Dear Friends,

WAO strives to provide a global platform for education and resources to all allergists around the world. To do this well WAO relies on its Member Societies to assist in partnering on educational opportunities and to participate in WAO events to create this international network for knowledge sharing. With that being said, we would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in the upcoming World Allergy Congress in Seoul, Korea on 14-17 October. The abstract deadline is on 15 May and we are eager to receive you and your colleagues’ abstracts and learn about all of the exciting research that is being conducted around the world. We hope you join us to make this a truly global event! To submit an abstract visit the WAC website at http://www.worldallergy.org/wac2015/scientific_program/abstract_submission.php

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of the Member Societies and patient organizations that participated in World Allergy Week 2015. Together we were able to spread awareness to patients, physicians, governments and the general public regarding the burden of Airways Allergies and its effect on the economy. I encourage you all to take a moment to visit www.worldallergyweek.org to see all of the ways that Member Societies participated and to continue to use the available resources to raise awareness worldwide. I would like to thank the WAO Communications Council, chaired by Motohiro Ebisawa and Paul Greenberger, for all of their work to make World Allergy Week 2015 a success.

I would like to highlight that the newest addition to our Physician Resource section, Evidence-based Allergy, has complete 18 subject literature searches available in two optional, easy to use, reference library formats. Each literature search covers the relevant articles from the major searchable databases from the previous 10 years. Also provided is a summary of search results document which includes search terms and number of articles found. I would like to thank Dr Dana Wallace, Deputy Editor of the WAO Web Editorial Board, for leading the completion of this educational feature.

As previously shared, my presidential initiatives includes a focus on raising the profile of training and research, enhancing the mission of WAO through closer collaborations with its Member Societies and increasing WAO’s impact on the Allergy community. WAO continues to makes strides in each area through its strong portfolio of education on our website, in our position papers and through our in-person meetings. We will look to strengthen this portfolio through increased training and research endeavors, through our collaborations with our partners, and by expanding these opportunities to young scientists and in emerging regions. Throughout the year, we hope to highlight the many ways WAO is achieving these goals.
Finally, in support of my presidential initiatives, WAO is hosting a Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome on 5-6 December 2015 in Miami, FL, USA. The Symposium is organized into two tracks, one focusing on Food Allergy and the other on the Microbiome. The goal of the Symposium is to offer you the opportunity to discover the late-breaking and cutting edge science in each of these fields in an intimate setting. Attendance will be limited, allowing delegates the opportunity to interact closely with the key opinion leaders on these topics. The Scientific Program for the meeting has just been announced and we encourage you to visit http://www.worldallergy.org/symposium2015/ to view the various sessions and international experts that have been invited as the faculty.

Sincerely yours,

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