Dear Friends,

Many of us have just returned from the European Academy of Allergy Asthma and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) Congress in Barcelona, Spain, where several of the WAO Committees as well as the WAO Board of Directors met. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you who took the time to attend and contribute actively to these WAO meetings which are essential to our many ongoing projects and initiatives.

We also thank all of the WAO member society representatives who joined us at the Member Society Reception to network, share experiences and discuss your ongoing interests. We thank all of you for the ideas shared and for your efforts to promote and develop the specialty of allergy worldwide. WAO looks forward to continuing these relationships and collaborations. To those who were unable to attend the EAACI Congress and our committee meetings, we look forward to updating you and working with you in the coming months.

While we were in Barcelona, WAO began its WAC 2015 Selfie Campaign. We hope you will all join us in promoting the upcoming World Allergy Congress in Seoul by taking “Selfies” and posting the pictures on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram with the hashtags: #WAC2015 and #WAC2015Selfie. Anyone that has not yet registered for WAC and posts a Selfie with the hashtags will receive a discount on your WAC registration. To download the WAC sign and learn more details about this campaign visit: http://www.worldallergy.org/wac2015/general_information/selfie.php

Late-Breaking Abstract Submission for WAC 2015 opened on 22 June. This is your last chance to submit your research to be shared amongst your peers during the Congress. If you would like the opportunity to participate in the Scientific Program through an abstract presentation, make sure to submit before the Late-Breaking Abstract deadline on 13 July. Visit the WAC 2015 website to submit your abstract, register for the Congress and to see the most current version of Scientific Program: www.worldallergy.org/wac2015

WAO’s Food Allergy Committee was instrumental in the creation, along with other expert organizations, of the recently released “Consensus Communication on Early Peanut Introduction and the Prevention of Peanut Allergy in High-Risk Infants.” (You can read the Consensus Communication on our website here). The purpose of this document is to communicate the emerging evidence to existing guidelines which was released in the LEAP (Learning Early about Peanut) Study. As a response to this emerging evidence, the organizations created this communication in hopes that it will better inform the decision-making process for healthcare providers regarding such potential benefits of early peanut introduction.
We are also eager to announce that abstract submission and registration opened for WAO’s Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome which is taking place 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 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. Make sure to register and submit an abstract today!

Sincerely yours,

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