



South West Allergy Forum

Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology

Southwest Allergy Forum Combined Meeting of SWAF, EAC & TAAIS

January 17-21, 2007, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

2007 Meeting Overview

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

Because an overwhelming majority of the Attendees at the 2006 meeting in Puerto Vallarta voted to return to the same venue for 2007 in the Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta, we are returning to Puerto Vallarta for the fifth consecutive time. This needs assessment indicated that this location and time frame were ideal for a CME/CE learning experience with a comfortable environment and a theme of easy access to the speakers during the entire program.

The CME/CE program is shaping up to be one of the best ever with speakers such as Dr. Andy Liu, Dr. Phil Lieberman, Dr. David Broide, Dr. Edward Schuleman, Dr. Raymond Slavin, Dr. William Lumry, Dr. Laura Somerville, Dr. Sami Bahna, Dr. Joseph Bellanti and many others speaking on topics from “Inate Immunity” to “What’s New With Theophylline” all directed to the educational needs of the Practicing Allergists, their Nurse Practitioners and Asthma Educators, and their Physician Assistants and other Physician who are interested in learning up-to-date information about Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

So, check the Registration Form on this web site, send it in and join us in delightful Puerto Vallarta in January 2007 for Sand, Sea and CME/CE.

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2007 Program

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Pre-Conference Symposium

Asthma Health Management in 2007: Assessing the Risk-Benefit Ratio of Therapy

Moderator: Joseph Bellanti, M.D.

5:00-5:45 The Safety of LABA Therapy in Persistent Asthma: Where Do We Go From Here?

Lyndon Mansfield, M.D.

5:45-6:30 Addressing Steroid Phobia: Improving the Risk-Benefit Ratio with New Agents

David Skoner, M.D.

6:30-7:00 Panel Discussion: Q & A

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Eastern Allergy Conference Section

Moderator: Michael Slaughter, M.D.

8:00-8:40 Immunotherapy: When to Initiate Treatment in Children?

Ira Finegold, M.D.

8:40-9:20 New Advances in Clinically Relevant Immunology

Joseph Bellanti, M.D.

9:20-10:00 Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Eosinophilic Rhinosinusitis

BJ Ferguson, M.D.

10:00-10:15 Panel Discussion: Q & A

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:45 PBL Case: Food Allergy

Ray Davis, M.D., Russell Settigane, M.D., Christine Wagner, RN, MSN, Don Fournier, M.D., and Phil Lieberman, M.D.

11:45-12:25 Optimal Choices for Food Challenge Testing

Sami Bahna, M.D.

12:25-1:05 Benchmarking the Business Aspects of Allergy Practice

Marshall Grodofsky, M.D.

1:05-1:30 Panel Discussion: Q & A

Symposium

Children Under the Influence: The Impact of Suboptimal Treatment for Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis and Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

Funded through an unrestricted educational grant from Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals and organized by Allergy & Asthma Proceedings.

5:00-5:45 The Impact of Suboptimal Treatment for SAR and CIU in School Children

Craig Jones, M.D.

5:45-6:30 Treating SAR and CIU with Antihistamines in the Pediatric Population
Achieving Optimal Outcomes

David Skoner, M.D.

6:30-7:00 Panel Discussion: Q & A

Friday, January 19, 2007

Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society Section

Moderator: Donald Fournier, M.D.

- 8:00-8:40 Early Experience with Omalizumab in Clinical Research
William Lumry, M.D.
- 8:40-9:20 Use of Omalizumab in ABPA and Other off Label Conditions
Raymond Slavin, M.D.
- 9:20-10:00 Similar Mechanisms in Rhinitis and Asthma
Phil Lieberman, M.D.
- 10:00-10:15 Panel Discussion: Q & A
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:25 What is a Hypoallergenic Infant Formula?
Sami Bahna, M.D.
- 11:25-12:05 Heredity Angioedema (HAE) Update: What Newer Medications are on the Horizon
William Lumry, M.D.
- 12:05-12:45 Is Theophylline Still Around?
Laura Somerville, M.D.
- 12:45-1:30 **Box Lunch Program for Attendees: Funded by ALK-Abello**
What's in that Vial? Allergen Scientific Advancement
Greg Plunkett, Ph.D.
- 1:30-1:45 Panel Discussion: Q & A

Saturday, January 20, 2007

Southwest Allergy Forum Section

Moderator: Kurt Peters, M.D.

- 8:00-8:40 Dendritic Cells and Their Role in Allergy
Andy Liu, M.D.
- 8:40-9:20 Are Mast Cells Still Important?
Edward Schulman, M.D.
- 9:20-10:00 Is Innate Immunity What It's All About?
David Broide, M.D.
- 10:00-10:15 Panel Discussion: Q & A
- 10:15-10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45-11:25 Thirty Years of Some Strange IGE-Related Allergies I Have Encountered
Raymond Slavin, M.D.
- 11:25-12:05 Does Exhaled Nitric Oxide Evaluation Have a Future in Your Practice?
Andy Liu, M.D.
- 12:05-12:45 Anaphylaxis, Myths and Facts
Phil Lieberman, M.D.
- 12:45-1:00 Panel Discussion: Q & A

Sunday, January 21, 2007

Assessing and Meeting the Needs in Allergic Rhinoconjunctivitis

Moderator: Clifford Tepper, M.D.

Funded through an unrestricted educational grant from Alcon Laboratories and organized by Allergy & Asthma Proceedings.

8:30-9:00 Allergic Rhinoconjunctivitis: Burden of Disease

Michael Blaiss, M.D.

9:00-9:30 Pathophysiology of Allergic Rhinoconjunctivitis

David Broide, M.D.

9:30-10:00 Therapy of Allergic Rhinoconjunctivitis

Todd Mahr, M.D.

10:00-10:30 Panel Discussion: Q & A

10:30

Adjourn until 2008

2007 CME & CE Credits

CME & CE Accreditation

CME

Accreditation Statement

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 Southwest Allergy Forum/Eastern Allergy Conference/Texas Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society. The AAAAI is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation Statement

The AAAAI designates this educational activity for a maximum of 20 credits towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit he/she actually spends in the activity.

CE

Accreditation Statement

The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) is a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #10704, for up to 24 Contact Hours.

Target Audience and Educational Objective

Target audience includes Allergists, Allergy Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Asthma Educators, Allied Health Professionals, and others who treat patients with Allergy-Related Diseases. After completion of the program, participants will be updated on Management of Allergic Rhinitis in all age groups, Asthma management in the future, Dermatological Allergies, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Asthma and other topics related to the Diagnosis and Management of Allergic Diseases.

2007 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.

2007 Faculty

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