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- Allergie-Centrum-Charité, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin
- Ärzteverband Deutscher Allergologen e.V. (ÄDA)*
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Allergologie und klinische Immunologie (DGAKI)*
- Deutscher Wetterdienst*
- European Aerallergen Network (EAN)
- European Aerobiology Society (EAS)
- European Centre Allergy Research Foundation (ECARF)

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!
Dear colleagues!

In October 2013 the Foundation German Pollen Information Service will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The Foundation will celebrate this birthday at the 9th European Pollen Symposium which will be held October 10th - 12th, 2013 in Berlin.

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 receive special invitations. They are invited to share the scientific program on the next 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

Social program:
October 10, 2013.
08:00 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.
07:00 p.m: “Berlin evening”.
Dinner Lecture: Past and future of pollen information services

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

**Scientific program: 11th and 12th October 2013**

**Main topics by invited speakers**

1. **The Disease: Pollen allergy in Europe**
   - The burden of pollen allergy in Europe  Jean Bousquet*
   - Epidemiology of pollen allergy  Christian Bergmann

2. **The Trigger: Pollen in Europe**
   - History of pollen counting  Matt Smith
   - The EAN-data bank  Siegfried Jäger
   - The future of pollen counting  Jeroen Buters
   - Threshold values for pollen  Kostas Karatzas
   - Climate change and pollen  Gennaro D’Amato
   - Pollen in big cities – combination of pollen and air pollution  Heidrun Behrendt
   - Health impact measurement: the French example.  Michel Thibaudon
   - Non-allergenic substances in pollen  Martin Metz

3. **Avoidance and treatment - Information, Medication and Immunotherapy**
   - 30 years of pollen forecast in Germany  Uwe Kaminski
   - Pollen forecasting in Europe based on models  Mikhail Sofiev
   - Patient hay-fever diary and personal symptom forecast  Uwe Berger
   - Personal pollen sampler  Torsten Sehlinger
Free contributions/abstracts
Communications (10 to 15 min) to all three main topics are welcome from all sites. Colleagues interested in presenting a communication are invited to send in an extended abstract (see information as addendum). Deadline: Abstract should be sent via Mail to christiane.kehl@charite.de or karlchristianbergmann@googlemail.com until September 10, 2013. All accepted abstracts will be published in Allergo Journal in November 2013.

Exhibition
Pharmaceutical companies, producers of devices for pollen counting and related material are invited to share the symposium and will have space to present their products on request.