

Activity Report 2020

Introduction

GAAPP is a global umbrella organization advocating the rights and interests of people with atopic and airways diseases. GAAPP's mission is to support patients with atopic and airways diseases throughout the world by protecting their rights and insisting on the duties of governments, healthcare professionals, and the general public. The GAAPP's mission and strategic objectives continue to guide its activity since 2009 and it has now grown to over 60 member organizations across the globe.

The objectives are:

- To establish a global network to empower the patient voice.
- To work together with Governmental and healthcare organizations to minimize the impact of atopic and airways diseases.
- To be an equal partner involved in the decision-making from inception to conclusion with global healthcare organizations.
- To assist the founding of patient organizations in emerging countries.
- To support patients wanting to have an active role in managing their disease, and to empower patients' families, care givers and healthcare professionals to support patients in managing their diseases.
- To support the health and social policy concerns of member organizations.
- To fight for best-practice therapy.
- To support emerging countries in providing patients suffering from allergies and asthma with the necessary diagnostic and therapeutic remedies.
- To support the demand of patients to live in unpolluted healthy air.

This report summarizes our 2020 activity

Organization

2020 Board of Directors

Tonya Winders, USA, President
Kristine Whorlow, Australia, 1st Vice President
Otto Spranger, Austria, Treasurer
Marianella Salapatras, Greece, Vice-Treasurer
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Member Organizations:



GLOBAL ALLERGY & AIRWAYS PATIENT PLATFORM

GAAPP is comprised of 57 member organizations across the globe. Several members focus on all atopic or airways conditions, while others specialize in a single disease. A full list of members may be accessed at <https://gaapp.org/gaapp-organization-info/member-organizations/>

Partner Organizations:

GAAPP is an active member of the WHO GARD and has a global partnership with global partners for GAAPP: WHO GARD, Global Asthma Network, EUFOREA-ARIA, GINA & GOLD, FIRS, WAO and IADPO/Global Skin.

GAAPP Constitution:

Please find the GAAPP constitution as approved here: <https://gaapp.org/statutes-reports/>

Main Activities:

Fundraising:

Fundraising efforts have been successful allowing GAAPP to expand its programs and resources. Total revenues in 2020 were 758,000 € and net revenues exceeded 400,000 € allowing us to establish a reserve in the amount of 250,000 €.

Awareness:

GAAPP participated in numerous awareness campaigns & global awareness days including:

- World Atopic Eczema Day
- World Lung Day
- World Asthma Day
- World COPD Day
- World Urticaria Day
- Breathless Campaign
- SABA Over-reliance
- Steroid Stewardship in Respiratory

Advocacy:

GAAPP continues to raise the collective patient voice in public policy forums such as the EU, USA and WHO. In 2020, GAAPP planned the Respiratory Right Care Summit which will assemble global leaders in respiratory care to develop and disseminate policy statements calling governments to address health system failures. Key topics include Access to Care & Innovative Treatments; Funding for Research & Innovation; Health Equity; and Environmental Policy Impacting Respiratory Care.

GAAPP has co-authored several peer-reviewed publications outlining patient rights and reinforcing global quality standards in asthma and COPD in the past two years. These publications will serve as the foundation for policy statements and policy changes sought.

Capacity Building:

GAAPP annually hosts a Scientific Meeting and annual Global Respiratory Summit to convene and build capacity of members.

GAAPP hosts webinars and has developed the GAAPP Capacity Building Academy online to support members. In 2020 the following webinars were delivered:

- Digital Health & teal-health
- Fundamentals of Fundraising
- COVID-19 Crisis Management
- Building an organization effectively
- Engage with HTA bodies
- Engaging with Governments
- Social Media Engagement

We will continue to conduct capacity building collectively and individually via peer mentors and coffee chats for disease areas.

Key Projects

- Breathless Severe Asthma Awareness Campaign
- Global PRECISION Program
- Define Your Asthma Awareness Campaign
- Website Updates
- WHO GARD participation
- GINA/GOLD participation
- Severe Asthma, COPD & EDD Patient Charters
- Steroid Stewardship Campaign
- Global Food Allergy Summit
- ACT on COPD Awareness Campaign

Communication

We continue to engage member organizations with a monthly newsletter, as well as daily social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We encourage participation of all members in our two annual meetings--Scientific Meeting in June/July and Global Respiratory Summit in September. Finally, we co-hosted the LATAM Summit in December 2020 to engage and share best practices among patient advocates.

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