

# Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

*Excellence in asthma care for children and adults*



2004 Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D.

Visiting Professor at Partners Asthma Center:  
Dirkje Postma of Groningen, Netherlands

*Brigham and Women's  
Hospital*

*Massachusetts General  
Hospital*

*Faulkner Hospital*

*Newton-Wellesley  
Hospital*

*North Shore Medical  
Center*

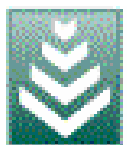


We are pleased to announce that Dr. Dirkje Postma has accepted our invitation to serve as the 2004 Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor. The dates of her visit are November 18 and 19.

Dr. Postma is Professor of Pulmonology and Chairman of the Research Institute for Asthma and COPD at the

University of Groningen. She has done groundbreaking research in the genetics of asthma and in defining predictors of accelerated decline in lung function in asthma. In 2001 she was awarded from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research the Spinoza Prize, considered the "Dutch Nobel Prize," for her research in asthma and COPD.

We are planning a dinner in her honor on the evening of **Thursday, November 18**. You and your significant other are invited; please save the date!



## *Asthma Grand Rounds Schedule, 2004-'05*

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**September 17, 2004**

*Food Allergy*

Elizabeth TePas, M.D.

**November 19, 2004**

*Aspirin Desensitization: Who, When, Where, How?*

Mariana Castells, M.D.

**January 14, 2005**

*Novel Targets for Asthma Therapeutics*

Jack Elias, M.D.

**March 4, 2005**

*Beta Agonists: Our Response Is in Our Genes*

Elliot Israel, M.D.

**June 3, 2005**

*Obesity and Asthma*

Kelan Tantisira, M.D.

Presentations begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Bornstein Family Amphitheater at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Live videoconferencing is provided at the Massachusetts General Hospital (Lawrence House Conference Room) and North Shore Medical Center (Salem Hospital, Davenport Bldg, MAC-4).

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## Other Partners Asthma Center Events and News

### **First Annual P.A.C. Dinner-Dance**

**Thursday, September 22, 2005**

**at the Boston Marriott Hotel in Newton.**

**As a fundraising activity  
(and opportunity for social gathering)**

**we are planning our first  
Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance.**

**If you would like to become involved,  
please call Elaine Carter at 617-732-7419.**

### **Partners Asthma Center Website**

We are working to improve the appearance of our Partners Asthma Center website ([www.asthma.partners.org](http://www.asthma.partners.org)). We will soon hold a “Day in the Life of the Partners Asthma Center” photo shoot at your practice site. Stay tuned.

### **Asthma Educators’ Institute Courses**

The first of this year’s series of four seminars for allied health professionals, *Understanding Allergies*, was organized by **Dr. Aidan Long** and held at the MGH on June 6. More than 100 nurses, respiratory therapists, and pharmacists attended ... and gave “two thumbs up” in their course evaluations. The next program, *Difficult-to-Control Asthma*, will be held at the BWH on Saturday, September 11.



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*Save the Date:*  
Dinner to honor the 2004 Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D.  
Visiting Professor at Partners Asthma Center  
(Dr. Dirkje Postma): **November 18**



**Richard Wilson, patient at the Partners Asthma Center, skippers his trimaran, *Great American II*, which he sailed solo across the North Atlantic this summer in the Transat 2004 race, capturing second place in his class.**