



A MESSAGE FROM THE WAO PRESIDENT

17 November 2015

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

There are a few activities of WAO that I would like to highlight for you this month and express my appreciation to all volunteers and supporters for your ongoing commitment to achieving the goals of WAO.

XXIV World Allergy Congress (WAC 2015) Seoul

The XXIV World Allergy Congress (WAC 2015), which was our joint meeting with the Korean Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Clinical Immunology (KAAACI), and their mutual collaborating partner, the Asia Pacific Association of Pediatric Allergy, Respiratory and Immunology (APAPARI), was held 14-17 October 2015, in Seoul, Korea. It was a dynamic gathering of 2,280+ participants from 71 countries. In addition, 200 speakers delivered high quality presentations that stimulated meaningful dialog and discussion throughout the program. I want to thank them and all who participated in and supported making the WAC 2015 a huge success.

WAO Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome, 5-6 December 2015

The WAO Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome is quickly approaching, and I hope you will be able to join us! This two-day meeting will offer both academic and clinical information for participants on the human microbiome as it relates to allergy and also on the important aspects of food allergy research and practice. This event will feature some of the top experts in allergy medicine and be located in beautiful Miami, Florida. To view the Online Scientific Program, [click here](#).

New Website Design

As part of WAO's initiative to provide online resources to the global allergy/immunology community, and to align the growth activities of WAO with the needs of our member societies, I am pleased to announce the launch of the newly designed WAO website at www.worldallergy.org. The Web Editorial Board began their strategic planning last February, under the project leadership of Juan Carlos Ivancevich, Web Editor-in-Chief, and Dana Wallace, Deputy Editor. As a result of their evaluation of the strengths, weakness, and opportunities of the WAO website, the Editorial Board redesigned the website to offer easy access from smart phones, tablets, and computers. The next time you visit worldallergy.org I am sure you will find it as visually appealing as I do. This was a tremendous and time-consuming effort. Congratulations to all of those who contributed to what is truly a significant design update.

WAO Welcomes Justin Dodge as Executive Director

It is my distinct pleasure to introduce you to the newest member of the WAO Secretariat, Justin Dodge. The WAO Board of Directors will work closely with him in making the goals of WAO a reality. I look

forward to the contributions Justin will make to the growth and success of WAO. Please join me in welcoming Justin!

We express our heartfelt thanks to Jennie Smazik Socha who leaves WAO after many years of service to lead another international medical association, and we send our best wishes for her ongoing success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lanny J. Rosenwasser" followed by a stylized flourish.

Lanny J. Rosenwasser

President, World Allergy Organization

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