Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The goal of securing the future of the field of allergy and clinical immunology permeates everything that the World Allergy Organization (WAO) does and strives to accomplish. It is with that in mind that WAO funds educational programs like the World Allergy Training Schools (WATS) of the Emerging Societies Program (ESP) and why we foster initiatives that promote the development of societies and support of physicians in the developing world. That is also why it is so important to WAO that we host our congresses, conferences and symposia annually. The specialty as a whole is only as strong as the ties that bind us together.

I recently had the opportunity of fellowship with my colleagues in the Asia-Pacific region and I was pleased to witness the exciting things that they are doing in the development of our
specialty. WAO and the Malaysian Society of Allergy and Immunology (MSAI) recently co-presented a plenary symposium entitled “Commemorating 50 years since Discovery of IgE” at the Joint Congress of the Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology (APAAACI) and Asia Pacific Association of Pediatric Allergy, Respiratory & Immunology (APAPARI) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 17-20 October. WAO was represented by three speakers: Prof. Ruby Pawankar, Prof. Motohiro Ebisawa and myself. Thank you to Prof. Amir Hamzah Dito Abdul Latif, MSAI President, for partnering with us on this important symposium. Congratulations to both APAAACI President, Prof. Hee Bom Moon, and APAPARI President Prof. Gary Wong and their respective organizations on a successful congress. Special recognition to the scientific committee including co-chairs, Prof. Ruby Pawankar and Prof. Takao Fujisawa.

We are now two weeks away from the opening of the 2016 WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC 2016) in Jerusalem. WAO is excited for the opportunity to offer you a scientifically intensive program that will focus on the presentation of new data and facilitate more dialog about unmet needs in allergy care. I am personally excited for the opportunity to once again exchange our knowledge and ideas in the scientifically focused, collegial setting that we have all come to expect from WAO meetings. Visit www.worldallergy.org/wisc2016 for information on the online scientific program, registration, accommodations and all other needs pertaining to WISC 2016.

See you in Jerusalem!

Sincerely yours,

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

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