

## Editorial



ESPAI will hold this month its 12<sup>th</sup> International Congress in Le Meridien Heliopolis Hotel (April 13-14, 2016). This year's scientific program is enriched by two eminent international speakers. Prof. Robert Lemanske the president of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (AAAAI) and Prof. Stephen Durham President of the British Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (BSACI). The Egyptian experts will also present very important topics in the field and we look forward to your input and feedback1

An important event will be hosted this month by ESPAI. On Tuesday April 5, a workshop will be held for celebrating the World Allergy Week 2016 (April 4-10) in the conference hall of the Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University. The main theme of this year's World Allergy Week as put forward by the World Allergy Organization (WAO) is pollen allergies - adapting to a changing climate. Please visit our website (<http://www.espai-eg.org>) for details. You will find resources on the WAO website (<http://www.worldallergy.org/physician-resources/world-allergy/world-allergy-week-2016>).

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains subjects that are of utmost importance. The review article describes the molecular endotypes of pediatric asthma. It covers cellular and molecular pathways underlying bronchial asthma and their impact on management of this expanding disease. After reading it you will find some multiple choice questions for self-assessment. Two original articles were carefully selected after peer-review by International and local experts in the field. Serum vitamin D and IgE levels in infants and children under two years of age with recurrent chest wheeze is the title of one of them. The authors sought to investigate the relation between vitamin D status and the frequency of infant wheeze. The other article reports the prevalence of food sensitization and helminth infection among primary school children in Ibadan, a city in Southwest Nigeria. The authors concluded that sensitization to food is common in this age group and intestinal helminthiasis seems to have no influence on its prevalence.

From beyond our pages, a collection of recent abstracts from international allergy/immunology periodicals is included as usual. Do not forget to go through our glossary of allergy and immunology medical terms and our calendar of forthcoming allergy/immunology scientific meetings. I would like also to remind you that the WAO monthly e-letter (News & Notes) is displayed on our website both in English and Arabic. You can also get information on how to submit an article for publication in the WAO online journal (WAO J) and can sign up to get the journal alerts (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/waojournal/>).

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and comments on [journal@espai-eg.org](mailto:journal@espai-eg.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Y. EL GAMAL' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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