ALLSA REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Colleagues

This is the first Newsletter for 2014 and may I wish you, our dear Allergy family a prosperous New Year.

In this Edition of the Newsletter I would like to take the opportunity to introduce to you Marcelle Groenewald.

Marcelle has been a champion of Allergology in Gauteng and South Africa for so many years. She has been instrumental in ensuring that a whole lineage of South African, adults and their children, are treated for allergic conditions and receive the very best in care.

Then I want to introduce a new feature to the Newsletter this year. Since we have run through the ALLSA Excom members and ALLSA office staff, I thought it might be prudent to now ‘Focus On’ the various international and local organisations that ALLSA relate to. We are not an isolated society at the far tip of Africa, but do indeed belong to the wider allergy world through many organisations and bodies.

Therefore our first focus is on the World Allergy Organisation and I bring you a message from the Chair, Prof Ruby Pawankar.

Enjoy again!

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INTRODUCING: DR MARCELLE GROENEWALD

Dr Marcelle Groenewald has been one of ALLSA’s most loyal members over many years. Marcelle has served ALLSA as Excom member and as the Chair of the Gauteng Inter-City Meetings in the nineteen nineties.

From September 2004 until her retirement in November 2011 Marcelle was the Manager of the Allergy Service Unit at 1 Military Hospital, Pretoria where she was responsible for the diagnostic and management services of allergic children and adults and where she supervised a large immunotherapy clinic.

She is a Founder member of the SAMA Research Ethics Committee in 1992 and at present is the Vice-Chair. In 2006-2010, she was given a Ministerial appointment to the National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC).

Marcelle has been involved over 30 Clinical Drug Trials (about 98% of which are Allergy related), where she was the top recruiter internationally in a few and hence had a number of publications. She was involved in Investigator Driven Research and had posters of her findings accepted locally and internationally.

Marcelle has completed a Post Graduate Degree in International Research Ethics (PG Dip Int Res Ethics), at the Bioethics Dept, UCT in 2003 and graduated in June 2004. Marcelle has been the External Supervisor for the BTech Pulmonology students, Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) amongst other, helping with their protocol development, research project and dissertation, while they performed their 3 years practical formative years at the Lung Function Lab at 1 Mil. Some of these research projects were allergy related.

Marcelle has attended a number of international allergy workshops and congresses.
Dear Member Society Member,

As 2013 comes to an end, we would like to thank you all for your hard work and devotion in advancing excellence in clinical care, research, education and training. As a part of our global alliance, you help make the World Allergy Organization (WAO) more successful every year.

Here are some of the things WAO has accomplished this year because of your dedication:

- Successful participation and outreach on Food Allergy – A Rising Global Health Problem for World Allergy Week 2013
- Update of important WAO documents, including the White Book on Allergy and the 2009 SLIT Guidelines
- The WAO Journal became a fully accessible Open Access Journal
- The development of a Global Atlas on Aeroallergens
- World Allergy Training Schools in emerging regions of the world

Remember that being a Member of WAO allows you to access great benefits like these:

- The opportunity to request endorsement and speakers for the scientific programs in your country
- The chance to promote your Society on the WAO website (visit the newly redesigned membership page)
- Access to materials to participate in WAO’s World Allergy Week
- The ability to contribute to and be recognized in official WAO Position Papers and other publications
- Utilization of www.worldallergy.org as a resource for both patients and health professionals
- The opportunity to contribute to WAO governance and provide service through committees
- Participation in the Emerging Societies Program
- Use of the WAO logo

For more details, please visit our benefits page on the WAO website.

Best regards and warm wishes,

Ruby Pawankar
WAO President

Mario Sanchez Borges
WAO Secretary-General
A photo taken in 1998 of 3 of the ALLSA Chairmen while essentially attending a WAO Conference in Cancun, Mexico.

Professor Cassim Motala, Dr Ahmed Manjra, Professor Matt Haus