

# World Allergy Week 2020

## COVID-19 and Allergic Diseases

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Motohiro Ebisawa is Director of the Clinical Research Center for Allergy and Rheumatology, National Hospital Organization, Sagamihara National Hospital and the 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 short visiting resident course in the department of Pediatrics at St. Thomas Hospital in London, UK. 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 Sagamihara National Hospital where he has been since 1995.

Dr. Ebisawa has published more than 200 papers in International journals in 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), 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.

#### Sandra N. González-Díaz, MD, PhD, FAAAAI, FACAAI

- Specialty in Internal Medicine by the University Hospital of the Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon (UANL) in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
- Fellowship in Pediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology, U.C.S.D. by the University of California-San Diego
- Allergy and Clinical Immunology Specialization at the Regional Center of Allergy and Clinical Immunology of the University Hospital of the UANL
- Director of International Relations of the Autonomous University Nuevo León
- PhD in Allergy and Clinical Immunology by the University Hospital of the UANL as well as Head and Professor of the WAO Center of Excellence, the Regional Center of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Monterrey, Nuevo León, México since 2000.
- Level 1 Researcher by CONACT (National Committee of Science and Technology)
- 2018 Outstanding Clinician Award by the World Allergy Organization (WAO)
- Member-at-Large and Current Scientific Chair of the Education & Training Committee of WAO
- Past president of the Latin American Society of Asthma, Allergy and Clinical Immunology (SLAAI)
- Past President of UNASMA (International Asthma Foundation)



- Representative of Mexico at GARD
- Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) and the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI)
- Past President of the Mexican College of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (CMICA)
- Mexican College of Clinical Immunology and Allergy representative to EAACI
- Over 200 publications, 25 chapters in books and more than 340 current research protocols



## **Elham Hossny, MD, PhD, FAAAAI**

Elham Hossny is Professor of Pediatrics, and Head of the Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (PAI) Unit, Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University (a World Allergy Organization Center of Excellence). She is Secretary General of the Egyptian Society of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (ESPAL), and Co-editor of the *Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*.

She served as member of the Board of Directors of the World Allergy Organization (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 been under assignment as temporary advisor of the World Health Organization since 2010.

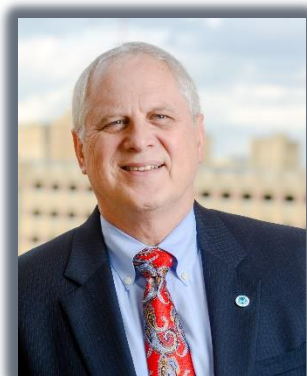
Dr. Hossny served as Vice-chair of the Middle East/Africa Region Committee (2012-2013), and she has been a member since 1998 and fellow of the American Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (AAAAI) since 2001. She is a member of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) and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

Dr. 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 an article published in the November 2017 Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

## **Bryan Martin, DO, FAAAAI**

Bryan Martin is Interim Director, Division of Allergy and Immunology, and Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. At Ohio State, he previously served as the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, the Designated Institutional Official, and Associate Medical Director of University Hospital. Before becoming Associate Dean, he was Chief of the Allergy and Immunology Section, and Director of the Allergy and Immunology Fellowship.

Prior to his arrival at Ohio State University, Dr. Martin spent 28 years in the United States Army, retiring from the military as a Colonel in 2008. At Walter



Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC, he served in such capacities as Chair of the Department of Allergy and Immunology, Director of the National Capital Consortium Allergy Immunology Fellowship, Specialty Consultant to the Army Surgeon General for Allergy, Immunology and Immunizations, and Founding Associate Director of the National Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, TX, where he was Chief Resident, and his Allergy Immunology Fellowship at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center, in Denver, CO.

Bryan Martin is Past President of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI), and previously served as the Chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Allergy and Immunology Residency Review Committee, Board of Directors of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, and as a member of the Food and Drug Administration Allergenic Products Advisory Committee.

Bryan Martin is the author of over 50 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters. He is the recipient of national awards including: the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Teach" Award for innovative teaching and health care as a program director (2012); the Lewis Aspey Mologne Award, the Army Surgeon General's Award for Military Academic Excellence, given annually to the Army Medical Corps officer who best exhibits a balance between outstanding leadership in military medicine and leadership in academics at a national level (2006); and the Order of Military Medical Merit, which recognizes distinguished service, the highest standards of integrity and moral character, and an outstanding degree of professional competence (2001).



## **Mário Morais-Almeida, MD**

Mário Morais-Almeida is Head of the Immunoallergy Department of CUF-Descobertas Hospital (a World Allergy Organization Center of Excellence) and CUF-Infante Santo Hospital, Lisbon, since 2003. Apart from the supervision of department activities, he dedicates more than twenty hours per week to clinical activity in the outpatient section of the Allergy Center.

Dr. Morais-Almeida graduated from the Lisbon School of Medicine in 1986. He became Specialist in Allergy and Immunology in 1994, and he has been Senior Consultant since 2002 as well as Specialist in Health Units

Management since 2003. He has a Masters in Respiratory Diseases and submitted a PhD thesis to NOVA Medical School in Lisbon.

Currently, Dr. Morais-Almeida is Treasurer/Secretary-General on the Board of Directors for the World Allergy Organization (WAO). He is the President of the Portuguese Association of Asthmatic Patients (2016-2023) and President of the Portuguese Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (2005-2013). He has served on the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Board of the Portuguese Medical Association (2003-2006), the Luso-Brazilian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (2009-2010), the South European Allergy Societies (2011), and as Vice President of the Latin American Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society (2013-2015) and the Portuguese Lung Foundation (2010-2012).

He served on government and nongovernmental committees, namely the National Observatory on Respiratory Diseases, GINA and ARIA initiatives, and the National Commission of Asthma, being a regular Consultant of several Portuguese Ministry of Health Departments since 1996. He is co-coordinator of the

Portuguese guidelines on asthma management and anaphylaxis registration, management and referral, being a member of the work group responsible for the Portuguese Catalog of Allergies and Adverse Reactions.

Dr. Morais-Almeida has authored several articles and book chapters in national and international scientific publications and has a special research interest in respiratory and food allergy, epidemiology, and environmental risk factor for allergic diseases, from pre-school age to the elderly.

## **Gary WK Wong, MD, FRCPC, FHKAM**

Gary WK Wong is Professor, Department of Paediatrics and School of Public Health, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he has been working for 20 years. He is a member of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) Board of Directors, an assembly member of the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA), a steering committee member of the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood (ISAAC) research group, and Past President of the Asia-Pacific Association of Pediatric Allergy, Respiriology and Immunology (APAPARI).



Dr. Wong also participates actively in paediatric and medical communities in Hong Kong. He is current Council member of the Hong Kong Society of Respiriology (HKSPR) and Chair of the Asthma Focus Group of the HKSPR.

Dr. Wong obtained his undergraduate medical education from the University of Alberta, Canada. He subsequently received fellowship training at University of British Columbia, and Children's Hospital of British Columbia and visiting Fellowship at the Children's Hospital at Munich, Germany. He was a research fellow in 2001 at the Children's Hospital in Munich.

Dr. Wong has strong interest in different aspects of allergic and autoimmune diseases. His main research interests are treatment, prevention, and control of allergic conditions including asthma, childhood wheezing disorders, and food allergies. In particular, he is interested the immunological and environmental determinants of asthma and related allergic disorders.

He has published over 280 original articles, review papers, and book chapters in the field of asthma and related atopic conditions. Among other duties within several editorial boards, Dr. Wong is Associate Editor of *New England Journal of Medicine*, board member of *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*, and Chief Editor of *Pediatric Respiriology and Critical Care Medicine*.