

Dear colleagues,

I am an allergologist and pneumologist for 25 years and proud to serve my patients at the Asthma und Allergiezentrum in Leverkusen/Germany. As member of the board of the professional German Allergy Association (Ärzteverband Deutscher Allergologen) I have been the German delegate to the UEMS Section and Board of Allergology for many years. So it was natural to me to agree, when I was asked to serve as the new secretary together with the right honorable Prof. Roy Gerth van Wijk who became president of your UEMS Section.



Coming from a country where Allergology is still a subspecialty I am nevertheless fighting for our cause and trying to promote education and information to patients, doctors, and politicians. The heterogeneity of Allergology in Europe is both a blessing and a curse. Before we can try to harmonize Allergology, we need to understand the differences, the strength, and weaknesses of each member state. We will update our way of working and improve from that analysis. We will lobby for Allergology in Brussels and elsewhere. We are prepared to go the long way. The Allergology community can count on us.