Applications open: 2020 WFSA Scholarships to the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists (WCA) in Prague, Czech Republic

The WFSA is excited to announce the opportunity for young anaesthesiologists from low and middle income countries to attend the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists from the 5th-9th September in Prague, Czech Republic.

The WFSA Scholarship programme has been developed to identify and develop future leaders in Anaesthesiology. Scholars will acquire new knowledge and gain many contacts and friends during the WCA.

The World Congress of Anaesthesiologists takes place every four years and is keenly anticipated as it travels the globe as a wonderful occasion to bring together international practitioners of the specialty. WCA 2020 will have 24 different scientific tracks organised by leaders in each field which can be viewed in more detail on the WCA website. Please click here to access the full programme. The aim of the congress is to provide world-class, global, scientific content that is clinically relevant with a strong practical emphasis.

This is a global call for applications from all regions. The WFSA thanks the Asian Australasian Regional Section (AARS) for their donation that will support 10 WFSA-AARS scholarships from the Asian Australasian region.
Applicant criteria

Applicants must be fully qualified anaesthesiologists and a member of their national anaesthesiology society.

Preference will be given to applications which meet the following criteria:

• Under 40 years old and completed specialist anaesthesiology training within the last 10 years
• From a low or middle income country
• Presenting a paper or poster during the conference
• Working in a teaching hospital

Scholarship Details

The scholarship will cover:

• Return airfares
• Visa costs
• Transit accommodation (if required)
• Accommodation in Prague for the duration of the congress
• Congress registration
• Per diem to contribute towards local costs (e.g. subsistence)

Please note:

All airfares and transit accommodation (if required) will be booked by WFSA. Overland travel costs will be considered if cheaper or more convenient than airfares.

The scholar is responsible for organising their own visa which can be reimbursed by the WFSA upon completion of an expense claim form with a valid receipt

The successful applicant is responsible for organising and paying for:

• Travel to and from airports
• Appropriate travel and health insurance
• All other costs, including income taxes or other fees

The scholar is required to submit a report, no later than one month after the conference. The WFSA will send scholars a reporting template to complete this task.
Application process

All applications must be submitted via the WFSA online application system by the **23rd February 2020**.

Click here to create an account on the online system and submit your application.

Applicants must provide the following documents with their application:

- Curriculum vitae with one recent photo
- Letter of recommendation from the applicant's national anaesthesiology society
- Letter of recommendation from the applicant's head of department or hospital management
- Copy of medical degree
- Copy of photograph page of passport
- Copy of specialist anaesthetic qualification
- Copy of current medical registration

Applications will be considered by a panel of anaesthesiologists selected by the WFSA & AARS. Successful applicants will be informed by late-March.

Successful applicants must confirm their intention to take up the scholarship within 2 days of notification. Failure to do so will result in the scholarship being offered to the next candidate.