

South West Allergy Forum

Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology

Southwest Allergy Forum Combined Meeting of SWAF, EAC & TAAIS

January 15 - 19, 2003, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

2003 Meeting Overview

TO: Allergists and Allergy Physician Assistants,
Nurse Practitioners, Allied Health Professionals
and Asthma Educators

Plan now to join us for Sun, Sea, and CME in warm and sunny Puerto Vallarta, Mexico January 15-19, 2003, at the beautiful Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta, located right on the Pacific Ocean. While enjoying a relaxing tropical get-a-way you can attend the combined meeting of the Southwest Allergy Forum (SWAF), the Eastern Allergy Conference (EAC) and the Texas Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Society (TAAIS) on Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology; all while earning 15 CME hours and 19.8 CEU credit hours.

The Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta is located right on the Pacific Ocean and all rooms have balconies with Ocean, Beach, Sunset and Pool views. Rates are \$153 single or \$166 double including a humongous breakfast buffet. This same rate can be extended for three days before or after depending upon availability. This is truly a beautiful meeting facility and is within easy walking distance of downtown Vallarta.

The program has been accredited by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology for 15 CME hours and 19.8 CEU hours and features both Clinical and Scientific topics in Lecture and Forum formats. Details of the Program, the Meeting, Hotel reservations and Air transportation will soon be mailed and faxed to all Allergists in the U. S., Canada and Mexico. Call Dr. A. H. Redmon, Jr., at 713-723-3796 or Ginny Loiselle at 401-331-2510 for further information as this program is developed. For Puerto Vallarta information, check out www.visitpuertovallarta.com.

So, join us in January 2003 in fascinating Puerto Vallarta at the Fiesta Americana for another outstanding Regional CME and CEU meeting.

2003 Program

Wednesday, January 15, 5:00-7:00pm: Pre-conference Symposium

"Allergic Rhinitis/Asthma Update"

Funded by a grant from Aventis Pharmaceuticals and arranged through Allergy & Asthma Proceedings.

Moderator: Anjuli Nayak, M.D.

5:00 - 5:30 Allergic Rhinitis/Asthma Key Therapeutic Issues.

Anjuli Nayak, M.D.

5:30 - 6:00 Interaction Between Rhinitis and Asthma: State of the Art.

Marianne Frieri, M.D., Ph.D.

6:00 - 6:30 Therapy in the Management of Asthma/Rhinitis Complex.

Paul Greenberger, M.D.

6:30 - 7:00 Panel Discussion.

7:00 - 9:00 Welcome Reception.

Thursday, January 16: Southwest Allergy Forum Section

"The Role of Mold in Human Disease"

8:15 - 8:30 Introduction and Welcome.

A. H. Redmon, Jr., M.D., Exec. Director SWAF

Moderator: Ernest N. Charlesworth, M.D.

8:30 - 9:10 Black Mold Under the Scientific Microscope.

Michael G. Rinaldi, Ph.D.

9:10 - 9:50 Mold Induced Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis

Paul A. Greenberger, M.D.

9:50 - 10:30 Economic Impact of *Stachybotrys*: For Some Lawyers, "Mold is Gold"

Ernest N. Charlesworth, M.D.

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break, Visit Exhibitors

11:00 - 11:40 Allergic Fungal Sinusitis: An ENT Perspective

David Huchton, M.D.

11:40 - 12:20 Allergic Fungal Sinusitis: An Allergist's Perspective

Raymond G. Slavin, M.D.

12:20 - 12:45 Panel Discussion: Q & A

Friday, January 17: Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society Section

Moderator: Donald Fournier, M.D., Immediate Past-President TAAIS

8:30 - 9:10 Food Allergy Today: Immunology of, Cross-reactivity With Aeroallergens and "What Are Frankenfoods"?

Wesley Burks, M.D.

9:10 - 9:50 Food Allergy, A Plethora of Problems in Diagnosis and Treatment.

Jan Broadbent, M.D.

9:50 - 10:30 Resistant Sinusitis: What To Do When Usual Measures Fail.

4th Annual Dora Bastiani Redmon Memorial Foundation Lectureship

Raymond G. Slavin, M.D.

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break. Visit Exhibitors.

11:00 - 11:40 "National Standardization for Immunotherapy" or "Standard Therapy for Standard Payment".

Richard W. Honsinger, Jr., M.D.

11:40 - 12:20 Immunotherapy Today- - And Tomorrow.
Andrew H. Liu, M.D.

12:20 - 12:45 Panel Discussion: Q & A

12:45 - 1:45 Lunch Presentation:
Room 1: Complying with Federal Guidelines.
(One Hour Ethics CME)
Richard W. Honsinger, Jr., M.D.

12:45 - 1:45 Lunch Presentation:
Room 2: Update on National Certification for the Asthma Educator.
Christine Wagner, MSN, RN, CPNP, AE-C

Saturday, January 18: Eastern Allergy Conference Section
Moderator: Marianne Frieri, M.D., Ph.D.

8:30-9:10 Basic Immunology for the Practicing Allergist
Andrew H. Liu, M.D.

9:10 - 9:50 Immune Deficiency, Office Evaluation and Treatment
Charlotte-Cunningham Rundles, M.D.

9:50 - 10:30 Identification of Masqueraders of Autoimmune Diseases in the Office.
Marianne Frieri, M.D., Ph.D.

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break. Visit Exhibitors

11:00 - 11:40 Stress, Neuroimmunology and Asthma: A Two Way Street.
Gallen D. Marshall, Ph.D, M.D.

11:40 - 12:10 From Anthrax to Smallpox: Bioterrorism and Vaccines, New Challenges for the Allergist-
Immunologist.
Renata Engler, M.D.

12-10 - 12:30 Panel Discussion. Q & A

12:30 - 1:30 Nurse Roundtable, Nursing Perspectives.
Christine Wagner, MSN, RN, CPNP, AE-C

Sunday, January 19

8:30-10:30 Research abstracts and a special case report and discussion on Eosinophilia.

10:30 Adjourn

2003 CME & CE Credits

CME & CE Accreditation

CME accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) and the Southwest Allergy Forum/Eastern Allergy Conference/Texas Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Society. The AAAAI is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AAAAI designates this educational activity for a maximum of 15.0 credit hours in Category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit he/she actually spends in the activity.

CE accreditation: The AAAAI is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association Continuing Education Approval Program Committee, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. The Combined Meeting on Allergy, Asthma and Immunology has been approved for a maximum of 19.8 Contact Hours. The AAAAI is approved as a provider of continuing education by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 10704.

Target Audience and Educational Objective

Target audience includes Allergists, Allergy Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Allied Health Professionals and others who treat patients with allergy-related diseases. After completion of the program, participants will be updated on Molds and Fungi in Human Disease, Food Allergy, Immunotherapy, Bioterrorism and Vaccines, Autoimmune Diseases and other topics relating to Allergic Diseases.

2003 Report

Report on the Combined Meeting on
Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
Puerto Vallarta, January 2003

Puerto Vallarta, "the world's friendliest city", was the site of another outstanding meeting combining the Southwest Allergy Forum, the Eastern Allergy Conference and the Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society and co-sponsored by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology. The Program was also accredited by the Academy for 15 CME and 19.8 CEU credits. The Meeting was supported in part by Unrestricted Educational Grants from twenty-two companies including sixteen that had Exhibit Booths. All are listed on the web site at www.swaf.org.

The CME/CEU Program was a cutting edge mix of important topics for Allergists, Allergy P.A.s, Nurse Practitioners and Asthma Educators presented by an outstanding Faculty. It began with an Aventis funded Pre-Conference Symposium, "Allergic Rhinitis/Asthma Update", an in depth review that included new and future management modalities. The session on "Fungi and Molds in Human Disease" included a discussion of "Black Mold or, for Attorneys, Black Gold" and "Allergic Fungal Sinusitis" presented from the perspectives of both an Allergist and an Otolaryngologist. Other important topics included "Immunology for the Allergist", "Food Allergies and "Frankenfoods", "Immunization and Bioterrorism", "Office Evaluation and Treatment of Immune Deficiencies" and a special "Nurse Roundtable, Nursing Perspectives".

One hundred and six Physicians, nine Nurse Practitioners/Educators, two Physician Assistants and seven PhDs who registered for the meeting rated the Scientific Program and the Meeting outstanding. And most expressed a desire to return to Puerto Vallarta for the 2004 meeting.

The Fiesta Americana Hotel in Puerto Vallarta was an excellent location for the meeting. One could easily and safely walk to and through downtown Puerto Vallarta at all hours proving it to be the "World's Friendliest City". The Fiesta Hotel staff was extremely courteous and friendly creating a most pleasant and hospitable atmosphere. The weather was perfect as expected. The pool and the beach area that experienced considerable damage from the Hurricane

that hit Puerto Vallarta in Mid-October were rebuilt, trees were replanted around the Pool and Beach and the Hotel was ready for the meeting in January. Even the Kiddie House and Kiddie Pool were ready. The Fiesta is a relatively small hotel and this created a feeling of togetherness as everyone, Attendees, Faculty, Exhibitors and Family members could easily meet, mingle and visit while enjoying a "humongous" buffet Breakfast or Lunch or relaxing in one of the Palapas on the beach.

So, mark your calendar for January 14-18, 2004, and join us at The Combined Meeting on Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology at the Fiesta Americana in Puerto Vallarta.

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