Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that two new web-based allergy resources for clinicians have been made available online at worldallergy.org, after extensive work by committee members:

**World Atlas of Aeroallergens**

Proposed and launched by Syed Hasnain and Fares Zaitoun, and the WAO Aeroallergens Committee in 2012-2013, the atlas project brought together experts from all the WAO regions to focus on the growing concern about indoor and outdoor allergens worldwide. Currently under the oversight of Richard Weber, Carmen Galán Soldevilla, and Syed Hasnain, the project intends to identify geographical areas where indoor and outdoor allergen information is not available, promote awareness, and encourage the provision of training resources and the development of research initiatives to fill those gaps in areas of need.

In the first phase of the project, committee members gathered initial allergen information in the regions, based on availability in existing databases, published studies, up-to-date aerobiology websites, and national and regional society resources, and these data have been organized into a web-based atlas. They will continue to update the atlas as data are received. Next they will focus on enhancing the online presentation of the data through standardizing the data into one format.

**Eosinophils, Mast Cells, and Basophil Disorders in Allergic Diseases**

The members of the WAO Committee on Eosinophil, Mast Cell, and Basophil Disorders in Allergic Disease, under the leadership of Francesca Levi-Schaffer and Hans-Uwe Simon as Co-Chairs, have created a web-based resource for those interested in the role of these cells in allergy. The new resource includes a searchable reference list of recent publications on mast cells, eosinophils and basophils, and a definitive view provided by WAO of why these cells are important in allergy. The resource also contains monthly article summaries and an Ask the Expert Feature. In the next phase of development, committee members will develop a clinical trials component that will describe current trials and link to their information.

I would like to thank and congratulate all of the committee members who worked hard to build these valuable resources for allergists and immunologists around the world.
WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC 2014) Rio de Janeiro
The next registration deadline for WISC 2014 is 31 October 2014. If you are not yet registered, please make sure to register by that date to take advantage of the discounted registration rates. To complete your registration please visit the website at: http://www.worldallergy.org/wisc2014/
We look to hosting a wonderful WISC with the Brazilian Society in a few short weeks.

See you all in Rio!

Sincerely yours,

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