GLOBAL ALLERGY & AIRWAYS PATIENT PLATFORM

Activity Report 2019

Introduction

GAAPP is a global association of organizations advocating the rights and interests of people with allergies and asthma. GAAPP´s mission is it to support patients with allergies and asthma throughout the world by protecting their rights and insisting on the duties of governments, health-care professional organizations, and the general public. The GAAPP mission and our objectives were defined at the general meeting 2011 in Istanbul. GAAPP is now in its 10th year. It is important to keep our objectives in mind to work as effective as possible in an organization, which still is young, growing and needs to find into its role.

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 gives a summary of our activities from the last General Meeting on 2017 at Helsinki, Finland until the end of 2019.

Organization

2019 Board of Directors

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Member Organizations:

GAAPP is comprised of 35 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:

Institutional:

- New website (gaapp.org) was launched and improved since the initial launch.
- Announced specific planned route to visit two organizations in Brazil, two organizations in Argentina and one organization in Uruguay. Additionally, GAAPP may work to help start a patient organization in Chile. Although the trip was originally slated for March 2019, it has been postponed in order to confirm meetings with more organizations.
- Membership was expanded to organizations from Nigeria, Spain. Kenya and South Korea.
- Strategic plan for 2019: financial sustainability, building organizational capacity, awareness, education and advocacy. Success measures include membership growth, RFP awards, published papers and presentations.
- First application for funding from Member Organizations.

Fundraising:

Current operating funds of €287K and reserve funds of €100K. GAAPP is well on the way to establishing financial security (the first strategic objective for 2019).

Estimated ~€600K in new sponsorships have been secured for 2019, with some additional sponsorship commitments still pending.

Key projects:

- **Scientific Meeting 2019**
- **Global Respiratory Summit 2019**
- **Proposal to create a Documentary About Asthma**

- **Define Your Asthma Rights campaign:** Launch

Communication

Engagement with member organizations with a monthly newsletter, as well as daily social media posts on Facebook, Twitter. We encourage participation of all members in our two annual meetings---Scientific Meeting in June/July and Global Respiratory Summit.

Acknowledgement of Funders 2019

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Sanofi	**100.000,00 €**
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AstraZenca	**37.200,00 €**
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