WAO Awards Committee Minutes
Sunday, 22 February 2015
Houston, TX, USA

Attendees: Lanny Rosenwasser (Chair), Ignacio Ansotegui, Wesley Burks Ruby Pawankar, Hirohisa Saito, Mario Sanchez Borges

The WAO Awards Committee met during the 2015 AAAAI Annual Meeting to determine the WAO Awards that would be given during the upcoming World Allergy Congress 2015 in Seoul, Korea. Members of the Awards Committee that could not attend, sent in their suggestions in advance.

It was noted that awards are not typically awarded to members of the WAO Board of Directors or those that have received WAO Awards previously.

Scientific Achievement Award
- G. Walter Canonica (Italy)
- Ethan Shevach (United States)
- Gurjit Khurana Hershey (United States)

Outstanding Clinician Award
- Dennis Ledford (United States)
- Hae Ran Lee (Korea)
- Eli Meltzer (United States)
- Myron Zitt (United States)

Special Recognition Award
- Juan Carlos Ivancevich (Argentina)
- Tatiana Slavyanskaya (Russia)

Distinguished Service Award
- Sandra Gonzalez Diaz (Mexico)
- Noel Rodríguez Perez (Mexico)

Gold Medal Award
- Richard Lockey (United States)
Lifetime Achievement Award – Awarded posthumously to his children

- Carlos Baena-Cagnani (Argentina)

The Committee also recommends that the Keynote Lectures be named after the following Past WAO Presidents:

- Alain de Weck
- Albert Oehling
- Carlos E Baena-Cagnani

WAO Awards will be presented during the Opening Ceremony of the World Allergy Congress 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Lanny J Rosenwasser
President, WAO
Chair, Awards Committee
COMMITTEE REPORT

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House of Delegates Report

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name: Emerging Societies Program Committee
Name of Chair: Dana Wallace (USA)
Name of Co-Chairs: Ruby Pawankar (Japan), Stanley Fineman (USA)
Members: Katrina Allen (Australia), Zuhair Ballas (USA), Hiok Hee Chng (Singapore), Daniel Ein (USA), Connie Katelaris (Australia), Gary Gross (USA), Hae Sim Park (Korea), Noel Rodriguez (Mexico), Eloy Sibanda (Zimbabwe), Tatiana Slavyanskaya (Russia), James Sublett (USA), Joao Negreiros-Tebyrlica (Brazil), Steve Tilles (USA), Rudolph Valenta (Austria), Hugo Van Bever (Singapore), Pakit Vichyanond (Thailand), Richard Weber (USA), Fares Zaitoun (Lebanon), Myron Zitt (USA)

Committee Goals and Objectives:

The main objective of the World Allergy Training School (WATS) is to develop learning communities, appropriate to a specific regional context, which will help build sustainable capacity in the field of allergy by strengthening already existing knowledge and skills and encouraging local experts to apply this knowledge to further develop the specialty of allergy and to widen the provision of patient care.

STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS IN PROGRESS 2014 - 2015

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| The ESP Committee has agreed to send the following Speakers to the WATS in Myanmar in late 2015:  
  - Prof Ruby Pawankar, Dr. Stanley Fineman (and 2 additional speakers from APAPARI) |
| The Speakers for WATS at WAC 2015 will be chosen from the list of Faculty already attending the Congress. |
Dr. Dana Wallace, Dr. Lanny Rosenwasser, Dr. James Sublett and Dr. Bob Lanier all attended the WATS event in Havana Cuba on 25-26 May 2015. The event kicked off with a main Plenary for roughly 250 Delegates for which Dr. Rosenwasser spoke. The WAO/ACAAI plenary session was introduced by Dr. Wallace, followed by workshops given by Dr. Sublett on Environmental Control, Dr. Lanier on Chronic Urticaria, Dr. Rosenwasser on Allergic Rhinitis and Dr. Wallace on Anaphylaxis. The program was very well received and was a great opportunity to reinforce ties between the Cuban Allergists and WAO. Dr. Wallace also suggested WAO staff review the budget for WAO Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome in Miami, Florida in order to provide some assistance to young physicians who attended the WATS in Cuba as it would highly benefit them by coming to the meeting in Florida.

### SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROJECTS 2014 - 2015

**Project Title:** Sochi, Russia WATS Program for 2014  
Sochi, Russia  
9-10 October 2014

Prof G. Walter Canonica and Dr. James Sublett represented WAO/ESP at the meeting in Sochi, Russia on 9-10 October during the IX CIS Congress of Allergology and Immunology. Among the 1340 delegates attending the CIS meeting, 35 participants from 12 CIS countries were invited to participate in the ESP-WATS program. A total of 5 lectures and 2 workshops were presented and well-received.

**Project Title:** Mozambique WATS Program for 2014  
Maputo, Mozambique  
14 August 2014

This meeting took place on 14 August 2014. The ESP sent the following speakers to participate: Dr. Dana Wallace, Prof. Joao Tebryica and Dr. Dan Ein. There was approximately 85 participants in and around Mozambique. The local organizers and attendees included Dr. Eduardo Munhequate, VALE Manager of Occupational health, the director of Mozambique Health Institute for Research, President of Medical Council of Mozambique, and Vale Country Manager. The ESP in conjunction with the local society and a private medical group supported the travel and accommodations of 30 participants.

**Project Title:** Mongolia WATS Program for 2014  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
20-22 June 2014

The WATS in Mongolia on 20th June, 2014, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Association of Paediatric Allergy, Respirology, and Immunology (APAPARI), the Mongolia Society of Allergy (MSA), the Ministry of Health of Mongolia and the regional WHO was a great success with over 24 participants and covering from immunological mechanisms of allergies to clinical manifestations, diagnosis treatment and practical demonstrations of different allergic diseases. The Mongolian Society of Allergy supported 21 of the 24 participants to attend the
WATS. Professors Stanley Fineman and Ruby Pawankar represented WAO and Professors Mila Batista and Jiu Wang represented APAPARI. The MSA held their annual congress on 21-22 June and the WATS faculty delivered plenary talks on allergic diseases and impact of environmental pollution with over 100 delegates. This was inaugurated by the Minister of Health of Mongolia. The WATS faculty interacted with the Dean of the Medical College and the Minister of Health who assured sustainability of these efforts.

Report submitted by: Dana Wallace, Ruby Pawankar and Stanley Fineman (Chair and Co-Chairs of ESP Committee)
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Report to House of Delegates
16 October 2015

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name: Healthcare Delivery Models Committee
Name of Chair: Sang-Heon Cho (Korea)
Name of Co-Chair: James Li (United States)
Members: Jan Brozek (Canada), Aiden Long (United States), John Costa (United States), Tae Bum Kim (Korea), Wang De Yung (Singapore), Yoon Seok Chang (Korea), Gary Gross (United States), Gurjit Khurana Hershey (United States)

Committee Goals and Objectives:

The three (3) main objectives of the Healthcare Delivery Models Committee are as follows:

- To make a phenotype of allergic patients in response to treatment and intervention on a population basis by developing registry and possibly bio banking. The outcome would be comparison between the current status of each allergic disease among countries and a pooling of this data to produce some worldwide data.

- To collect current status of healthcare delivery models and allergy among countries.

- To Produce a summary of physicians’ statements regarding the healthcare delivery models issues.

- To increase physicians and patients awareness of the asthma and allergy management and develop new models for delivery systems.

STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS

Project Title: Healthcare Delivery Models of Allergy
Leader: Sang-Heon Cho
Proposal Approved: 26 August 2014
Planned Completion Date: Fall 2015

Status: The aim of this project is to collect the current status of healthcare delivery models and allergy among WAO Member Societies and develop new models for delivery systems. A questionnaire was prepared, reviews and comments were received from committee members and also from the members of the WAO Precision / Personalized Medicine Committee. In consideration of their valuable comments, a revised questionnaire was prepared, and committee members reviewed it for final comments. The revised questionnaire consists of 5 parts in 18 pages, and covers several topics as follows:

1. Healthcare delivery system for allergy specialty care
2. Level of allergy care
3. Allergy prevention and control
4. Chronic care model for allergy
5. Current disease burden (update)
The questionnaire will be distributed to the national societies of WAO in a combination with the WAO White Book on Allergy update survey in order to increase the possible response rate and to avoid repetitious questionnaires.

Project Title: Population-based phenotyping and registry of allergic diseases  
Leader: Dr. James Li  
Proposal Approved: 26 August 2014  
Planned Completion Date: 2015

Status: This project is in development. The aim is to begin to gather a worldwide directory of Patient and Tissue Registries. The information would be gathered from the WAO Member Societies to determine where Patient and Tissue Registries currently exist. This information will be catalogued for future coordinated study and for opportunities to create new registries.

Report submitted by: Dr Sang Heon Cho, Dr James Li
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COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name: Junior Members Group Committee
Name of Chair: Luciana Kase Tanno (Brazil)
Name of Co-Chair: Ves Dimov (USA)
Senior Advisors: Ignacio Ansotegui (Spain), Luo Zhang (China)
Members: Dario Antolin-Amerigo (Spain), Juan Carlos Aldave Becerra (Peru), Matteo Bonini (Italy), Virginia Bellido (Spain), Mariana Couto (Portugal), Razvigor Darlenski (Bulgaria), Pavel Kolkhir (Russia), Hongfei Lou (China), Silvia Sanchez-Garcia (Spain), Andrea Vereda-Ortiz (Spain), Leonor Villa (Argentina), Yuan Zhang (China), Ming Zheng (China),

Committee Goals and Objectives:
Spread knowledge and practice training in allergy and clinical immunology, improve communication among related professionals around the world, provide opportunities for junior researchers to participate actively in academic activities worldwide, preparing new generations to reach excellence for the specialty.

STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS IN PROGRESS 2014 - 2015

Project Title: WAC 2015 Junior Member Practical Courses and Symposium
After the success of the WISC 2014 WAO Practical Courses, the WAO Junior Members decided to continue their success at WAC 2015. There are currently eight (8) WAO Junior Member Practical Courses in the WAC 2015 Program. In addition, the WAO Junior Members will have a Symposium on Thursday, 15 October 2015. All Speakers and Chairs for the sessions have been set.

Project Title: EAACI/AAAAI/WAO Junior Members Joint Survey
The questionnaire has been constructed in collaboration of Junior Steering Groups of the 3 Allergy Societies. A mass email with the questionnaire link was launched on 1 April 2015 to all WAO Junior Members, with three reminders following (last reminder 30 June 2015). A new reminder and deadline may be established based on further agreement to obtain more responses after the summer holiday. The final Survey will be completed by December 2015.

Project Title: Skin Patch Testing
Prof Luciana Kase-Tanno led a project on a Skin Patch Testing document to standardize skin patch testing worldwide. The first phase of the project was completed 31 March 2014. This phase was a web-based questionnaire circulated among WAO Junior Members and representatives of WAO Member Societies. The survey covered methods and forms of interpretation of patch testing in use. Results were analyzed and the manuscript has been tuned according to the WAO Junior Members Steering Group. It has been approved for publication by the WAO Board, received the final comments by the senior co-authors (Professors: Thomas Bieber, Ignacio Ansotegui, Ruby Pawankar, Lanny Rosenwasser and Mario Sanchez-Borges) and it is under final tuning for submission. The project is set to be completed September 2015.
Project Title: **WISC 2014 Brazil Practical Courses**

The WISC 2014 Scientific Program included engaging and well-attended Practical Courses (PCs) in which we had active involvement of WAO JM from all around the world, working in collaboration with many allergy experts. In a friendly atmosphere, the WAO JM demonstrated their practical skills as speakers and instructors in hands-on sessions and technology demonstration of important topics in the allergy/immunology field. It was a great chance to exchange experiences, update the knowledge and network. Due to this success, we excited to see what the WAC 2015 Practical Courses will bring!

**LIST OF APPENDIX(ES) ATTACHED (IF ANY)**

Report submitted by: Luciana Kase-Tanno and Ves Dimov
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COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name: WAO Occupational Allergy Committee
Name of Chair: Hae-Sim Park
Name of Co-Chair: David Bernstein
Members: Paul Cullinan, Alexander Diaz, Roy Gerth van Wijk, Piero Maestrelli, Karin Pacheco, Susan Tarlo, Olivier Vandenplas, Giovanni Viegi, Margitta Worm

Committee Goals and Objectives:
1. To develop a survey and paper that can be used as outreach instruments in conjunction with the corresponding chapter in the WAO White Book on Allergy Update 2013 to the allergy community, politicians, decision-makers, and other relevant parties.
2. To conduct a literature search and write a paper about the socio-economic impact of work-related (allergic and nonallergic) asthma and rhinitis, to help increase awareness and attention to the impact of occupational respiratory and skin diseases.

Other contributions: Committee members have developed and submitted session proposals for consideration in the scientific program of the WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC 2016) in Jerusalem.

STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS

Ongoing Project from 2012-2013 Term
Project Title: WAO Occupational Allergy Survey and Paper
Leaders: Hae-Sim Park, Roy Gerth van Wijk
Planned Completion Date: December 2015
Status: The Committee drafted a questionnaire to the WAO Member Societies to learn how countries organize care for occupational allergic diseases, to what extent guidelines and position papers are being used, availability of immunological tests, availability of tests for diagnosing the most important IgE mediated occupational allergies, and availability of respiratory tests. The survey returned a 24% response rate, which the committee would like to see increased. They will send out the questionnaire again to individuals in the member societies who are experts in this area. Then they will compile and analyze the responses and report the results in a paper to be submitted to the World Allergy Organization Journal.

Ongoing Project from 2012-2013 Term
Project Title: Socio-economic Impact of Occupational Allergy
Leader: Roy Gerth van Wijk, Hae-Sim Park
Planned Completion Date: 2015
Status: The Committee has conducted an initial literature search on the socio-impact of various occupational and work-related illnesses. They are discussing what the focus of their paper will be based on the amount of information available in the literature.

Report submitted by: Hae-Sim Park, MD, PhD and David Bernstein, MD