

## **AAAAI Foundation and Louis M. Mendelson, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future**



Louis M. Mendelson, MD, was born in Virginia and graduated from Vanderbilt University and Medical College of Virginia.

He completed his Pediatric Residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine in New York. Mendelson went on to complete his fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at the University of California in San Diego.

Currently he is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine and served as the Division Head of Allergy and Immunology at the

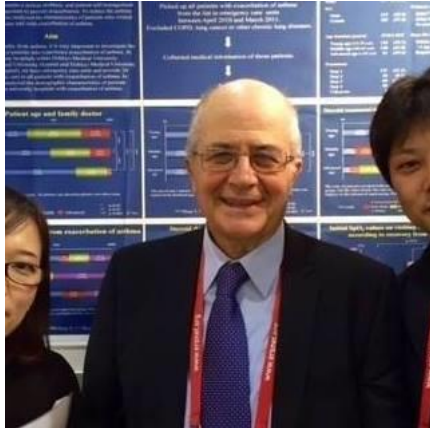
Connecticut Children's Medical Center for many years; enthusiastically teaching and inspiring generations of medical students and pediatric residents.

Since 1972, Mendelson has been active in clinical private practices in the Hartford, Connecticut region, becoming a world renowned figure in our field because of his tireless dedication to his patients' care. His excellence as a clinician led to the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) honoring him in 2000 with the Distinguished Clinician Award. He was previously honored with the Food Allergy Network's Marial C. Furlong Award for Making a Difference in 1999.

Despite his heavy practice schedule, he continues researching and writing, his interests include penicillin allergy, food allergy, anaphylactic reactions, asthma and vernal conjunctivitis; sharing his practical experiences improving our sub-specialty. He has been a champion of Regional Allergy Societies serving two terms as President of the Connecticut Allergy Society, and one term as President of the New England Society of Allergy. He served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI), and was the Chairman of the AAAAI Foundation for two years and served on its Board for six years.

**2018 marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the AAAAI Foundation and Louis M. Mendelson, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future lectureship. It will be presented in Plenary Session 2101: Asthma and Allergic Disorders in an Environment of Continuous Climate Change on Saturday, March 3, 2018: 8:15 to 9:45 am, Convention Center, South Concourse, Level 1, South Hall A1.**

## **AAAAI Foundation and Louis M. Mendelson, MD FAAAAI Lectureship Investing Together in Our Future – Gennaro D'Amato, MD FAAAAI**



Professor Gennaro D'Amato, MD FAAAAI, graduated in Medicine and Surgery summa cum laude at the University of Naples (Italy); Board in Respiratory Medicine summa cum laude at the University of Naples "Federico II" and Board in Allergy and Clinical Immunology summa cum laude at the University of Florence.

He is a Professor of Respiratory Allergy, Medical School of Specialization in Respiratory Medicine, University of Naples "Federico II" and Director, Division of Pneumology and Allergology, Department of Chest Diseases, at the High Speciality Hospital "A.Cardarelli" in Naples.

On the national (Italian) level, Dr. D'Amato has served on the directive board of Italian Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology and the Italian Society of Respiratory Diseases (as general secretary).

On the international level, Dr. D'Amato has served from 1995 to 2005 as chairman of the committee on "Air pollution, aerobiology and allergic respiratory diseases" for the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI) and from 2008 to 2009 as chairman of the joint task force EAACI-ERS (European Respiratory Diseases) to produce documents on "Climate change, air pollution and respiratory diseases." Since 2008, he is the current chairman of committee on "Climate change, biodiversity and Allergy" for the World Allergy Organization.

Dr. D'Amato is a member of several societies in the context of allergic diseases such as AAAAI, EACAAI and WAO. He acts as an invited speaker and/or chairman for several congresses of these respected societies in symposia and plenary sessions across the world.

He is an author of more than 400 papers (cumulative IF 650; H index 44) in peer review journals. He has also served as an editor of three books in English, a unique author of 14 books in Italian and has authored several chapters of books and monographs.

Dr. D'Amato serves or has served on the editorial board of several medical journals including the Clinical and Experimental Allergy; Allergy, Clinical and Translational Allergy; Journal of Investigation of Allergy and Clinical Immunology; Respiratory Medicine; European Annals of Allergy and Clinical Immunology; Multidisciplinary Respiratory Medicine; Journal of Allergy; Monaldi Archives for Chest Diseases; Aerobiology and others. He is a reviewer for the major medical scientific journals such as The Lancet; AJRCCM; JACI; CTAI; CEA; Respiratory Medicine and others.