

A Message From the Chairman...

Dear Colleague:



It is with great anticipation that I invite you to attend this international conference on asthma and air pollution. This conference will offer a platform for public engagement on behalf of scientists, physicians, public health professionals, policy individuals, and others from countries around the world, who are active in addressing this global problem. It is time to bring the power of consensus to our efforts toward more healthful urban air quality.

With the rising incidence of lung disease as a result of poor air quality, the AQMD is taking a leadership position in accelerating policy and technology solutions to improve the condition of the air that we breathe. Throughout the world, there has been an alarming increase in the incidence of asthma. Recent research indicates that air pollution causes permanent lung damage and irreversible scarring in children. Poor air quality also contributes to other health care consequences and global warming.

Asthma Is a Small World will provide a valuable focal point to gather information, ideas and international contacts regarding awareness of the human costs of delayed pollution cleanup efforts, especially to school-age children with asthma. By bringing together all involved stakeholders, we will raise the visibility of near-term clean air choices available to policymakers. In addition, enhanced policies related to asthma diagnosis, treatment and management will be suggested for future action.

I look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,

William A. Burke, Ed.D.

Chairman of the Governing Board
South Coast Air Quality Management District
Diamond Bar, California, USA

International Conference on Asthma Impacts of Air Pollution

Conference Agenda



Day 1 – Thursday, April 26th

- 7:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome**
- **William A. Burke, Ed.D.**, Governing Board Chair, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California
- 8:40 a.m. Comments**
- **Wayne Natri**, Administrator, Region 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Morning Sessions**
- Moderator*
- **Diana M. Bontá**, RN, Dr, PH, Vice President of Public Affairs, Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena, California
- 8:50 a.m. "Pollution Exposure and Development of Asthma"**
- **David Diaz-Sanchez**, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine
- 9:10 a.m. "Air Pollution and Respiratory Disease in Children"**
- **Michelle Wilhelm**, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health
- 9:30 a.m. "Asthma and Environmental Health Tracking"**
- **Paul English**, Ph.D., MPH, California Department of Health Services
- 9:50 a.m. "Assessing Asthma Control in Large Populations"**
- **Michael Schatz**, M.D., M.S., Chief, Department of Allergy, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, San Diego, California/Past President, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
- 10:10 a.m. Questions & Answers**
- 10:20 a.m. Exhibits/Morning Break**
- 10:35 a.m. "Global Initiative for Asthma Management and Prevention: The Global Burden of Asthma"**
- **Wan C. Tan**, M.D., FCCP, Department of Respiriology, University of British Columbia, St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada/Executive Committee, Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)
- 10:55 a.m. Panel Discussion "Initiatives and Community Approaches"**
- **Sow-Hsong Kuo**, M.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of Laboratory Medicine, College of Medicine, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
 - **Smita Shah**, M.D., MCH, Director, Primary Health Care Education and Research Unit, Westmead Hospital, University of Sydney, Australia
 - **Katherine Pruitt**, Assistant Vice President, Program Services, American Lung Association
 - **Patricia G. Porter**, RN, MPH CHES, Program Director, Best Practices in Childhood Asthma (BPCA), California Asthma Public Health Initiative, California Department of Health Services
- 11:55 a.m. Questions & Answers**
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**
- Master of Ceremonies*
- **Oswaldo Borraez**, News Reporter, Univision 34

Remarks

- **Dennis Yates**, Mayor, City of Chino, California/Governing Board Member, South Coast Air Quality Management District

Keynote Speaker – "Achieving Success with Asthma"

- **Jackie Joyner-Kersey**, Olympic Gold Medalist, Author, Entrepreneur and Asthma Sufferer

Afternoon Sessions

Moderator

- **Oswaldo Borraez**, News Reporter, Univision 34

1:45 p.m. "Air Quality Status and Challenges"

- **Barry Wallerstein**, D.Env., Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California

2:00 p.m. "Impacts of AB 32: Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006"

- **The Honorable Fabian Núñez**, Speaker of the California State Assembly

2:20 p.m. Via Video Presentation - "Federal Legislation and the Future of Air Quality"

- **The Honorable Barbara Boxer**, United States Senate

2:22 p.m. Panel Discussion - "Policy and Legislative Solutions"

- **Rocio Alatorre Eden Wynter, MSc**, Comisionada de Evidencia y Manejo de Riesgos (COFEPRIS), México
- **The Baroness Finlay of Llandaff**, Chair, Science and Technology Sub-Committee, House of Lords, Parliament, United Kingdom
- **Dr. Levana Kordova-Biezuner**, Scientific Director, National Air Monitoring Network, Air Quality Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection, State of Israel
- **Albert Garcia Lus**, Ministry of Environmental Affairs, Government of Catalonia
- **Paul Knepprath**, Vice President, Government Relations, American Lung Association of California
- **Anne Kelsey Lamb**, MPH, Director, Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP) Initiative/Statewide Coordinator of Community Action to Fight Asthma (CAFA)

3:35 p.m. "Health Impacts of Goods Movement in California"

- **Linda Smith**, Ph.D., Research Division, California Air Resources Board

3:55 p.m. Questions & Answers

4:15 p.m. ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Poster Sessions

Day 2 – Friday, April 27th

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome

- **Miguel Pulido**, Mayor, City of Santa Ana, California/Governing Board Member, South Coast Air Quality Management District

Morning Sessions

Moderator

- **Denise Dador**, ABC7 Eyewitness News, Anchor/Health Specialist

8:40 a.m. "Susceptibility of Asthmatic Children to Air Pollution: Are They Unique?"

- **Erwin W. Gelfand**, M.D., Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver, Colorado

9:00 a.m. "Air Pollution: A Risk Factor for Asthma"

- **Ralph Delfino**, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine

9:20 a.m. "Exposure to Wildfire Smoke and Asthma Symptoms"

- **Nino Künzli**, M.D., Ph.D., ICREA Research Professor, Institut Municipal d'Investigació Mèdica, Barcelona, Spain

9:40 a.m. Questions & Answers

9:50 a.m. Exhibits/Morning Break

10:05 a.m. "Indoor Air Quality: A Controllable Risk for Childhood Asthma"

- **Peyton A. Eggleston**, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

10:25 a.m. Panel Discussion

"Socioeconomic Influences and Disparities of Asthma"

- **Matiana Ramirez Aguilar**, M.D., MSc, DSc, Doctora de Ciencias - Comisión de Evidencia y Manejo de Riesgos (COFEPRIS), México
- **Dr. Isabella Annesi-Maesano**, Director, Epidemiology of Allergic and Respiratory Diseases (EPAR) Department, INSERM and Paris 6 University/Head, Occupation and Epidemiology Assembly of the European Respiratory Society, France
- **Lata Kumar**, M.D., Professor and former Chair, Department of Pediatrics/Head, Pediatric Allergy Immunology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India
- **Elisa Nicholas**, M.D., MSPH, Chief Executive Officer, The Children's Clinic, Serving Children and Their Families and Project Director, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma

11:25 a.m. "Air Pollution in South Africa and Clinical Features of Asthma in Cape Town"

- **Professor Gillian M. Ainslie**, MBChB, FRCP, Head, Respiratory Clinic, University of Cape Town & Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa; President, South African Thoracic Society

11:45 a.m. Questions & Answers

12:15 p.m. Lunch

Master of Ceremonies

- **Suzanne Rico**, CBS2 News, Co-Anchor

Remarks

- **William A. Burke**, Ed.D., Governing Board Chair, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California
- **Jonah Ramirez**, 11-year old Asthma Ambassador, American Lung Association of California

Keynote Speaker – "The Future of Health Care in California"

- **The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger**, Governor of the State of California

1:50 p.m. Closing Remarks

- **Michael D. Antonovich**, Fifth District Supervisor, Los Angeles County / Governing Board Member, South Coast Air Quality Management District

2:00 p.m. Adjourn