

# 51. COPD: diagnostic and therapeutic challenges in developing countries

**Saturday, 01 November 2014, 14:00 - 16:00**



<b>Type</b>	Symposium
<b>Track</b>	Adult and Child Lung Health
<b>Topic</b>	Other
<b>Description</b>	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is prevalent in low- and middle-income countries, with most patients remaining undiagnosed. This symposium will address the difficulties related to diagnosis, in particular the varying definition of COPD and the limitations inherent to low-resource settings. Therapeutic challenges include avoidance of risk factors, primarily smoking, and access to appropriate drugs. Finally, the control of chronic respiratory disease in resource-limited settings will be addressed globally.
<b>Target audience</b>	Physicians, nurses, programme managers in respiratory health care, and other health care practitioners involved in managing respiratory diseases.
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To present propositions to improve recognition of patients with COPD</li> <li>2. To discuss therapeutic challenges in low- and middle-income countries</li> <li>3. To open new avenues to improve the global management of chronic respiratory diseases</li> </ol>
<b>Keywords</b>	COPD; chronic respiratory diseases; diagnosis; tobacco; drug therapy; low-and middle-income countries
<b>Coordinator(s)</b>	Jean-William Fitting (Switzerland)
<b>Chair(s)</b>	
<b>Presentations</b>	<p>14:00 - 14:15 Despite a high disease burden and financial cost, why does COPD continue to be so neglected?</p> <p>14:20 - 14:35 Diagnosing COPD in resource limited-settings</p> <p>14:40 - 14:55 Targeting smoking cessation in patients with chronic respiratory diseases</p> <p>15:00 - 15:15 Choice of drugs for COPD patients</p> <p>15:20 - 15:35 Access to non-communicable disease essential medicines</p> <p>15:40 - 15:55 Control of chronic respiratory diseases in resource limited settings</p>