



About EAACI

The European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) is a non-profit organization active in the field of allergic and immunologic diseases such as asthma, rhinitis, eczema, occupational allergy, food and drug allergy and anaphylaxis. EAACI was founded in 1956 in Florence and has become the largest medical association in Europe in the field of allergy and clinical immunology. It includes over 7,800 members from 121 countries, as well as 42 National Allergy Societies. www.eaaci.org

About EFA

The European Federation of Allergy and Airways Diseases Patients' Associations (EFA) is a non-profit network of allergy, asthma and COPD patients organizations, representing 35 national associations in 22 countries and over 400,000 patients. EFA is dedicated to making Europe a place where people with allergies, asthma and COPD have the right to best quality of care and safe environment, live uncompromised lives and are actively involved in all decisions influencing their health. www.efanet.org

About EAS

The European Aerobiology Society (EAS) is a non-governmental organization that gathers together scientific experts working in the field of aerobiology in Europe. EAS represents over 20 countries in Europe. Aerobiology is the study of airborne particle of biological origin, such as pollen grains, fungal spores, bacteria and allergens that are passively transported in the air. It is a multidisciplinary discipline with applications in many areas such as allergology, agriculture, horticulture and biosecurity. Aerobiologists are often involved in monitoring atmospheric concentrations of these biological particles, evaluating their health impact and disseminating health related information. eas.polleninfo.org

**Additional supporting organizations (original signatures available) of the
Biological Air Quality Monitoring Petition**

Of some European countries no signatures are available as the networks ceased functioning

About AIA (Italy)

The Italian Aerobiology Association (A.I.A.) is a scientific society of biologists and allergologists. The Italian Monitoring Network in Aerobiology (R.I.M.A.[®]) is the Network of A.I.A. and has been operating since 1985. R.I.M.A.[®] is constituted by the Monitoring Centers, belonging to public or private entities (Universities, Hospitals, Local Health Authorities, Regional Environmental Agencies), which freely choose to join the monitoring network. Currently, 44 active monitoring stations belong to the Network. The main objective of the Society and its Network is to improve quality and quantity of information on biological air pollution in Italy by offering non-profit training course and dissemination of pollen and mold information, through a free access website and an free app. www.ilpolline.it

About RNSA (France)

The French Aerobiology Network (RNSA) is private non profit association in charge by French health and Ecology ministries to edit an information about allergy risk due to pollen and molds exposure in the air. The French network is 80 stations located in the main cities, and the information and forecasts are sent by main smartphone and on the website www.pollens.fr. More than 250 persons are involved in the association RNSA.

About PID (Germany)

The Foundation German Pollen Information Service (abbreviation Pollen Informations Dienst, www.pollenstiftung.de) is a nonprofit organization. Founded in 1983 the German network is measuring pollen counts in about 45 locations in main cities and rural areas. The pollen forecast is published daily free of cost by the German Weather Service by different media. By using an online Patient hay-fever diary (PDD) thousands of users report their symptoms on eye, nose, and bronchi and receive individualized symptom forecast by using the pollen app 2.0.

The PID receives no financial support by the government or public. www.pollenstiftung.de

About MeinAllergiePortal (Germany)

MeinAllergiePortal is an internet platform publishing information on allergies and intolerances and covering the German speaking countries. In 2013 more than 65.000 visitors used MeinAllergiePortal as a source of information.

As medical information comes directly from allergy experts who write articles or give interviews on a variety of topics, the portal provides reliable, high quality medical

information. Allergy Wikis, also written by experts, are another source of information for allergic patients.

The portal also offers an expert database and databases with hotels and restaurants offering special services for allergic and “intolerant” guests. www.mein-allergie-portal.com

About RPA (Portugal)

The Portuguese Aerobiology Network (RPA) is a private non-profit structure, held by the Portuguese Society of Allergology Clinical Immunology and coordinated by the University of Évora. RPA monitors, on a daily basis, the airborne pollen and mold spores at 9 sites, two of them at the archipelagos of Azores and Madeira. Information is disseminated through a TV “Pollen Bulletin”, a newsletter, by smartphone and on the website www.rpaerobiologia.com

About TNSACI (Turkey)

The Turkish National Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, founded in 1989, is a non-profit, educational and scientific society, which mainly focuses on allergy and clinical immunology. The goal of the Society is to provide the most effective scientific methods for prevention, control and treatment of allergic diseases. Turkish National Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology has 12 scientific working groups in different fields of allergic diseases and clinical immunology. The society with 450 members is the largest specialist organization in the field of allergy in Turkey.

The Turkish National Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology has organized many high quality educational activities in allergy since its foundation. Annual congress with an increased participation year by year has been a national forum for physicians and scientists who work in allergy. The society also organizes courses and seminars as the part of the continuous postgraduate medical education and continuous professional development of its members. Scientific working groups of Turkish National Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology establish guidelines for optimal patient care. Society funds research, especially the ones concerning regional epidemiology of allergic diseases.

Turkish National Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology has a regular publication named “Asthma, Allergy, Immunology”. www.aid.org.tr

About the NPIS (Netherlands)

The Netherlands Pollen Information Service (NPIS) is part of the Department of Pulmonology of the Leiden University Medical Center. Since 1977 it is responsible for the daily pollen counts (www.lumc.nl/pollen) and since 1980 for the daily hay fever forecast for grass pollen allergic patients in the Netherlands. In collaboration with the University of Wageningen and triptic (online communication) an internet platform, (www.allergieradar.nl) with a mobile app was developed where allergic patients can register their symptoms. Both website and app are free of charge.

About REA (Spain)

The Spanish Aerobiology Network (REA) is a nonprofit organization. REA was founded in 1992 and it is a Technical Network within the Spanish Aerobiology

Association (AEA), founded in 1995. Today near 50 monitoring locations, from 25 universities and other scientific institutions, are involved in the network. REA is based on a federated network where different regional networks are working closely with the Health or Environment Councils. REA is involved in the European Aeroallergen Network (EAN) at the HNO-clinic, University of Vienna, Austria. More information in www.uco.es/rea

About BAF (UK)

The British Aerobiology Federation was formed in 1990 to draw together all those interested in Aerobiology in the United Kingdom. The first President was Prof Jim Hirst, designer of the Hirst trap that is now used as the standard volumetric pollen and spore trapping method in most national monitoring systems worldwide. The members of BAF include representatives of all individual monitoring stations involved in the UK pollen Network (18 UK sites) and the fungal spore-monitoring network (11 UK sites). Enquiries about the British Aerobiology Federation are handled through the National Pollen and Aerobiology Research Unit, University of Worcester who can be contacted [e-mail: pollen@worc.ac.uk](mailto:pollen@worc.ac.uk)

About EAN (Europe)

The European Aeroallergen Network and its pollen database was founded in 1988 and has been administered since then by the Research group Aerobiology and pollen information at the department of Otorhinolaryngology at the Medical University Vienna. The network includes 38 participating countries with 686 measurement sites monitoring aerobiological particles such as pollen and spores. Currently about 400 monitoring stations are active and send their pollen and fungal spore data to the database. Up to 226 different aerobiological particles are evaluated and provide a basis for services of European pollen information. At present 144 users are registered in the database. Users are employees of governmental organizations, universities, charities or private persons. EAN's pollen database is the basic tool for pollen forecasts and essential for pollen information services in Europe. Developed service features of the last years like European pollen load maps, the Patient's Hayfever Diary and the personalized pollen information would have been impossible without the data from EAN. Moreover, data is elementary for international research projects and clinical studies and thus of high value for allergological, climatic, ecological and meteorological studies. More information about EAN: www.ean-net.org

About pollenwarndienst.at and polleninfo.org (Austria)

The beginnings of the research and service facilities reach back forty years at the department for Otorhinolaryngology in Vienna and started with recorded telephone information services. Since 1977 Austrian Pollen information is available.

The Austrian Pollen information service integrates 25 to 35 measurement sites ("pollen traps") that monitor continuously the pollen content of the air. 17 professional analysts and botanists evaluate the samples and prepare local pollen information.

The Austrian Pollen information service provides free information on actual pollen loads and situation and medium-term forecasts for pollen allergy sufferers, physicians, pharmacists, media and interested persons. The websites www.pollenwarndienst.at (Austria) and www.polleninfo.org (Europe) supply pollen

information and forecasts based on scientific data. The Austrian website is tailored to the needs of pollen allergy sufferers, allergologists and pharmacists.

Services: Pollen information, forecasting, Patient's Hayfever Diary, Personalized pollen information, Pollen-App for iOS and Android as well as support for allergologists in terms of diagnosis of pollen allergies and evaluation of therapeutic success. www.pollenwarndienst.at

About Finnish Aerobiology Unit (Finland)

The Aerobiology Unit of the University of Turku, Finland has carried out airborne pollen monitoring since 1974 and distributed pollen forecasts for the whole country since 1976. It maintains a monitoring network of nine sampling sites throughout Finland. Pollen forecasts are distributed via media, pharmacy chains and internet site www.siiitepoly.fi (Finnish, Swedish and English language versions). Public funding only covers a fraction of the monitoring and information services.

About the Polnisch Aerobiological Network (Poland)

Dr. Dorota Myszkowska is the coordinator of the Polish Aerobiological Network, a scientific network created by the Aerobiological Monitoring Centers existing as university units. Dr. Dorota Myszkowska coordinates the activity of our Network on behalf of the Jagiellonian University Medical College. Additionally, she is also the Vice-President of the Polish Section on Aerobiology of Polish Botanical Society. dorota.myszkowska@wp.eu

About the Belgian Aerobiology Society

On behalf of the belgian airallergy-team, I fully support your action in view of maintaining pollen monitoring networks in Europe. Please find enclosed the signed copy of your petition. Monique Detant is chef de service / Diensthoofd, Mycologie & Aérobiologie / Mycologie & Aerobiologie, Scientific Institute of Public Health, www.wiv-isp.be, www.airallergy.be

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