

## Announcement



### **WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC) 2016 will cover wide range of concerns in allergy/immunology practice and research**

*Physicians will convene in Jerusalem in December for global conference on allergy patient care*

Milwaukee, WI. September 29, 2016 – More than 140 internationally known experts from 26 countries will present on a wide variety of topics regarding the future of patient care in allergic diseases during the WAO International Scientific Conference (WISC) 2016 in Jerusalem, Israel, 6 to 9 December 2016.

The World Allergy Organization (WAO) will host WISC 2016 in Collaboration with the Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI) and the IAACI's mutually collaborating partner, Allergists for Israel (AFI). The conference expects to gather 1200 delegates from 35 countries.

“We look forward to bringing together the many dedicated practitioners and researchers in allergy and clinical immunology for substantive conversation about current challenges in the understanding and management of allergic diseases,” said Mario Sánchez-Borges, MD, President of the World Allergy Organization. “The speakers at WISC 2016 represent many important facets of allergy and clinical immunology. It's important that all these voices are heard, as WAO works toward the common goal of improving overall patient care.”

One of the most anticipated presentations is entitled, “A Common Monogenic Cause for the Mast Cell Activation Syndrome,” to be delivered by Joshua Milner, MD, of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health. “Dr. Milner will present new findings on a genetic cause for a common disorder that allergists frequently encounter,” said Ignacio Ansotegui, WISC 2016 Conference Chair. “In this important study, we learn a number of new things about mast cell activation disorder. Compelling sessions like Dr. Milner's and many others that we have lined up for the WISC 2016 program will offer delegates the chance to hear research that is currently in press.”

The scientific program will include notable scientific keynote speakers: Dr. Frank Austin, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Dr. Marc Rothenberg, MD, PhD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; Nobel Laureate Prof. Avram Hershko, MD, PhD, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology; and Dr. Martin Blazer, MD, New York University School of Medicine. Plenary sessions will offer new insights for clinical practice worldwide including mechanisms of allergenicity, clinical aspects in immunotherapy, atopic dermatitis, and food desensitization, and alternatives to oral immunotherapy. The WISC 2016 scientific program will include 39 symposia, 9 sister society symposia, 8 workshops, 4 junior member practical courses, and 3 poster sessions, providing in-depth and diverse perspectives on a wide range of current topics such as the microbiome, food allergy, asthma, mast cell disorders, environmental effects on allergy and allergic skin disorders.

#### **About the World Allergy Organization**

The World Allergy Organization (WAO) is an international alliance of 97 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))

### **Israel Association for Allergy and Clinical Immunology**

The Israel Association for Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI), founded in 1949, is a non-profit association, with a mission to promote education, good clinical practice and research in a wide spectrum of allergic and immune-mediated diseases in Israel, under the umbrella of the Israel Medical Association (IMA). The IAACI is dedicated to promoting collaborations between Allergists/Clinical Immunologists and physicians from other disciplines in Israel, aiming to expand knowledge and improve patient care. This is achieved by promoting joint meetings and producing Israeli collaborative recommendations on various topics.

### **Allergists for Israel**

Allergists for Israel (AFI) was founded in 1984 and the evolving vision of the group is to develop camaraderie for Allergists/Immunologists and other supporters of allergy by gathering in the USA, Israel and around the world. AFI strives to establish collegial relations between America and Israel. ([www.allergists4israel.org](http://www.allergists4israel.org))

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