Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Greetings from the World Allergy Organization! Hope you all had a good summer break.

**Upcoming Important Events:**

We are only a few months away from the **WAO Symposium on Immunotherapy and Biologics being held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, from 13-14 December 2013** – the very first of its kind. With an excellent scientific program and opportunities to exchange knowledge and network, we encourage you to participate in the scientific program, not only as a delegate but also as an abstract presenter. Our **Late-Breaking Abstract Submission is open from 16 September to 11 October**. You can find out more information and submit your abstract [here](#). All abstracts, if not previously published and if they fulfill the scientific criteria, will be published in the WAO Journal. We look forward to the opportunity for you to join us in Chicago and share your research with us.

**Updates:**

**WAO Executive Committee meeting during European Respiratory Society (ERS) Congress**

The WAO Executive Committee met during the recent ERS Congress in Barcelona. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Executive Committee members for their hard work and commitment to direct and guide the various activities of the Organization.

It is also always a pleasure to attend the ERS Congress. WAO Treasurer, Stephen Holgate, is the Scientific Chair of ERS, and we congratulate Stephen on his work of developing an outstanding program for the meeting.

**WAO Projects and Committees**

Many new projects and committees have been initiated and instituted. We look forward to the active contribution of the members in the coming months. We will update you as we move forwards with new initiatives.

The **WAO White Book on Allergy** is being updated, and soon its 2013 version will be available as individual chapters and online. An executive summary/pocket guide will also be created for reference.

**Watch for new WAO Junior Member Group Interviews on WAO TV**

WAO Junior Members will be interviewing authors of highly rated scientific papers for WAO TV. Viewers can expect to view world experts being interviewed on cutting-edge science. Keep checking the WAO homepage ([www.worldallergy.org](http://www.worldallergy.org)) for updates.

**Current and Upcoming Collaborations:**

**WAO Participation in National, Regional and International Meetings**

WAO continues to have a presence in many national and regional allergy and immunology meetings around the world. Recently, WAO Leaders have had the opportunity to participate in the following meetings:

**International Union of Immunology Societies (IUIS)** – I had the opportunity to meet with the IUIS Leadership and participate in their recent meeting in Milan as a speaker on “Allergen Standardization: A Global Perspective”. WAO looks forward to more collaboration opportunities with IUIS in the near future, and we will keep you updated.

**Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA)**

5-8 September 2013
In the coming weeks and months we look forward to participating in the following meetings:

**Biennial Congress of Indian Academy of Allergy: IAACON 2013**
Indian Academy of Allergy  
Goa, India  
27-29 September 2013

**Asia Pacific Association of Pediatric Allergy, Respirology, and Immunology (APAPARI) Congress**
Bangkok, Thailand  
2-4 October 2013

**American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Annual Meeting (ACAAI)**
Baltimore, Maryland, USA  
7-12 November 2013

**Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology Congress (APAAACI)**
Taipei, Taiwan  
14-17 November 2013

**Developmental Origins of Health and Disease Congress (DOHAD)**
Singapore  
17-20 November 2013

**2013 National Allergy Meeting (The ASBAI Congress)**
Brazilian Association of Allergy and Immunopathology (ASBAI)  
Belem, Brazil  
30 November to 3 December 2013

**World Allergy Training School - Zimbabwe**
In addition to WAO’s participation in these meetings, we also look forward to holding another World Allergy Training School (WATS) this November, collaborating with the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and the Zimbabwe Allergy Society with the Ministry of Health. This meeting will bring together many countries from the Sub-Saharan region of Africa to participate in the meeting.

**International Collaborations and Projects**

**International Collaboration on Asthma and Allergy (iCAALL)**
The collaborating societies in iCAALL (AAAAI, ACAAI, EAACI, and WAO) are together formulating a survey on the usage and relevance of the International Consensus (ICON) documents. We look forward to hearing your opinions on the documents and how you have used them in influencing your practice and educational initiatives.

**WAO-EAACI Collaborative Project on ICD-11**
WAO and EAACI have undertaken a collaborative project towards influencing the development of ICD-11 by the World Health Organization. We are jointly trying to make a proposal that could potentially substantiate a recommendation to influence ICD-11, highlighting a focus on allergic diseases. A survey has been developed jointly by WAO and EAACI, and responses are now being collected from WAO Member Societies and EAACI members. We look forward to sharing the results of the survey in the coming months and further developing this project to influence policy strategy for allergic diseases.

**New Educational Offerings!**

**Co-morbidities of Asthma and Allergic Rhinitis: WAO Online Symposium**
This self-directed, electronic learning series features expert lectures on the co-morbidities of asthma and allergic rhinitis. It provides a clear overview of the link between asthma and allergic rhinitis, the impact of allergic rhinitis on asthma, potential differences between both diseases, and an integrated therapeutic strategy for the diagnosis and management of allergic rhinitis and asthma. View the lectures [here](#).
Interactive Case Report: Recurrent Attacks of Anaphylaxis
Amber N. Pepper, BS, Salman A. Aljubran, MD, Richard F. Lockey, MD

Clinical Allergy Tip: House Dust Mites - Practical Guidance for Avoidance
By Menachem Rottem, MD

WAO Ask the Expert
Want a global perspective on a clinical question related to allergy, asthma, and clinical immunology? Ask a WAO Expert!

WAO Symposium on Immunotherapy and Biologics
The WAO Symposium on Immunotherapy and Biologics is a 2-day meeting that will summarize what is scientifically known, explore cutting-edge research and recognize the unmet needs of Immunotherapy and Biologics. Simultaneous tracks on Biologics and Immunotherapy will be offered to attendees. Each track offers stimulating lectures, presentations and discussions presented by top international leaders and experts in the field.

To view the Online Scientific Program, click here
Register for the WAO Symposium on Immunotherapy and Biologics and attend cutting-edge sessions.

Regular Registration Rate Deadline: 31 October 2013
Click here to view the full Online Scientific Program of the Symposium

Looking forward to welcoming you to Chicago!

Sincere regards,

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