Dear Friends,

We are happy to announce that Abstract Submission and Registration for the World Allergy Congress (WAC) 2015 has officially opened. We hope that you all consider joining us for this international allergy event being hosted in Seoul, Korea on 14-17 October 2015. This Congress will be held in partnership with the Korean Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology (KAAACI) and the Asia Pacific Association of Pediatric Allergy, Respirology and Immunology (APAPARI).

Through this strong partnership an outstanding Scientific Program has been created for WAC 2015. There will be a full Pediatrics track running the length of the Congress, developed with the input and guidance from APAPARI. As well as state-of-the-art New Horizon Sessions on Immunotherapy, Biotherapeutics, Asthma and Airway Disease, Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis, Climate Change & the Microbiome and New Frontiers in Allergy. This program is truly not to be missed.

I encourage you to continue checking www.worldallergy.org/wac2015 for updates and further information about the Congress.

**Upcoming WAO Activities:**

WAO is very excited to participate in the Annual Meeting of the AAAAI, which will be held in Houston, Texas, USA, from 21-24 February. The WAO Executive Committee will meet as well as several of our Councils, Committees, and Working Groups.

In addition, WAO is pleased to jointly host, with AAAAI, the World Allergy Forum on Monday, 23 February from 10:45 am – 12:00 pm in the Convention Center, Level Three, Grand Ballroom A on the topic of “The Skin as Barrier in Atopic Dermatitis: Co-Morbid Factors”. WAO would also like to thank Novartis for their continued support of the World Allergy Forum. For more information about the World Allergy Forum and to review past sessions, please visit: http://www.worldallergy.org/educational_programs/world_allergy_forum/

We are also delighted to host a Member Society Forum on Monday, 23 February from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, in the Grand Hyatt – Crocket A&B Rooms. This will be an opportunity for Member Society Representatives to learn about the latest initiatives of WAO and to participate, network and transform your ideas into action by representing your Society in discussions with the WAO Board of Directors. I hope to see all of you there.

This year WAO will host the fifth annual World Allergy Week on 13-19 April 2015 with the focus of “Airway allergies – a human and economic burden.” It will focus on the prevalence of allergic rhinitis and asthma worldwide, expanding awareness among the lay public, medical professionals and policy makers. As in the past for World Allergy Week, WAO will provide resources to its member societies for activities;
these materials will be available online. Continue to check www.worldallergyweek.org for resources and updates.

Sincerely yours,

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