WFSA and Educational Programmes in Anesthesiology

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WFSA Training Centres

Basic Anesthesia:
- Bangkok, Cluj-Napoca, Tel Aviv

Pediatric Anesthesia:
- Santiago, Vellore, Tunis, Cape Town,
  Singapore, Hong Kong added in 2009

Obstetric Anesthesia:
- Medellin, Tunis, Tel Aviv

Cardiac Anesthesia:
- Santiago, Tel Aviv

Intensive Care:
- Vellore, Tel Aviv

Pain:
- Bangkok, Tel Aviv
How did we choose these training centres?

- Demonstrated need for type of training
- Existing training programmes at site
- Appropriate location of programme
- Safe, secure site
- Acceptable cost of living
- No foreign student charges
- No problems with visas
Choosing a Training Centre

- Dedicated supervisor
- Good case load/clinical experience
- Good systems of evaluation
- Duration of training
- Support by hospital/university
How did we choose the Fellows?

- Physicians only
- Anesthesia training in home country
- No language barrier
- Committed to programme
- Returning home
- Preferably a teaching position
- Commitment to teach others at home
- Willing to report to WFSA
Choosing the Fellows

- Apply to programme director
- Personal interview
- Curriculum vitae
- References
- Leadership ability
Evaluation of Trainees

- Continuous evaluation
- Log book of cases
- Examinations
- Reports from Candidates at end of training
- Report from mentor
- Follow up
Santiago: Origin of Trainees

16 trainees including 2008

Supported by
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### Santiago Follow-up till 2008

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Vellore – Southern India

- 2 India
  - 1 from North East (tech + nurse)
- 1 Maldives + nurse (now training in Canada)
- 2 Bangladesh
- 1 from Afghanistan ?? moved to Pakistan
- 1 Bhutan (only 3 anesthesiologists in Bhutan)

Total 7 (till 2009)

1st pediatric fellowship program in India – now there are 11 such programs – though not affiliated to WFSA they are still training peds anesthesiologists!
Advertising the Fellowships

- Word of mouth
- WFSA website
- Information to national societies and regional sections
- Programme director
- Other websites eg CLASA
- Update in Anesthesia
Funding

- WFSA
- Co-sponsors eg European Society of Anesthesiology, IASP
- Supporters eg SPA, CASIEF, Drager
- Supporters in kind eg National Societies, Universities, Hospitals
Summary

- 13 WFSA training centres world-wide
- Variety of subspecialties
- Successful return of participants to home countries
- Dedicated programme directors & teachers
- Support from many groups
WFSA, WHO, AAGBI initiative

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