Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The continuous commitment to education around the world is what makes the World Allergy Organization a truly unique voice in the field of allergy and clinical immunology. WAO is dedicated to ensuring that clinicians and educators in all regions of the globe have access to information about the most up-to-date developments in our field and are in turn able to pass that knowledge along to both patients and the future leaders of our profession. With that in mind, I am happy to highlight an educational initiative that I feel is quite important to improving the access to cutting-edge research and to invite you to collaborate with us at our upcoming meeting this December.

A WAO Center of Excellence is identified as a center whose reputation for knowledge, research, and patient care is above reproach. This honor is gaining great interest and I am excited to announce our two newest Centers of Excellence: the Centro Regional de Alergía e Inmunología in Monterrey, México and the Allergy Centre of the CUF Descobertas Hospital in Lisbon, Portugal. The Centro Regional de Alergía e Inmunología is led by Prof. Sandra González Díaz and the Allergy Centre, CUF Descobertas Hospital’s director is Prof. Mário Morais de Almeida. Congratulations to both of these Centers of Excellence!

I encourage you to submit an application for your center to be considered for this great distinction before the 2016 deadline of 30 September! I invite you to learn more about WAO’s Centers of Excellence on our website: www.worldallergy.org/wao-centers-of-excellence.

The World Allergy Organization (WAO), in partnership with the Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI) and their collaborating partner, Allergists for Israel (AFI), would like to extend a special thank you to those of you who have already registered and submitted abstracts for the WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC) 2016!

WISC 2016 will be held from 6-9 December in Jerusalem. I urge those of you who have not yet done so to register now before rates increase after the 30 September deadline. We have an exciting and dynamic scientific program planned for delegates that features world-renown speakers, moderators and keynote lecturers. If your research was not ready during abstract submission, and you would like to be a part of this wonderful scientific program, I encourage
you to submit a late-breaking abstract starting 5 September, for an opportunity to present your research to key opinion leaders and peers!

See you in Jerusalem!

Sincerely yours,

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Save the date for WISC 2016: 6-9 December 2016

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