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# STATE OF WORLD ALLERGY REPORT 2008

## ALLERGY AND CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASES

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**A Message from Professor G. Walter Canonica  
President, World Allergy Organization**

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Dear Colleagues:

One of my first duties as President of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) is the pleasure of presenting the State of World Allergy Report 2008. This exciting new WAO initiative, launched at the World Allergy Congress in Bangkok in December 2007, will provide a biennial review of the explosion of allergies around the globe and will consider how the medical, social and economic issues surrounding allergic diseases should be addressed. This first report provides a snapshot of the prevailing situation in 2008 from the perspective of organizations, such as the WAO and the World Health Organization through the Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases, which represent allergists and clinical immunologists — the clinicians at the forefront of attempts to recognize, assess and address this global crisis. The focus of WAO's mandate for the next two years is **Innovation in Continuity**. WAO will continue to build on its existing programs to further support and develop new research, education and training initiatives in this specialty and to focus attention on the importance of the allergist as the key coordinator of allergy patient care.

The State of World Allergy Report is a call to action for everyone with an interest in allergy to develop a partnership with WAO in a global effort to control and manage allergic diseases on behalf of the world's population.

Yours sincerely,



Professor G. Walter Canonica  
President, World Allergy Organization