

ARIA BREAKFAST MEETING

Executive, Scientific, Advisory Committee, and ARIA Sponsors

Hilton Vienna Hotel, Vienna, Austria
Berg Room
Tuesday 13th June 2006
7-9 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1- ARIA Update: Current status: J Bousquet, P van Cauwenberge
- 2- InterAirways: J Bousquet, N Khaltaev
- 3- Report on GARD activities: J Bousquet, N Khaltaev
- 4- Budget: L Grouse

PARTICIPANTS

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MINUTES

1 - ARIA Update

The ARIA Update has involved 6 major papers that have or will soon be published in the peer reviewed literature. A list of the key papers is included in Appendix 1. The structure of the final ARIA Update documents will be decided at the upcoming WHO Workshop in January 2007 to which the ARIA Sponsors will be invited to attend. The ARIA process will be a major part of the overall InterAirways process that will be described below. There will be a detailed review of the asthma and allergy links. Much of the ARIA Update has been done in collaboration with GALEN.

2 – InterAirways

InterAirways is a new initiative which involves the interaction between the upper and lower airways. Such interactions are well known and have been extensively studied since 1990. The most important include: allergic and non-allergic rhinitis and asthma, occupational upper and lower airway diseases, rhinosinusitis, nasal polyposis, lower airway diseases and infections of the upper respiratory tract. Guidelines and Position Papers have been published on this subject but all contain certain defects. More knowledge is required, in particular with regards to the links between the airways in developing countries. This project will be further developed during a 3-day WHO workshop scheduled for January 2007. The workshop fully meets with the GARD objectives and will fulfill WHO criteria.

The InterAirways WHO Workshop will look at many broad issues in upper and lower airway diseases including rhino-sinusitis and upper and lower infections. The use of rhinitis diagnosis in promoting early asthma diagnosis rather than waiting for severe asthma to develop will be considered. Input on these topics will be sought from all GARD organizations. There will be a focus on prevention of CRDs as well as delivery of care issues with input from both primary care physicians as well as patient organizations. The attached InterAirways proposal and outline of topics describes the InterAirways Workshop and shows many of the key topics for review. Experts in each of these areas will participate. The updated ARIA documents will be available following the WHO Workshop. In addition, a WHO Technical Report will be developed from the full Workshop.

GALEN and the Allergen Network will also participate in the InterAirways process, as will NHLBI. When the Workshop is scheduled, everyone will be promptly notified and attendance registration will be conducted.

3 - Report on GARD activities

Dr. Khaltaev emphasized the priority that he has given to attend the ARIA Leaders and Sponsors meeting because of ARIA's leadership in WHO programs and its leadership in the future of GARD. Although Dr. Lee's tragic death has halted some WHO projects, GARD is well established and its major continuing initiatives have been approved. The InterAirways Workshop as well as the continuing GARD regional launches will go on as planned. The ARIA guidelines and the new expansions of the links between upper and lower airways disease.

4 – Budget

Dr. Grouse described the new 501 C)3 not-for-profit status of ARIA and its advantages for ARIA and its Sponsors. After 3 years at the same sponsorship amount, sponsorship for the coming ARIA year from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 will be increased by \$2,500. The major line items were reviewed and they correspond to the priorities of ARIA: guideline development, communications of the ARIA Executive with Sponsors and the Science and Advisory Committee members, leadership of global implementation through ARIA and GARD, maintaining the Secretariat to organize these mandates and to provide information and support for the ARIA participants.

Appendix 1 : ARIA UPDATE PAPERS

Title of paper	Main authors	Journal	Date of publication	Reference
I-Systematic review of complementary and alternative medicine for rhinitis and asthma		J Allergy Clin Immunol	May 2006	117(5):1054-62
The effectiveness of measures to change the indoor environment in the treatment of allergic rhinitis and asthma	A Custovic, R Gerth van Wijk	ALLERGY	Sep 2005	60(9) :1112-1115
Pharmacologic and anti-Ige treatment of allergic rhinitis –	J Bousquet	accepted for publication in Allergy	(Sep 2006)	
Allergen Immunotherapy	G Passalacqua, S. Durham	To be submitted to JACI		
Interactions between the upper and lower airways in Rhinitis and Asthma	A Cruz et al.	JACI - supplement	(October 2006)	
Rhinitis and asthma in athletes	S Bonini, M Bonini, J Bousquet, V Brusasco, CW Canonica, KH Carlsen et al.	ALLERGY	June 2006	61(6) :681-92
Pathomechanisms and Genetics	R Pawankar, J Mullol			