9th European Pollen Symposium
October 10 - 12, 2013 in Berlin

Organised by the Foundation German Pollen Information Service

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- Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD)
- European Aeroallergen Network (EAN)
- European Aerobiology Society (EAS)
- European Centre Allergy Research Foundation (ECARF)

Dates:
October 10, 2013: Analysts day
This day is a pre-symposium meeting of the pollen analysts within the German Pollen Information Service. The analysts have a special program in German on the 10th October and will receive special invitations. They are also invited to take part in the scientific program over the coming days.

October 11 - 12, 2013: Scientific program

Location for scientific program:
Kaiser-Friedrich-Stiftung, Robert-Koch-Platz 2, 10117 Berlin

Scientific Program:
October 11 (Friday) from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
October 12 (Saturday) from 09:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Language: English

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- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 09:30 a.m. – 04:00 p.m.

Scientific program: 11th and 12th October 2013

11th October
Pollen allergy and pollen counting

12.00 Welcome
12.15 – 12.35 Epidemiology of pollen allergy under climate change
Christian Bergmann for Climate Adaptation School
12.40 – 13.00 Pollen counting: A history
Matt Smith
13.05 – 13.25 30 years of pollen forecast in Germany
Uwe Kaminski
13.30 – 13.50 The future of pollen counting
Jeroen Buters
14.00 – 14.30 Lunch break and exhibition
14.30 – 14.50 Symptoms forecasting and the development of related information services
Kostas Karatzas
14.55 – 15.15 Climate change and pollen
Gennaro D'Amato
15.20 – 15.40 Pollen in big cities – combination of pollen and air pollution
Heidrun Behrendt
15.45 – 16.05 Health impact measurement: the French example.
Michel Thibaudon
16.10 – 16.30 Ragweed study in Israel - is there an invasion that we could stop?
Carmi Geller-Bernstein
16.35 – 16.55 Non-allergenic substances in pollen
Martin Metz
17.00 – 18.00  **Free communications** (10 min)

- Scanning of Pollen Samples – New Technology  Lars Hildebrand  
  Bochum, Germany

- Pollinosis and pollen monitoring in Perm  L.V. Novoselova  
  Perm, Russia

- Aerobiology in Lithuania: from research to information service  Laura Šukienė  
  Šiauliai, Lithuania

- Calculation and Application of the Symptom Load Index: computing the season severity from the allergy sufferer’s point of view  Katharina Bastl  
  Vienna, Austria

- Two-hours-average values of grass pollen  Anke Simoleit  
  Lemwerder, Germany

- Public Health Issues Related to Allergenic Pollen in the UK  Bernd Eggen  
  London, UK

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**12th October**

**Avoidance and Treatment - Information, Medication and Immunotherapy**

09.00 – 09.20  European Network, new challenges  Siegfried Jäger

09.30 – 09.50  Pollen forecasting in Europe based on models  Mikhail Sofiev/Marje Prank

10.00 – 10.30  Patient hay-fever diary and personal symptom forecast  Uwe Berger

10.40 – 11.10  **Coffee break and exposition**

11.10 – 11.30  The Personal pollen sampler  Torsten Sehlinger

11.40 – 12.00  Antihistamines  Marcus Maurer

12.10 – 12.30  Immunotherapy with pollen extracts  Jörg Kleine-Tebbe

12.40 – 13.20  **Lunch and exposition**
Free communications (10 min)

- Synoptic conditions of high *Ambrosia* pollen count in Poznań in years 1996-2010 Paweł Bogawski Poznań, Poland

- A two year survey of the practical application of pollen monitoring in immunotherapy with grass allergens Dorota Myszkowska Cracow, Poland

- True or false? Pollen loads are high in the countryside in the morning and in the city in the evening. Katharina Bastl Vienna, Austria

- Variability of phenological stages of *Dactylis glomerata* in dependence on meteorological conditions in the Czech Republic Lenka Hájková Prague, Czech Rep.

- Unusual Timing for *Ambrosia* pollen maximum recorded in Vinnitsa, Ukraine Victoria Rodinkova Vinnitsa, Ukraine

- Prevalence of short-ragweed allergy in a highly infested Northern Italy town: preliminary results M. Bonini, M.E. Gattoni Milan Italy

- Using a long-distance transport model of birch pollen in pollen forecasting. Finnish experiences Annika Saarto Turku, Finland

- Pollen report - from public service to commercial concepts Sanna Pätsi Turku, Finland

- Genetic susceptibility for allergic rhinitis in Lithuania Ingrida Šaulienė Šiauliai, Lithuania


- One year experience of pollen count in Georgia Tamar Abramidze Tbilisi, Georgia

All short presentations are based on accepted abstracts which will be published in Allergo Journal in November 2013.

Exhibition
Pharmaceutical companies, producers of devices for pollen counting and related material are invited to present their products in an exhibition.
Social program:
October 10, 2013.
8:00 p.m.: Welcome Get-together
The evening is dedicated to all colleagues who work in the monitoring network of the PID as pollen analysts.

October 11, 2013.
7:00 p.m.: “Berlin evening”.

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