



Guest Editors

Claus Bachert

Claus Bachert MD, PhD is chief of the clinic and Professor at the University Hospital of Ghent, Belgium, and also holds a position as Professor at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden. He qualified from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and trained in ENT diseases and allergology in Mannheim and Düsseldorf, Germany. His research interests include the pathophysiology and management of diseases of the nose and sinuses, such as allergic and nonallergic rhinitis, chronic rhinosinusitis, and nasal polyposis. Specifically, he has worked on endotyping rhinosinusitis, innovative treatments such as biologicals for recalcitrant disease and the role of *Staphylococcus aureus* in the inflammation of nasal polyp disease.



He chairs the Upper Airways Research Laboratory at Ghent University and has published over 460 peer-reviewed articles in international journals. He has received several national and international prizes, and two doctor *honoris causa* (Capital University, Beijing, China and Democritus University, Thrace, Greece).

Claus Bachert forms part of the international guidelines groups ARIA (Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma) and EPOS (European Position Paper on Sinusitis and Nasal Polyposis), has served on the Boards of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and World Allergy Organization, and was President (2007–2010) and Vice-President (2011–2016) of the German Allergy Society (DGAKI). He currently serves as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*.

Arnaud Bourdin

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He is head of a clinical research group investigating innovative treatments for asthma, COPD, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension. His scientific research interests include COPD and severe asthma. He has acted as Principal Investigator for a number of trials in asthma and COPD, including the COBRA (“Cohorte Obstruction Bronchique et Asthme”) study.

Arnaud Bourdin is an Organising Committee Member of the G2A project “Journées d’échange sur l’asthme sévère”, and a member of the editorial team and reviewer for three international journals: *Respiratory Research*, *BMC Public Health* and *La Revue des Maladies Respiratoires*. He is also a member of the European Respiratory Society, at whose Congress he has acted as a Chair and speaker for the past 5 years. In addition, he is a credible speaker on the subject of severe asthma in France. He has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, reviews and monographs.

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His clinical and research interests are devoted to a better understanding of the mechanisms of severe asthma and COPD with a special effort put into bringing clinical and biological findings together to provide patients with new specific biomarkers and therapies. He has demonstrated in the past his willingness and ability to gather researchers and clinicians together to decipher the complexity of severe asthma in France and Europe.

Pascal Chanez gained his MD and PhD degrees from the University of Montpellier and was a fellow at Imperial College London in the UK with Professor P.J. Barnes. He is the author or co-author of more than 300 peer-reviewed articles, reviews and monographs. He is an Associate Editor of the *European Respiratory Journal* and an Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*.