

## **Report on the 2009 PAPRICA Symposia**

### **Hungary, Russia, Malta**

The PAPRICA (Prime Allergy for Primary Care physicians) Symposia, co-organised by EAACI and GA2LEN are bridging current clinical state-of-the-art knowledge in allergology and primary care practice. This year three Symposium could be held in Eger, Hungary, in June, in Moscow, Russia, in July, and in Malta in September.

The first Symposium was held in conjunction with the Hungarian Paediatric Society annual meeting where in addition a session on anaphylaxis was organized. In Russia, we could reach a large number of Russian primary care physicians also attending the international Europaediatrics congress with lectures on various themes such as respiratory diseases or food allergy. The session in Malta was organized together with the Malta Institute of Continuous Medical Education and the Mater Dei Hospital.

The 200 delegates attending PAPRICA in 2009 came from various backgrounds, within countries such as Malta where allergy service is mostly taken care by pulmonologists, and unanimously reported on a clear educational gain regarding allergic diseases and standards of care.

The three Symposia could not have been possible without the help of local colleagues; Lajos Rethy in Hungary, Leila Namazova in Russia, and Victor Grech and Cecil Vella in Malta. The faculty for these symposia were Susanne Halken, Omer Kalayci, Antonella Muraro, Petr Pohunek, Jose Lopes dos Santos, Jörg Kleine-Tebbe, Stephen Montefort, Ian Balfour Lyn, Sue Hill and Philippe Eigenmann



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