



**Yoon-Seok Chang, MD, PhD**  
Chair, World Allergy Week 2022  
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Professor Yoon-Seok Chang is Head of the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine, Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, Seoul National University since 2003. He received his Doctor of Medicine, Master of Science, and Ph.D. in Medicine from Seoul National University. He has published more than 270 peer-reviewed papers (229 original, 47 review articles: h-index 49), 21 editorials, 16 books (chapter author), and 3 patents. His main research topics are asthma, allergic rhinitis, chronic cough, drug allergy, anaphylaxis, and community medicine.

Professor Chang is also Head of the Medical Research Collaboration Center of the hospital, and Head of Gyeonggi-Do Atopy-Asthma Education Information Center. He has been an active member of academic societies: Secretary General, the Korean Academy of Asthma, Allergy, and Clinical Immunology (KAAACI) and Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology (APAAACI), and ARIA member.

Professor Chang is Editor-in-Chief of *Asia Pacific Allergy*, the official journal of APAAACI, and serves as editorial board member (*AAIR*, *Allergy*, *Clinical Translational Allergy*, *Immune Network*, and *Clinical Nutritional Research*) and committee member (Korean Association of Internal Medicine, Korean Association of Immunologists, Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors, APAAACI).

In World Allergy Organization (WAO), he has served as committee member: Adult Asthma, current; Healthcare Delivery Committee, 2014-2015; Drug Hypersensitivity Reactions Committee, 2018-2019; and the House of Delegates representing KAAACI, 2018-2019.





**Motohiro Ebisawa, MD, PhD**  
President, World Allergy Organization

Professor Motohiro Ebisawa is Director of the Clinical Research Center for Allergy and Rheumatology, National Hospital Organization, Sagami National Hospital and visiting Professor of The Jikei University School of Medicine. He graduated from The Jikei University School of Medicine in Tokyo, Japan, in 1985 and took a short visiting resident course in the Department of Pediatrics at St. Thomas Hospital in London, United Kingdom.

He completed his postgraduate studies at The Jikei University School of Medicine, where he earned his PhD. He did postdoctoral fellowship on the analysis of “mechanisms of eosinophil specific recruitment” in Dr. Robert P. Schleimer’s laboratory at Johns Hopkins University from 1991-1993. He also had a chance to visit Hugh Sampson’s food allergy unit regularly during his fellowship. After returning to Japan, he started food allergy practice and research at Sagami National Hospital where he has been since 1995.

Professor Ebisawa has published more than 200 papers in international journals and numerous articles in domestic journals. He is a leading expert in food allergies in Japan and currently serves as the President of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) 2020-2022, where he has served in various leadership roles since 2010 (member at large 2010-2013, Treasurer 2014-2015, Secretary General 2016-2017, and President-elect 2018-2019) and on WAO scientific committees.





**Tari Haahtela, MD, PhD**

Professor Tari Haahtela is a specialist of pulmonary medicine and allergology, and professor emeritus of clinical allergology from University of Helsinki in Finland. He is the former Head of Skin and Allergy Hospital, Helsinki University Hospital.

Professor Haahtela has chaired the Finnish Asthma Programme 1994-2004 and the Allergy Programme 2008-2018. His group has studied the environmental and lifestyle determinants of allergy and asthma in the Finnish and Russian Karelia. The results generated the biodiversity hypothesis of allergy and health in general.

Professor Haahtela was Honorary President of the congress of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) in Helsinki in 2017.







**Elham Hossny, MD, PhD**

Elham Hossny is Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (PAI) Unit, Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University. She is Secretary General of the Egyptian Society of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (ESPAI), and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*.

She served as member of the Board of Directors, World Allergy Organization (WAO), 2012-2017, and is currently a member of several WAO scientific committees and the Web Editorial Board. She is an Associate Editor with the *World Allergy Organization Journal* and a Research Topic Editor with *Frontiers in Immunology*. Since 2010, she has been under assignment as temporary advisor of the World Health Organization.

Professor Hossny served as Vice-chair of the Middle East/Africa Region Committee (2012-2013), and she has been a member since 1998 and fellow of the American Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (AAAAI) since 2001. She is a member of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) and affiliate member of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI). She is Vice-President of the Pan-Arab Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (PASAAI).

Professor Hossny earned her medical degrees, and completed pediatric allergy and immunology training, at the Medical School and Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. She has 112 publications in international and local scientific journals, and has co-supervised 87 masters and doctorate theses in pediatrics and pediatric allergy/immunology. She is also a member of the standing committee for promotion of pediatric faculty members in Egypt since 2008.

Professor Hossny received the National Excellence State Award in Medicine (2009), the National Incentive State Award in Medicine (2001), and a Distinction Award from the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research (1995). In 2017, she won with co-authors the Elsevier Atlas Award for a featured article published in the November 2017 *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*. She has received the Ain Shams University Merit Award 2020.





Michael Levin, MD, PhD

Professor Michael Levin is head of the Division of Allergy in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Cape Town, and a member of the board of directors of the World Allergy Organization as the representative responsible for support and advocacy for the combined WAO region of Africa, Middle East, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

Professor Levin is on the executive committees of the Allergy Society of South Africa responsible for allergy education and training and is the CEO of the South African Allergy Foundation. He has published over 100 peer review scientific articles, 5 chapters in medical books, and edited a textbook of paediatrics.







**Manali Mukherjee, MSc, PhD**

Manali Mukherjee is Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Respiriology, at McMaster University, and Affiliate Scientist, The Research Institute of St. Joe's Hamilton, Firestone Institute for Respiratory Health, St Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. She completed her BSc in Zoology & Biotechnology from Pune, India, MSc in Biotechnology from Dundee, Scotland. She then completed her PhD in airway cell biology from University of Nottingham, UK. After a short stint of research in the National University of Singapore in clinical autoimmunity, Prof Parameswaran Nair recruited her as a postdoctoral fellow at the Firestone Institute for Respiratory Research, to investigate autoimmunity in eosinophilic asthma and eGPA. She stayed on to establish her lab at McMaster focusing on "lung autoimmunity and biomarkers".

Professor Mukherjee is the current recipient of the CIHR/CAAIF Emerging Researcher Award in Allergic Asthma. She has authored over 45 publications, appearing in top journals in the fields of Allergy, Immunology and Respiriology within the past 5 years (h-index 20, i10-index 25, >1100 citations). In recent time, Professor Mukherjee has been researching immunological underpinnings of COVID-19 disease, both acute and post-acute sequelae, and has emerged as a thought leader on the topic. Her lab is funded through local and federal sources including Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)-Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health, Canadian Asthma Allergy Immunology Foundation, COVID-19 Immunity Task Force, and industry partners.





**Nikos Papadopoulos, MD, PhD**

Nikolaos (Nikos) Papadopoulos' work focuses on the role of infection and its interaction with atopy, as keystone events of respiratory allergy pathophysiology as well as targets for treatment. In the course of this career, he has identified some of the key mechanisms leading from common viral exposures to asthma exacerbations and persistence.

He is Professor and Head of the Allergy Department, 2nd Pediatric Clinic, University of Athens; also Honorary Professor at the University of Manchester and at OPRI, Singapore. He has supervised more than 20 PhDs, organized over 100 educational events and has trained doctors in the clinic and researchers in the lab. He is invited speaker at international events more than 30 times a year. He has participated and led several high-impact EU research projects from FP5 all the way to Horizon2020. He has actively served many international societies, most notably EAACI (President 2013-2015) and the Respiratory Effectiveness Group (REG, President 2018-2020).

Professor Papadopoulos has received several international awards, among others, the EAACI Clemens von Pirquet Award (2019), the PhARF award (2010), the Klosterfrau International Award for Research in Pediatric Asthma (2003) and the ERS Annual Award for Pediatric Respiratory Research in Europe (2004). He has published over 500 papers, receiving more than 45000 citations and an h-index of 96 (Google Scholar). He is Editor-in-Chief of *Frontiers in Allergy* and Associate Editor of *Clinical & Translational Allergy*.

Currently he is exploring the role of the respiratory virome in asthma, evaluating potential interventions against rhinoviruses using microRNAs, while he is leading PeARL (Pediatric Asthma in Real-Life), a think tank that aims to optimise pediatric asthma management.

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**Woo-Jung Song, MD, PhD**

Woo-Jung Song is Professor Song is an allergist clinician researcher and Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Asan Medical Center, University of Ulsan College of Medicine, in Seoul, Korea.

His main research interests are focused on chronic cough, severe asthma, and upper airway diseases. He is interested in why cough hypersensitivity persists in some individuals and how we could control and normalize it.

He is a member of guideline task forces for chronic cough, including recent European Respiratory Society and Korean guidelines. He is serving as deputy chief editor for *ERJ Open Research*, and as an associate editor and editorial board member for several allergy and respiratory specialty journals.

