

## NEWS

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### PCRS-UK News

#### Respiratory Leaders Programme

The PCRS-UK recognises the importance of having a primary care respiratory leader in every locality who can drive improvements in respiratory care beyond practice level and/or who can educate other primary care health professionals. To help achieve this ambition the PCRS-UK has developed an exciting programme of events and resources. The PCRS-UK Respiratory Leaders programme is a professional three-year rolling development programme designed to support the development of healthcare professionals who work as leaders (and leads) in respiratory primary care and who are working beyond practice level to develop respiratory services and/or educate others.

##### Respiratory leaders workshops:

Highly interactive, practical, modular skills- and knowledge-based workshops designed and delivered by respiratory leaders, policy and management experts aimed at helping leaders build effective business cases and networks/communities of practice. Our next interactive meeting will be held on 12-13 November at Staverton Park, Northampton. The meeting is free to members of the PCRS-UK. For more details on this meeting including the full programme and registration information please visit our website at [http://www.pcrs-uk.org/sigs/Resp\\_leaders\\_events.php](http://www.pcrs-uk.org/sigs/Resp_leaders_events.php)

##### Support package:

A series of tools and resources aimed at supporting respiratory leaders, which includes news alerts, regular updates, skills support tools, teaching materials and links to other information

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#### Resources

##### The Diagnosis and Management of COPD in Primary Care

The PCRS-UK is delighted to announce the launch of its updated booklet on the diagnosis and management of COPD in primary care. This highly popular succinct reference guide, based on guidance from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), Guideline CG101, has been revised and re-written to incorporate the latest advice from NICE, reflecting;

- Changes in the parameters of airflow limitation used for diagnosing COPD.

- Increasing recognition that COPD is not just a disease of the lungs, but is a multi-system disease requiring multi-dimensional assessment and an holistic approach to management.
- Increasing evidence that pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapy not only improves current control (symptoms, health status, activity levels) but also can reduce future risk of exacerbations, disease progression and mortality.

COPD is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the United Kingdom with over 27,000 deaths per annum, and COPD exacerbations are the second most common cause of hospital admissions resulting in huge costs to the NHS.

This booklet, developed by the PCRS-UK and supported by the British Lung Foundation (BLF), aims to provide simple yet structured, evidence-based advice in managing real patients with COPD in your practice during everyday consultations.

To download your copy of the booklet visit our website at [http://www.pcrs-uk.org/resources/copd\\_guidelinebooklet\\_final.pdf](http://www.pcrs-uk.org/resources/copd_guidelinebooklet_final.pdf)

*The development of this revised version of the guide was supported by an educational grant from Allen & Hanburys, the specialist respiratory division of GlaxoSmithKline*

#### Want to be more involved?

If you are interested in getting more involved in the activities of the PCRS-UK there are many ways in which you could help – from assisting with the preparation of materials and tools, piloting work, helping with developing policy statements, or getting involved in our nurse and/or respiratory leaders programme. Please contact us at 0121 351 4455 for an informal discussion.

### IPCRG News

#### New President and new Board Members

Miguel Roman Rodriguez has taken over the role of President from John Haughney. We would like to thank John for his hard work and support in expanding the organisation during his term in office. John will remain on the Board as Immediate Past President. The Board is further strengthened by our new member, Niels Chavannes. In addition both Osman Yusuf and Anders Østrem remain co-opted board members.

#### Re-organisation of the Research Committee

The Research Committee has been re-organised. It now comprises

the Research Leads – Alan Crocket (Asia Pacific), Andrew Cave (North America), Frederik van Gemert (Africa), Karin Lisspers (Northern Europe), Jaime C Sousa (Southern Europe), Ioanna Tsiligianni (Mediterranean and Eastern Europe) and Hakan Yaman (Eastern Mediterranean). The previous research committee shall now continue to function as the Research Network. Osman Yusuf (osman\_allergy@yahoo.com) is responsible for research and would like to encourage more IPCRG members to be involved in the Research Network. The aim is to expand this to form a global research network.

## Success in Toronto

Our 5th biennial conference in June this year held in Toronto was a great success. We had over 550 delegates attending from 42 countries and 164 abstracts were submitted. The following people won awards and will receive free registration to our Edinburgh conference in 2012: Tjard Schermer, Netherlands; Kristin Alise Jakobsen, Norway; Amanda Barnard, Australia; and Xia Hi, China.

## Forthcoming conferences

### Amsterdam 26–27 May 2011 – Primary Care at the Leading Edge – NEW DATE!

We have changed the date of our “no frills” scientific meeting for 2011 because the original date clashes with Ascension Day. It will now take place one week earlier on 26th and 27th May 2011. It will be an opportunity for new and experienced researchers to test out

ideas and present findings in a friendly setting amongst peers. Look at [www.theipcrj.org](http://www.theipcrj.org) for more information.

### Edinburgh 25-28 April 2012 – Breathing New Life

Planning continues for our 6th biennial conference in Scotland, to be hosted by our UK group, the Primary Care Respiratory Society UK. Go to [www.ipcrj-pcrs2012.com](http://www.ipcrj-pcrs2012.com) for more information.

### 16th Wonca Europe conference 6-9 October 2010 – IPCRG Workshop

As a special interest group of Wonca Europe, we have been invited to run a workshop during their conference. The workshop will be on “The important role of primary care doctors in early diagnosis and management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)”

## WAO White Paper

The IPCRG has been invited by the WAO to be involved in writing a White Paper on Allergy. Dermot Ryan, Miguel Roman, Osman Yusuf, Dimitris Giannopoulos and Marianne Østergaard are currently involved in this exercise.

## New contact details

Our contact details have changed! Please refer to our website [www.theipcrj.org](http://www.theipcrj.org) for updated information.

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