

News Release

Note to media: More information about the conference is available at:

<http://www.worldallergy.org/wisc2014>



WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC 2014) welcomed allergy and asthma professionals to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

WISC 2014 focused on unmet needs and future directions in allergy and clinical immunology medicine

From 6-9 December 2014, in Rio de Janeiro, 2313 participants from 63 countries came together for the 3rd World Allergy Organization (WAO) International Scientific Conference (WISC 2014) and the XLI Annual Congress of the Brazilian Association of Allergy and Immunology (ASBAI).

Dr. Lanny Rosenwasser, President of the World Allergy Organization, said, "On behalf of WAO, I want to thank the 163 speakers who took the time and effort to attend the conference and stimulate meaningful dialog and discussion throughout the program. Our appreciation also goes to our sponsors for their generous support which makes a conference of this magnitude possible, and our heartfelt thanks go to the delegates and the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro."

Highlights from the Conference included:

- Opening Ceremony with guest speaker Carlos Enaldo de Araujo Pacheco, Counselor of Regional Council of Medicine of the State of Rio de Janeiro (CREMERJ)
- 3 Keynote Lectures by Lanny Rosenwasser, Jorge Kalil, and John Cambier
- 6 Plenary Sessions including:
 - Immunotherapy and Immunological Aspects of Allergic Disease
 - Clinical Aspects of Sublingual Immunotherapy and Subcutaneous Immunotherapy
 - Innate Immunity in Allergy: Sentinel role of the Epithelium and Microbiome
 - Biologics and Novel Treatments for Allergic Disease
 - The Evolving World of Food Allergy
 - Food Allergy 2014 and into the Future
- 27 Symposia
- 23 Postgraduate Sessions
- 12 Junior Member Practical Courses
- 27 travel grant awards to WAO Junior Members
- 348 abstracts displayed in Poster Sessions; 25 of those received an *Outstanding Abstract Award*.

The award winners were:

Gabriela Andrade C. Dias	Arelis Mas Quintero
Eduardo Costa F. Silva	Andrea Mikkelsen
Jane Da Silva	Akio Mori
Roxana Samalea Diaz	Beni Morgenstern
Peter Friedrich Eberle	Kumiko Morita
Cibele Marina Gaido	Priscila Palhas
Pedro Giavina-Bianchi	Nathalia Pessa Simis
Anete Grumach	Wendy Ramirez Gonzalez
Tanja Grzetic-Romcevic	Carmen Rondon
Erika Jensen-Jarolim	Regina Maria Selb
Smita Joshi	Keity Souza Santos
Laila Karra	Hoang Kim Tu Trinh
Desiree Larenas Linneman	

The theme of the conference was: *Advancing the borders of allergy: From treatment to prevention by targeting the environment, infections, and the susceptible patient.* “The WISC 2014 program was outstanding.” Dr. Rosenwasser said, “It allowed clinical and scientific experts to present on a wide range of topics that reflect the clinical challenges we are facing from increased allergic disease, and also the new ways to address it through integrated diagnostic, management, and prevention approaches. This kind of information exchange is needed to help expand the knowledge and practice of allergy.”

About the World Allergy Organization

The *World Allergy Organization (WAO)* is an international alliance of 95 regional and national allergy, asthma, and immunology societies. Through collaboration with its Member Societies WAO provides a wide range of educational and outreach programs, symposia and lectureships to allergists/immunologists around the world and conducts initiatives related to clinical practice, service provision, and physical training in order to better understand and address the challenges facing allergists/immunologists worldwide. (www.worldallergy.org)

About the Brazilian Association of Allergy and Immunology

The Brazilian Association of Allergy and Immunology (ASBAI) is devoted to improving treatment for allergic disease and promoting the understanding of allergy, asthma and clinical immunology. For over 60 years, the ASBAI has been an active advocate and leader in the field of allergy study. (www.sbai.org.br)

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