



WORLD ALLERGY ORGANIZATION

A World Federation of Allergy, Asthma
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A Message from the WAO President

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been an honor and privilege to be the President of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) for the past two years. During this time, I was fortunate to see the great impact WAO makes throughout the world through involvement with the World Allergy Training Schools (WATS), participating as speakers in various scientific programs, and organizing meetings.

Over the two years of my presidency, WAO held six World Allergy Training Schools (WATS) in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. The most recent WATS was held in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in partnership with the Brazilian Society of Allergy and Immunopathology (ASBAI). Professors Nelson Rosario, Joao Negreiros Tebyrica, James Sublett, and I taught a group of enthusiastic students and I would like to thank ASBAI and the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) for their support of this program.



Speakers and participants from the WATS in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

WAO has supported scientific meetings in the form of WAO Symposia, speaker requests, and World Allergy Forums (WAFs) in 18 locations over the past two years. In addition to a symposium in Brazil entitled “Hot Topics in Aeroallergens”, WAO recently had leaders speak on the topic of “Immunotherapy: State of the Art” in Mexico City, Mexico. I’d like to thank Professor Noel Rodriguez for chairing this session and both the Mexican College of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CMICA)

and Mexican College of Pediatricians Specialized in Allergy and Clinical Immunology (COMPEDIA) for inviting WAO to present this topic on their excellent scientific program.

WAO's most recent World Allergy Forum was held at the ACAAI Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Professor Stephen Tilles, President of ACAAI, and I chaired the program entitled "State of the Art on the Management of Atopic Dermatitis", featuring Professors Lanny J Rosenwasser, Marcella Rita Aquino, and John J Oppenheimer.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our colleagues who have worked tirelessly to make our WAO meetings a success. Most recently, WAO worked with the Colombian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Association to coordinate a symposium on the topic of "Mite Allergy: From Basics to Clinical Applications" in conjunction with the Colombian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Association's Annual Congress in Cartagena, Colombia. Their hospitality and support made this joint meeting a great success.

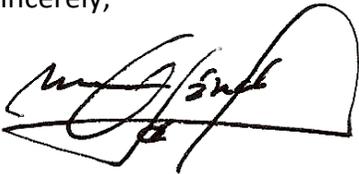
As I move into the Past-President role with WAO, I will complete my presidential duties as I oversee the upcoming World Allergy Congress (WAC) in Orlando, Florida U.S.A., which will be 2-5 March 2018. I would like to encourage you to attend what is shaping up to be an extraordinary congress, which will be held in partnership with the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). Please visit the congress website for details and to register:

<http://www.worldallergy.org/meetings/world-allergy-congress-wac-2018>

Thank you once again to all the volunteers and member societies who have supported WAO during my presidency; without your ongoing contributions, the many successes of WAO would not be possible.

I look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Sincerely,



Mario Sánchez Borges, MD
President, World Allergy Organization

Save the dates:

WAC 2018 (AAAAI/ WAO Joint Congress in Orlando, FL United States): 2-5 March 2018

WISC 2018 (Florence, Italy): 6-9 December 2018

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