Editorial

This issue of *International Archives of Allergy and Immunology* commemorates the beginning of a new relationship in which the journal becomes associated with The World Allergy Organization/IAACI. As President of WAO and an Associate Editor for the journal, I have had the pleasure of working with the Editors and Karger Publishers to help catalyze this new endeavor. We are confident that our association will help each of us to achieve common goals such as the dissemination of the latest developments in Allergy and Clinical Immunology to an audience that consists of readers representing a world-wide constituency.

The *International Archives of Allergy and (Applied) Immunology* was founded in 1950 by Drs. P. Harley, P. Kallos, W. Löffler, and F.W. Wittich with Dr. Paul Kallos serving as the first Editor-in-Chief. The journal has flourished throughout the years, and later eliminated the word 'Applied' from its title to indicate the increased breadth of its contents to encompass all aspects of immunology, both basic and clinical, that are germane to the many disorders traditionally included in the specialty of 'Allergy and Clinical Immunology'. That tradition has continued and has reached new heights during the editorship of Dr. Dietrich Kraft and now Dr. Rudolf Valenta. The articles are timely, consist of a fine mix of original submissions, reviews, and commentaries, with a particular flair for the basic science basis upon which Allergy and Clinical Immunology depends. We expect the submissions to continue to broaden in scope and to further reflect its international character, and look forward to being able to make the *International Archives of Allergy and Immunology* available to everyone in the WAO family of nations.

The *Journal of the World Allergy Organization* (ACI International) will continue to publish 6 issues per year and we expect *International Archives* to complement ACI International and enhance the overall educational program of WAO. We are proud to have the *International Archives of Allergy and Immunology* join us and look forward to a productive relationship for many years to come. But more importantly, we hope that this will prove to be of value to you, our readers, and ultimately to be of benefit to our patients.

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