Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The World Allergy Organization is truly unique in that it is the only global federation for allergy, asthma and clinical immunology. As an umbrella organization, WAO has worldwide reach through its 97 member societies made up of regional and national allergy, asthma and clinical immunology societies covering all regions.

WAO’s member societies are making a positive impact on the physicians and patients in their home countries in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases and asthma; they are truly changing lives for the better on a daily basis. The success of these societies is in part due to their highly successful scientific meetings, which attract the best speakers from their home countries and abroad.

I have been fortunate to attend a number of scientific meetings hosted by WAO’s member societies recently. The knowledge and collaborations these scientific meetings provide physicians give me great confidence in the future of the allergy and clinical immunology profession and I am quite proud to call these societies WAO members.

Please join me in recognizing and congratulating the Colegio Mexicano de Inmunologia Clinica y Alergia (CMICA) for their successful congress in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico as they celebrated their 70th Anniversary!

Likewise, the Colombian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Association organized a successful International Course on Drug Hypersensitivity.

The Italian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (SIAAIC) hosted an incredibly successful meeting recently in Naples, Italy.

Lastly, the national society I am a member of, the Venezuelan Society of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, celebrated its 60th Anniversary in May and I cannot be more proud to see how this organization has grown and expanded.

The hard work of each of these organizations, and other WAO Member Societies, to promote the specialty should be recognized.
Professional meetings disseminate scientific knowledge to physicians, but WAO, and its member societies, also support patient awareness through initiatives like World Allergy Week, which took place in early April. Over 25 member societies participated in this outreach initiative and these participating member societies deserve special thanks for the hard work they put in to make this event a success. World Allergy Week grows each year thanks to the participating member societies and our many volunteers and leaders.

Before I close, I’m excited to announce that registration and abstract submission are now open for WISC 2016! WAO is partnering with the Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI) and their mutually collaborating partner, Allergists for Israel (AFI), to host WISC 2016, which will take place 6-9 December 2016 in Jerusalem. I encourage you to register or submit an abstract online at: www.worldallergy.org/wisc2016/

See you in Jerusalem!

Sincerely yours,

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

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