

## World Allergy Week 2015 *Speaker Biographies*



### **LANNY J. ROSENWASSER, MD**

Dr. Lanny J. Rosenwasser is the Dee Lyons/Missouri Endowed Chair in Pediatric Immunology Research and Professor of Pediatrics, Allergy/Immunology Division, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. He is also Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at University of Missouri-Kansas City-School of Medicine. For 17 years, Dr. Rosenwasser was the Stephen and Marjorie Raphael Chair in Asthma Research and Professor in the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver. He was also Professor of Medicine and Immunology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Rosenwasser is Past President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology and he is a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology. He is currently President of the World Allergy Organization. He was a founding editor and Editor-in-Chief of the *World Allergy Organization Journal* from 2007 to 2013 and has been an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* and has served as an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Immunology*, *Cellular Immunology*, *Genes and Immunity* and the *International Archives of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*. Dr. Rosenwasser has also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Year Book of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology from 1994-2006.

Dr. Rosenwasser has published over 170 original publications as well as invited reviews and book chapters in several prestigious journals. He has also served on a number of government and foundation committees for grant review. Dr. Rosenwasser's research interests include the molecular, cellular and genetic regulation of cytokines, the genetics of atopy and asthma, the role of cytokines in asthma, and vasculitis. Dr. Rosenwasser is one of the discoverers of the cytokine Interleukin-1 and was among the first to identify cytokine genetic variants in allergy and asthma.

Dr. Rosenwasser received his medical degree from New York University (NYU) School of Medicine and in 1997 received the Solomon A. Berson Alumni Achievement Award for research in clinical science from NYU. He also received the NIAID Allergic Diseases Academic Award (1984-1989).

### **MOTOHIRO EBISAWA, MD, PHD**

Motohiro Ebisawa MD, PhD, FAAAAI, is the Treasurer for the Board of Directors, World Allergy Organization. He is Director of Allergy at Sagami National Hospital, Clinical Research Center for

Allergology and Rheumatology in Sagamihara, Japan. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Japanese Society of Allergology and the Japanese Pediatric Allergology Society.

After graduating in medicine from The Jikei University School of Medicine in Tokyo, Japan, Prof. Ebisawa did his residency at Jikei University Hospital, and was a visiting resident at St. Thomas Hospital (UK). He did his post graduate studies at The Jikei University School of Medicine, where he earned his doctorate.

Prof. Ebisawa is also a member of the GINA Assembly and the Collegium Internationale Allergologica (CIA). He has won multiple awards, including the Astra Allergy Research Award.

### **PAUL A. GREENBERGER, MD**

Dr. Paul A. Greenberger is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Allergy-Immunology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. He treats patients, conducts research and teaches medical students, internal medicine residents and allergy-immunology fellows. He served as President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology from 2009-2010. He is a consultant (special governmental employee) to the FDA Pulmonary-Allergy Drug Advisory Committee.

His research interests include studying a novel method of allergy injections to reduce allergic reactivity, idiopathic anaphylaxis, drug allergy, severe asthma and allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis. He has published over 260 manuscripts and 95 book chapters. He is co-author of *Patterson's Allergic Diseases*, now in its 7<sup>th</sup> edition. He is most proud of the 120 allergy-immunology specialists that he has helped to train at Northwestern University.

### **STANLEY FINEMAN, MD, MBA**

Dr. Stanley M. Fineman, M.D., M.B.A., has been in private allergy practice for 35 years. He earned his medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency in Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati. Following this he did his Allergy and Immunology fellowship at Harvard University School of Medicine in Boston.

Dr. Fineman is currently Immediate-Past-President of the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology and is active in a variety of committees in that organization. He is currently serving on the Boards of the World Allergy Organization and the Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics. Dr. Fineman has served as president of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, the Southeastern Allergy Association, the Allergy and Immunology Society of Georgia, the Cobb County Medical Society and the Cobb Area Pediatric Society. He has been a Governor for the Regional State and Local Societies of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. He is cited as one of Atlanta's top allergists in Atlanta Magazine's "Top Doctors" and is also listed in "Best Doctors" in Georgia.

Dr. Fineman has a teaching appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor Department of Pediatrics, Allergy division, Emory University School of Medicine. He has authored over forty scientific papers and has written several book chapters on various topics in the field of Allergy and Immunology. He is a contributing editor for the publication Allergy Watch and serves on the editorial boards of the medical

journals *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*, and *Allergy & Asthma Proceedings*. Dr. Fineman is a frequent lecturer at regional, national and international medical meetings.

### **RUBY PAWANKAR, MD, PhD**

Ruby Pawankar MD, PhD, is the Past President of the World Allergy Organization (WAO). She is Professor of Allergy, Department of Pediatrics at Nippon Medical School in Tokyo, Japan, and Guest Professor at the Kyung Hee University School of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea, and Showa University School of Medicine in Tokyo, Japan. After graduating in medicine from the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune, India, Prof. Pawankar did her residency and post graduate work at BJ Medical College, Pune. Thereafter, she trained in Allergy & Clinical Immunology at Nippon Medical School and Juntendo University School of Medicine in Tokyo, Japan where she earned her doctorate.

Prof. Pawankar serves on numerous committees of several academic organizations and grant reviews, is a Member/Fellow of many academic organizations, including the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and the Collegium Internationale Allergologicum (CIA), and has served as President of some of these organizations. She has delivered numerous orations/named lectures nationally and internationally. She is a recipient of several academic awards including the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award from the President of India for excellence and achievements in medicine.

Prof. Pawankar's research has focused on the cellular and molecular mechanisms of allergy, in particular characterizing mast cells and T cells, epithelial cell-immune cell interactions, novel roles of IgE, mast cell-IgE cascade, environmental pollution, immunotherapy and new therapies for respiratory allergies. This has resulted in 382 publications including peer-reviewed original articles, invited reviews and book chapters. She is Editor/ Associate Editor of peer-reviewed journals and books including the WAO White Book on Allergy Update 2013 and Allergy Frontiers and is a co-author of consensus documents.

### **IGNACIO ANSOTEGUI, MD, PhD**

Dr. Ignacio J. Ansotegui completed his medical studies at the University of Basque Country, Bilbao. He completed his PhD studies in the Immunology Department of the Karolinska Institute and Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm and further specialized in allergy and clinical immunology at the University of Rome "LaSapienza". In 1996, Dr. Ansotegui returned to Spain at the Santiago Apostol Hospital – Allergy and Immunology Department. In 2007, he became consultant in allergy and clinical immunology at the Royal Hospitals and Honorary Senior Lecturer at Queen's University of Belfast. Currently he is Head of the Allergy and Immunology Department at Quirón Bizkaia Hospital.

Dr. Ansotegui is Secretary-General of the World Allergy Organization. He is Chair of Ethics Committee and past Vice President of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology; General Secretary of the Association of Allergology Societies of Southern Europe and Secretary of the European CME Accreditation Committee. He is treasurer and past General Secretary of INTERASMA. In 2008, he was President of the EAACI Congress in Barcelona. In 2007 he won the Distinguished Clinical Services Award from the Argentinean Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and the International Distinguished Fellow Award from the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

### **MARIO SANCHEZ BORGES, MD, PhD**

Mario Sánchez-Borges graduated from Universidad Central de Venezuela in 1974 and took the Postgraduate Course in Allergy and Clinical Immunology at that University from 1976 to 1978. He was a Visiting Investigator at Tokyo University from 1979 to 1980 working with Prof. Tomio Tada and publishing papers on new genetic markers of murine IgE (IgH-7 allotype) and the antigen-specific suppression of IgE production by fatty acid-modified allergens.

In 1980, Dr. Sánchez-Borges became Professor at Universidad Central de Venezuela, and Chairman of the Department of Immunology, National Oncology/Hematology Institute. Presently he is Associate Professor of the Department of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Centro Medico-Docente La Trinidad in Caracas.

He has served as Treasurer, President, Secretary General, Scientific Secretary (two terms), Vice-president, and Foreign Affairs Secretary of the Venezuelan Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

At the Latin American Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Dr. Sánchez-Borges has been Member at Large, Secretary General and Vice-President. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (member of the International Committee, Grants in Aid Subcommittee for two terms and presently Member of the Latin American Region Subcommittee), Member of the Collegium Internationale Allergologicum, and the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology.

Presently, Dr. Sánchez-Borges is Member of the Executive Committee of the World Allergy Organization for the term 2014-2015 (President Elect), where he was Member at Large (2008-2009), Treasurer (2010-2011), and Secretary General (2012-2013). He has published 163 articles in peer-reviewed journals, more than 40 original articles in Spanish language, and has presented 154 original papers in National and International Congresses.

He is presently Regional Associate Editor of the World Allergy Organization Journal, and Member of the Editorial Board of Revista Venezolana de Alergia, Asma e Inmunología, Archivos de Alergia e Inmunología, Revista Alergia (Mexico), and Brazilian Journal of Allergy and Immunopathology.