Thoracic Society (ALAT).	1996	www.alatorax.com	To record and disseminate scientific information about lung diseases; to teach and to promote research on thoracic diseases in Latin America; to stimulate scientific contact between the society's members and other national and international respiratory societies; to develop guidelines for the management of thoracic diseases; to develop scientific departments inside the association; to edit scientific publications.
Libra Project (LIBRA)	2006	<i>News Letter</i> <i>Progetto Libra</i> www.progettolibra.it	To raise awareness in public institutions, amongst healthcare workers and the general public on the importance of chronic obstructive diseases which should be considered and dealt with as one of the major problems regarding public health; to make the guidelines known and to change diagnostic and therapeutic standpoints by promoting educational and formative initiatives for healthcare workers; to reduce the number of unrecognized cases and to improve their treatment and optimize costs for the National Health Service whilst improving the quality of diagnostic and therapeutic treatment.
National Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Ministry of Health, Italy (CCM)	2004	www.ccm. ministerosalute.it	To analyze health risks; coordinate surveillance and active prevention plans of the national alert and response systems; promote and train on the implementation of annual programmes; implement and evaluate annual programmes; network with other national and international health institutions; and information.
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLI), Division of Lung Diseases.		www.nhlbi.nih.gov	Programme on asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases includes goals on epidemiology, research, genetics and pharmacogenetics, clinical trials, demonstration and education initiatives.

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Scientific, nonprofit organization	Clinical Problems, Respiratory Biology, Intensive and home care, Respiratory Patophysiology, Interventional pneumology, Allergology and Immunology; Infections and Tuberculosis, Epidemiology, Interstitial Lung Disease, Quality in Medicine, Pulmonary Oncology, Sleep Medicine	2100 members EURO Region
National nongovernmental organization	Sections for special task forces such as Burden of Asthma and Computer Assisted Easy Asthma Management and sections for Public Awareness and Education of Physicians and Patients to improve the management of asthma and allergy and to increase priority of asthma and allergy in national health system.	286 members focusing on respiratory medicine and allergy, Republic of Korea
Nongovernmental organization	Asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, critical pulmonology, endoscopy, interstitial lung diseases, lung infections, thoracic surgery, paediatric pulmonology, pulmonary circulation, respiratory pathophysiology, tuberculosis	5700: AMRO, EURO
Nongovernmental, nonprofit organization for academicians, research investigators and clinicians	LIBRA ( Linee Guida Italiane per BPCO, Rinite e Asma – COPD, Rhinitis and Asthma Guidelines) is the joint Italian project for the dissemination of COPD, Rhinitis and Asthma Guidelines which incorporates in one unique structure the Italian GINA, ARIA and GOLD-ERS/ATS projects.	The Executive Committee is made up of the national reporting members of the International Projects: S. Bonini (Rome), G.W. Canonica (Genoa), L.M. Fabbri (Modena), L. Corbetta (Florence), G. Passalacqua (Genoa), P.L. Paggiaro (Pisa). EURO Region
Governmental organization	The Centre is responsible for active prevention of chronic diseases and life styles.	EURO
Governmental organization		Active partner with Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease and with WHO: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO

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National Public Health Institute, Finland (KTL).	1911	<a href="http://www.ktl.fi/portal/english">www.ktl.fi/portal/english</a>	To promote people's possibility of living healthy lives. International collaboration (e.g. multilateral monitoring of trends and determinants in cardiovascular diseases (MONICA) project).
Polish Society of Allergology (PSA).	1982	<i>International Review of Allergology &amp; Clinical Immunology;</i> <i>Pulmonologia i Alergologia Polska;</i> <i>Alergia Astma Immunologia</i> <a href="http://www.pta.med.pl">www.pta.med.pl</a>	The objective of the society is to organize and support research and scientific works in the field of experimental and clinical allergology, to associate persons working in these fields and to popularize achievements in pertinent branches of science, as well as to care for a proper level of treatment in allergology.
Portuguese Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology (SPAIC).	1950	<i>Revista Portuguesa de Imunoalergologia</i> <a href="http://www.spaic.pt">www.spaic.pt</a>	To prevent and treat allergic diseases through research, education, patient care and advocacy. To decrease morbidity and mortality from allergic and respiratory disorders, including asthma, in people of all ages, interacting with national and international organizations that have similar goals.
Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)	2004	<a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca">www.phac-aspc.gc.ca</a>	To promote and protect the health of Canadians through leadership, partnership, innovation and action in public health.
Respiratory Society of French Speaking countries (SPLF).	1916	<i>Revue des maladies respiratoires, Info-Respiration</i> <a href="http://www.splf.org">www.splf.org</a>	To promote all aspects of research in the field of lung diseases; to educate health professionals and patients in order to increase quality of care and awareness; to elaborate programmes for screening, prevention and treatment of lung diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and occupational diseases; to interact with respiratory health officials in order to produce evidence-based guidelines.
Russian Society of Pulmonologists (RSP).		No information available.	
Société Française d'Allergologie et d'Immunologie Clinique (SFAIC).	1950	<i>Revue Française d'Allergologie et d'Immunologie Clinique</i> <a href="http://www.sfaic.com">www.sfaic.com</a>	To promote basic and clinical research; assess and disseminate scientific information; function as a reference body for other scientific, health and political organizations particularly in French speaking countries; encourage and provide training and continuing education; promote good patient care especially for allergic diseases and also for immunological diseases.

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Governmental institute (under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health), WHO Collaborating Centre		Finland: EURO
Nonprofit organization	Sections for dermatology, otorhinolaryngology, clinical immunology, eye diseases, young allergologists and paediatrics to improve information exchange and collaboration between scientists within and outside PSA. Sections can propose task forces and joint sessions with other specialist societies	13 Regional Branches, about 1000 members EURO
Nonprofit, nongovernmental, national, professional and scientific society for allergic and respiratory care medicine	12 specialized interest sections: aerobiology, allergy and asthma in sports, asthma, drug allergy, epidemiology, food allergy, immunotherapy, insect venom allergy, latex allergy, primary immunodeficiency, skin allergy, rhinitis	355 active members: EURO
Federal Government	The Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control has several sections including cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, and works in the areas of prevention, control, surveillance, risk assessment and policy.	PAHO region
Society	22 working groups involved in the preparation and conduct of a yearly congress	Over 1500 members from various French-speaking countries (central and eastern Europe, African and Asian countries): AFRO, EURO, WPRO
Nongovernmental, nonprofit organization for academicians, research investigators and clinicians	sections for asthma, pulmonology, gastro- enterology, ophthalmology, dermatology, otorhino- laryngology, immunology and paediatrics, occupational diseases to improve information exchange and collaboration between scientists within and outside SFAIC Sections can propose task forces and joint sessions with other specialist societies.	Over 1500 members all over the world but especially EURO Region.

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Turkish National Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (TNSACI)	1989	<i>Turkish Journal of Allergy Asthma and Immunology</i> www.aid.org.tr	Tackle with and try to solve medical, social and economic problems of allergic patients. Conduct investigations into the medical and social aspects of the allergic diseases, and providing support to studies carried out by the government, other associations and organizations in this field. Make propagandas through various publication and broadcasting means and organize conferences in order to elucidate the society in the struggle against allergic diseases and harms caused by them.
Turkish Thoracic Society (TTS).	1992	<i>Turkish Respiratory Journal</i> www.toraks.org.tr/english	To provide the most effective scientific methods for prevention, control and treatment of respiratory diseases, and to increase national respiratory health through patient care, research, education and promotion of national policies.
World Allergy Organization (WAO).	1950	<i>Journal of World Allergy Organization, International Archives of Allergy &amp; Immunology</i> www.worldallergy.org	To build a global alliance of allergy societies to advance excellence in clinical care, research, education and training.
World Federation of Hydrotherapy and Climatotherapy (FEMTEC).	1937	www.femteconline.com	To explain the medical spa world; to promote it in an international context among States and governing bodies; to encourage international cooperation between spas; to exchange studies, research and practices in the field of hydrotherapy; to promote development of medical spas and climatic resorts among members and worldwide.
World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA).	1972	www.globalfamilydoctor.com	To improve the quality of life of peoples of the world through defining and promoting its values; by maintaining high standards of care in general practice/family medicine; by promoting personal, comprehensive and continuing care for the individual in the context of the family; by supporting development of academic organizations of general practitioners/family physicians; by providing education to members; by presenting educational, research and service activities of members in other world medical and health organizations.

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Nongovernmental nonprofit organization	Asthma, dermatology, immunotherapy, education, rhinitis, immunology and paediatrics	145 members, EURO Region.
National, nonprofit educational and scientific society	14 scientific working groups	1500 members, 15 branches throughout Turkey: EURO
Worldwide nongovernmental organization; member of Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences; working relationship with WHO	Federation of 70 national, regional and affiliate organizations	Total individual membership of member societies over 38 000, representing 92 countries: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO
Nongovernmental organization in official relations with WHO since 1985	2 500 medical centers involved in activities; once a year, general meeting of Executive Board; meeting of the four permanent committees - medical, economic, technical and social	35 members: thermal and medical spa associations, federations and organizations dealing with spa problems from various countries: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO
Nongovernmental organization in official relations with WHO	Governing council meets every three years; regional councils in each region; executive committee meets annually	97 member organizations in 79 countries, total membership over 200 000 general practitioners and family physicians: AFRO, AMRO, EMRO, EURO, SEARO, WPRO