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Dear Member Society Representative:

On behalf of the WAO Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to invite your society to consider republishing in your national allergy journal the two recent Position Papers published by WAO. We invite you to translate them to your native language in order to make them more accessible to your colleagues. We are requesting that every member society that has a journal republish these important papers to supplement the original publications in the *World Allergy Organization Journal*. The two papers are:

**What is an Allergist?**

*A position statement of the WAO Specialty and Training Council; Del Giacco, Sergio; Rosenwasser, Lanny J.; Crisci, Carlos D.; Frew, Anthony J.; Kaliner, Michael A.; Lee, Bee Wah; Guanghui, Liu; Maspero, Jorge; Moon, Hee-Bom; Takemasa, Nokagawa; Potter, Paul C.; Singh, Anand B.; Valovirta, Erkka; Vervloet, Daniel; Warner, John O.; Henley, Karen*  
**WAO Journal 2008; 1:19-20**

**Requirements for Physician Competencies in Allergy: Key Clinical Competencies Appropriate for the Care of Patients With Allergic or Immunologic Diseases: A Position Statement of the World Allergy Organization.**

*Kaliner, Michael A.; Del Giacco, Sergio; Crisci, Carlos D.; Frew, Anthony J.; Liu, Guanghui; Maspero, Jorge; Moon, Hee-Bom; Nakagawa, Takemasa; Potter, Paul C.; Rosenwasser, Lanny J.; Singh, Anand B.; Valovirta, Erkka; Van Cauwenberge, Paul; Warner, John O.; WAO Specialty and Training Council*  
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We sincerely hope that you will take part in this global endeavor to advance the field of allergy and clinical immunology. We ask that you inform the WAO Secretariat ([cmalik@worldallergy.org](mailto:cmalik@worldallergy.org)) of the publication date so that WAO can announce it in the e-letter and on its web site.

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