



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

**Organized by the Foundation German Pollen Information Service**

The Symposium is organized in cooperation with the following Institutions and Organizations:

- 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)

*\* Organizations to be confirmed*

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!  
Dear colleagues!

In October 2013 the Foundation German Pollen Information Service will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Foundation will celebrate this birthday at the 9th European Pollen Symposium which will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.: Wellcome 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

**Scientific committee** Karl-Christian Bergmann  
Heidrun Behrendt\*  
Siegfried Jäger  
Uwe Berger  
Michel Thibaudon  
Mikhail Sofiev  
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\* Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 09:30 a.m. – 04:00 p.m.

**Scientific program: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Main topics by invited speakers**

**1. The Disease: Pollen allergy in Europe**

- The burden of pollen allergy in Europe
- Epidemiology of pollen allergy

Jean Bousquet\*  
Christian Bergmann

**2. The Trigger: Pollen in Europe**

- History of pollen counting
- The EAN-data bank
  
- The future of pollen counting
- Threshold values for pollen
- Climate change and pollen
- Pollen in big cities – combination of pollen  
and air pollution
- Health impact measurement: the French example.
- Non-allergenic substances in pollen

Matt Smith  
Siegfried Jäger  
and Uwe Berger  
Jeroen Buters  
Kostas Karatzas  
Gennaro D'Amato

Heidrun Behrendt  
Michel Thibaudon  
Martin Metz

**3. Avoidance and treatment - Information, Medication and Immunotherapy**

- 30 years of pollen forecast in Germany
- Pollen forecasting in Europe based on models
- Patient hay-fever diary and personal symptom forecast
- Personal pollen sampler

Uwe Kaminski  
Mikhail Sofiev  
Uwe Berger  
Torsten Sehlinger

- Antihistamines
- Immunotherapy with pollen extracts
- Harmonization of pollen research in Europe

Marcus Maurer  
Jörg Kleine-Tebbe  
Torsten Zuberbier

*\*Speaker to be confirmed*

### **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](mailto:christiane.kehl@charite.de) or [karlchristianbergmann@googlemail.com](mailto: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.