



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Fourth General Meeting of the Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases (GARD)

Rome, Italy, 12-13 June 2009

3 June 2009

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday, 12 June 2009

08h30-09h00 Registration of participants

Opening

09h00-09h15 Welcome speech (Dr Ferruccio Fazio, Vice Ministry of Health, Italy)

09h15-09h30 Address to GARD General Meeting (Dr A. Alwan, Assistant Director-General, Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health)

09h30-09h40 Introductory remarks (Representative, WHO Regional Office for Europe)

09h40-09h45 Introduction to the General Meeting, nomination of chairperson and rapporteur, (Dr S. Mendis, Coordinator, Chronic Diseases Prevention and Management, WHO)

09h45-09h55 Objectives and expected outcomes for the 2009 General Meeting (J. Bousquet, GARD Chairman)

09h55-10h30 Coffee break

Session 1: Aligning the GARD Action Plan 2008-2013 with the WHO Action Plan for the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2008-2013
Moderator: Dr G. Viegi (GARD Planning Group)

10h30-10h40 The Global NCD Action Plan (Dr F. Adshead, Director, Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion, WHO)

10h40-10h50 Achievements of GARD activities in 2008 (Dr J. Bousquet, GARD Chairman)

10h50-11h00 Prioritized activities within GARD strategic objectives in alignment with the Global NCD Action Plan (Dr A. Cruz, Federal University of Bahia)

11h00-11h15 General discussion

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Session 2: Collaboration: WHO technical work and GARD
Moderator: Dr S. Mendis (Coordinator, Chronic Diseases Prevention and Management, WHO)

Reports of WHO meetings:

- 11h15-11h25 - Prioritized research agenda for Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases
(Dr E. Bateman, GARD Executive Committee)
- 11h25-11h35 - Severe Asthma: a uniform definition (Dr J. Bousquet, GARD Chairman)
- 11h35-11h45 - Prevention of Asthma and COPD (Dr M. Partridge, Imperial College London)
- 11h45-12h15 General discussion

12h15-13h30 *Buffet lunch*

Session 3: Implementation of the GARD Action Plan within the Global NCD Action Plan at country level
Moderator: Dr E. Mantzouranis (Medical Officer, Chronic Diseases Prevention and Management, WHO)

- 13h30-13h40 Results of surveys conducted on patients with chronic respiratory diseases at primary health care level (Dr N. Khaltayev)
- 13h40-13h55 Integration of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) and Chronic Respiratory Diseases at Primary Care at country level (Dr S. Mendis, Coordinator, Chronic Diseases Prevention and Management, WHO)
- 13h55-14h40 General discussion

14h40-15h10 *Coffee break*

Session 4: Activities conducted in countries 2008-2009; new activities proposed for 2009-2010

- 15h10-15h20 Achievements of the past year presenting new projects (Dr A. Yorgancioglu, GARD Planning Group)
- 15h20-17h15 Four parallel workshops on GARD Country activities towards GARD strategic objectives (1. advocacy; 2. partnership; 3. national plans; 4. surveillance): what GARD initiators/coordinators have done and can do to work towards GARD/NCD strategic objectives?
Moderators: - Advocacy: E. Bateman
- Partnership: C. Baena-Cagnani
- Nation Plan: A.Yorgancioglu
- Surveillance: L.Vardy -

The moderator of each workshop will have to report only on:

1. specific activities conducted last year;
2. priority activities that will be conducted next year in alignment with the NCD Action

Plan.

19h00-22h00 *Reception*

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Session 5: Patients' needs: GARD and patients' organizations
Moderator: Ms M. Franchi (International Coalition for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease - ICC)

- 08h45-09h15 European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA): initiatives in European countries (Dr M. Salapatas, EFA President)
- 09h15-09h45 The International COPD Coalition (ICC): initiatives in developing countries (Dr Y. Mohammad, ICC Co-Chair)
- 09h45-10h00 General discussion

10h00-10h30 Coffee break

Session 6: Collaboration of Ministries of Health with GARD
Moderator: Dr F. Adshead (Director, Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion, WHO)

- 10h30-10h40 The experience of the Ministry of Health:
in Italy (Dr F. Oleari, Director of Prevention, Ministry of Health, Italy)
- 10h40-10h50 in the Republic of Korea (Dr H. Moon, Korea Asthma Allergy Foundation, on behalf of Ministry of Health, Welfare and Family Affairs, Republic of Korea)
- 10h50-11h00 in the People's Republic of China (Dr N. Zhong, President, Chinese Medical Association, on behalf of Ministry of Health, People's Republic of China)
- 11h00-11h10 General discussion

Session 7: Other initiatives related to Chronic Respiratory Diseases
Moderator: Dr R. Dahl (GARD Vice-Chairman)

- 11h10-11h25 The role of the European Commission (Dr G. Gallo,
- 11h25-11h35 Tobacco Free Initiative and GARD (Dr L. Sanda, Medical Officer, Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO)
- 11h35-11h45 The Practical Approach to Lung Health (PAL) and GARD (Dr P. Hopewell, ATS)
- 11h45-12h15 The Year of the Lung (Mr A. Turnbull, GARD Planning Group)
- General discussion

Con't Session 4 Activities conducted in 2008-2009 and prioritized activities for 2009-2010 that will be conducted in alignment with the NCD Action Plan
Moderator: Dr E. Bateman (GARD Executive Committee)

- 12h15-12h55 Reporting of the four parallel GARD country workshops (Rapporteurs of the workshops)

12h55-14h00 Buffet lunch

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**Session 8: Report of GARD Executive Committee, Planning Group and GARD secretariat for endorsement by GARD General Meeting
Moderator: Dr C. Lenfant (GARD Planning Group)**

- 14h00-14h10 Endorsement of a list of proposed GARD country activities, agreed as current objectives) (Dr J. Bousquet, GARD Chairman)
- 14h10-14h15 Updating on the status of the working groups and on the panel of GARD advisers (Dr E. Bateman, GARD Executive Committee)
- 14h15-14h25 Endorsement of the proposal on the revised criteria for accepting applications to become GARD participant (Dr R. Van Wijk, GARD Planning Group)
- 14h25-14h35 Endorsement of communications and advocacy actions; status of collaborating parties and new applicants; financial status (January 2008-December 2008) (Dr. N. Khaltaev)
- 14h35-14h45 Report of the working group on resource mobilization for GARD (Dr R. Dahl, GARD Vice-Chairman)
- 14h45-15h15 General discussion
- 15h15-15h45 *Coffee break*

**Session 9: Elections of GARD Executive Committee and Planning Group for the next two-year term
Moderator: Mr I. Matta, Office of the Legal Counsel, WHO**

- 15h45-15h55 Presentation of the proposal on procedure for elections of GARD Planning Group and Executive Committee for endorsement (Mr I. Matta, Office of the Legal Counsel, WHO)
- 15h55-16h05 Elections

**Session 10: Planning the next steps for GARD
Moderator: Dr N. Khaltaev**

- 16h05-16h20 Recommendations for the future: the role of GARD in the WHO Action Plan for the Global Strategy for Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Dr F. Adshead, Director, Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion, WHO)
- 16h20-16h35 Proposals for the next General Meeting (2010), including location and date (Dr J. Bousquet, GARD Chairman)
- 16h35-16h45 Summary of decisions and plans for the next steps (Dr S. Mendis, Coordinator, Chronic Diseases Prevention and Management, WHO)
- 16h45-16h55 Meeting conclusion