

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **World Allergy Organization Announces Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome** *Two Days of Research on the Future of Allergy Diagnosis and Treatment, in Miami in December*

Milwaukee, WI. October 23, 2015 – The World Allergy Organization (WAO) will bring together physicians from a variety of disciplines for the “WAO Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome” in Miami, Florida, from 5-6 December. This two-day symposium will focus on new insights on the pathophysiology of food allergy and allergic disease and the mechanisms of immune intolerance as well as the role of the microbiome in allergic disease. The Symposium will be limited in numbers to approximately 350 attendees, making it an ideal setting for discussion, learning, and networking.

“The scientific program of this symposium will offer the opportunity to take an in-depth look at what we are learning about the associations among the human microbiome, immune system, and allergic disease, and where the focus of new research needs to be,” said Lanny Rosenwasser, MD, President of the World Allergy Organization and Symposium Chair. “This may be especially true in the study of risk factors for food allergy and other immune dysfunction in early life that could lead the way toward development of improved treatment methods and prevention strategies.”

The Symposium will offer attendees simultaneous tracks of presentations and in-depth discussion on Food Allergy and the Microbiome. The Symposium will also include two Plenary Sessions as a means of bringing all participants together for both topics. During the [Opening Plenary Session](#), Prof Susan Prescott will speak on “The Microbiome: Implications for Developmental Biology”, and Dr Christine Joseph will present on “Respiratory Microbiome”. During the [Closing Plenary Session](#), Dr Hugh Sampson will present on “Food Allergy: Past, Present and Future”, and Prof Gideon Lack will present on “Secondary Prevention of Food Allergy”.

For a complete list of topics and sessions, view the Scientific Program at:  
<https://wao.confex.com/wao/2015symp/webprogram/start.html>

### **WAO Symposium on Food Allergy and the Microbiome Information**

Members of the media receive complementary full-access registration to the Symposium. The Symposium website contains all the information you need to prepare for the meeting including the information on how to register, Final Program, WAO press policies, and press registration information. ([www.worldallergy.org/symposium2015](http://www.worldallergy.org/symposium2015))

### **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](http://www.worldallergy.org))

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