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In the World Allergy Organization, Prof Ansotegui served for four years as a Member at Large on the Board of Directors, two years as Secretary General and two years as President Elect. He has also chaired the Research Committee of the Latin-American Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (SLAAI). Previously he served as Vice-chair (2009-2010) and Chair (2011-2012) of the Iberian Chapter and member of the Board of Directors of SLAAI (2013-2014); Secretary General of INTERASMA from 2003 to 2006; and a Member at Large (2001 to 2003), 2nd Vice President (2003 -2005), Historian (2005 to 2007) and Chair of Ethics Committee (2007-2010) of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI). Between 2008 and 2017 he was Secretary of the European CME Accreditation Committee. In 2008, he was the President of the European Congress of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, which was held in Barcelona, Spain.

In 2007, Prof Ansotegui received the International Distinguished Fellow Award from the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and was also honoured with the Distinguished Clinical Services Award from the Argentinean Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. In 2014, he was recognized as an Honorary Member of the Italian Society of Allergology, Asthma and Clinical Immunology, and one year later, an Honorary Member of the Georgian Association of Allergology and Clinical Immunology.

Ignacio J. Ansotegui has published numerous articles in respected journals including Science, Journal Experimental Medicine, Biochemical Journal, Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Allergy, Journal of Investigational and Clinical Allergy, Clinical Experimental Allergy, Cellular Immunology, Scandinavian Journal of Immunology, Parasitology Today, Hybridoma, European Journal of Epidemiology, Journal American Academy of Dermatology, International Archives of Allergy and Immunology, Contact Dermatitis, European Annals of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Anticancer Research, WAO Journal, etc. Prof Ansotegui has also been involved as an editorial board member of several journals of the specialty, including: Allergy, J Investigational Allergy and Clinical Immunology, International Archives of Allergy and Immunology, Annals of Respiratory Medicine, International Trends in Immunity, Asthma Research and Practice and Alergología e Inmunología Clínica,

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