COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)
WAO attendees' health, safety, and security are our top priority. For this reason, the WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC) 2020 will be postponed from 23-25 April to 16-18 July 2020 to prioritize the health and safety of our delegates regarding COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus. We apologize for any inconvenience this postponement may cause.

WAO, and our organizing partners in Italy, are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of attendees in light of concerns about COVID-19. We will continue to closely monitoring developments and staying abreast of updates from health organizations responsible for tracking and responding to the virus, such as the World Health Organization (WHO). We want to assure anyone planning to attend the WISC 2020 meeting that their health, safety, and security is our top priority.

How we are preparing
WAO is prepared to rapidly respond to any issues that arise during the meeting and provide assistance to all attendees. We are taking the following to actions to prepare:

Adhering to all guidance and recommended safety measures issued by the WHO, including:

- WHO’s recently released Key Planning Recommendations for Mass Gatherings in the Context of the current COVID-19 Outbreak.
- Working with our meeting organizers in Italy and the Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevito to coordinate appropriate safety procedures.
- Following recommendations and protocols for heightened cleanliness at event facilities, including increasing the number of hand sanitizing stations located throughout the facility.
- Actively encouraging attendees to take common-sense precautions and follow safety guidelines to prevent the spread of illness.

WAO is taking COVID-19 very seriously and is fully engaged and prepared to host a successful Meeting in Rome at these later dates. We encourage attendees to monitor the WHO's Travel Advice as they consider their travel arrangements to the WISC Meeting, as well as its recommendations for protecting themselves from an infection.

We will continue to update you via worldallergy.org and, when applicable, email. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact our meeting organizers, Biomedia Srl at waoromeconference@biomedia.net or via our website.

Additional resources:
World Health Organization (WHO): https://www.who.int/