

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2004



**XIII World Congress of Anesthesia, Paris April 21st, Paris 2004
World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesia (WFSA) Education Committee**

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Front Row: T. Tritrakarn (Thailand) G. Gurman (Israel) J. Mellin-Olsen (Norway) A. Enright (Canada) S. Samuels (USA)
Missing: J. Urzua (Chile) *Guest

The 13th World Congress of Anaesthesiologists held in Paris in April 2004 provided an opportunity for committee members to meet face to face for the first time in four years. We had very productive meetings where we reviewed the work of the past four years and made plans for what needs to be done in the next quadrennial.

At the first meeting we said goodbye and thank you to Stanley Samuels of the USA who looked after Central America, Gabriel Gurman of Israel who worked tirelessly for Eastern Europe, Jorge Urzua of Chile who oversaw South America and Thara Tritrakarn of Thailand whose area of expertise was Asia. They have all contributed enormously to the work of the committee for the past eight years. We will miss them. At the second meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming some new members of the committee, Jannicke Mellin-Olsen of Norway, Yehia Khater of Egypt, Pedro Ibarra of Colombia and Yew Weng Chan from Singapore.

Membership of the Education Committee (2004-2008) is as follows:

Angela Enright	Canada	Chair
William (Bill) Casey	UK	English speaking Africa
Yew Weng Chan	Singapore	Asia particularly China
Martin Chobli	Benin	French speaking Africa
Pedro Ibarra	Colombia	South & Central America
Yehia Khater	Egypt	Middle East & Africa
Robert (Rob) McDougall	Australia	Pacific Region and Asia
Jannicke Mellin-Olsen	Norway	Eastern Europe & Middle East
Francis Veyckemans	Belgium	French speaking Africa

Besides the members of the committee, we invited to join us many other people with whom we work including representatives of all the regional sections. This was an excellent plan which provided an opportunity for us to meet and to get to know each other. It made for great cross fertilization of ideas.

Committee members have worked hard to improve educational opportunities for less advantaged anesthesiologists, nurse and clinical officer anesthetists. They have been assisted by colleagues from many countries who have taught or helped organize teaching programmes. All the committee activities have been supported by the Officers and Executive Committee of the WFSA. We express our sincere appreciation to all.

Africa & Middle East:

Training Programmes:

Training Centre in Accra, Ghana:

This has been a very mixed year for the programme. Dr Alice Edler (ASAOTP) and I had a very good meeting in Paris with the Dr Henry Badoo and other faculty from Accra. There had been ongoing difficulty with the development of appropriate housing for the trainees. It looked like this problem was near to a solution and, in fact, shortly after the Paris meeting, Dr Badoo informed us that the housing was now ready. However in spite of this, Dr Edler and I were informed in early November that they had been able to recruit only one trainee for the 2004/05 year. We are attempting to determine the reasons for this and to rectify the situation.

The candidates for 2003/04 were somewhat disappointing. There were only 2 WFSA trainees. A 3rd was sponsored by the Ministry of Defence. One trainee was asked to discontinue the programme because the Faculty was unhappy with her attitude to work.

The other two continued and sat for the Diploma examination. One candidate passed. The other, from the Ministry of Defence, did not.

It is disappointing that a programme which has run so well for several years is now encountering difficulties. However it is probably to be expected. Dr Edler and the ASAOTP are looking into the problems to see what assistance is required and what we can do to revitalize the programme. Hopefully it is just a temporary setback. The Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons was formed in 2003 and candidates are being trained in a 4 year programme. This is of course good but there still is a need for people with one year of training. Perhaps other nearby countries can take advantage of the programme

Pediatric Anesthesia Training Programme in Cape Town:

With great encouragement from Dr Charles Cote, Dr Adrian Bosenberg has agreed to start a training programme in pediatric anesthesia in Cape Town. There are numerous hurdles to be overcome especially in the bureaucratic sphere. However I am optimistic that we will finally get the first trainee to Cape Town in 2005.

Pediatric Anesthesia Training Programme in Tunis:

I put this in although the Education Committee has absolutely no input into this programme. Dr Cote very successfully negotiated funding from Drager for the Fellowship. It is run by Dr M. Ben Ammar in Tunis. I have not been able to get any information on the programme from him. I have to admit to having reservations about having the WFSA name attached to any programme into which we have absolutely no input. Neither do we contribute anything. Yet it was in the WFSA name that the supporting funds were negotiated. However one can only be happy that further training in pediatric anesthesia is being provided and that the people of Africa will benefit.

Training Centre in Assiut, Egypt:

I also include this for completeness and, although it is not an education committee project, there are several education committee members involved. Dr Yehia Khater has been instrumental in getting the project up and running. Dr Jannicke Mellin-Olsen will be one of the first teachers. The education committee has provided travel funding to the first trainees. There are four anesthesiologists from Iraq currently in Assiut. We are also funding an anesthesiologist from Zanzibar, Dr J Taib, for six months of Obstetric Anesthesia training at Assiut. This is not strictly part of the project but he will be there for the teaching sessions by the visiting lecturers and will take part.



Dr Angela Enright with Dr Jamala Taib
Zanzibar November 2004

Teaching missions:

Rwanda:

There has been a great deal of activity in Rwanda this year thanks to the hard work and skills of Dr Henry Bukwirwa of Uganda. The Education Committee funded Dr Bukwirwa as a visiting teacher to Rwanda in January 2004. He spent a month there teaching and assessing the possibilities for setting up a Master's in Medicine (Anesthesia) training programme. As a result of his report a meeting of interested parties was held at the World

Congress in Paris in April. Key players were present from Rwanda, Uganda, Belgium, France, UK, Germany, Zimbabwe and Canada. An animated bilingual discussion took place. As a result of this, I took the issue to the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society International Anesthesia Fund (CASIEF) and was commissioned to visit Rwanda to see if a collaborative project could be set up. I had a very productive trip in November and recently presented my report to the Board of Trustees of the CASIEF. I am pleased to say that the project has been approved and that the CASIEF will now be working with Henry and his colleagues in Rwanda to make the MMed Anesthesia a reality.

In July 2004, Dr Bukwirwa moved to Rwanda to spearhead the development of the MMed training programme. He immediately set about organizing the first ever Rwandan Anesthesia Congress supported by the Education Committee and many others. This was an outstanding success attracting 65 delegates (53 from Rwanda and 12 from Uganda). The Rwanda Society of Anaesthesia was formed and has requested affiliation with the WFSA. The Society does not have enough physician members to become a full member of the WFSA but I hope that this might be possible by the World Congress in Cape Town in 2008. Drs Jeanne Frossard and Roger Eltringham presented at the Rwandan meeting. Jeanne spent a week prior to the event teaching medical students and clinical officers and her help was much appreciated. She will be going again to Rwanda in February.



Inaugural Meeting Rwanda Society of Anesthesia, Kigali, August 6th 2004

During my visit in November, I acted as the external examiner for the nurse anesthesia training programme. It gave me great insight into the standards of anesthesia in Rwanda. In addition to all of this, Henry has just finished leading a curriculum development meeting in Kigali which will lay the groundwork for the new programme.

Visiting Speakers:

Eritrea:

Dr Waltraud Elsholz from France was supported as a lecturer at the National Congress of Anesthesia in Asmara, Eritrea in October. Dr Bill Casey also spoke but was supported by the AAGBI. I have also sent a package of educational materials to Mr Kasete Teweldebrhan. He is the Director of the Nurse Anesthesia training programme in

Asmara. He had previously been in Ethiopia for 17 years but was expelled during the war. Drs Casey and Keith Streatfeild of Australia acted as external examiners. There is a great need for help and support in Eritrea.

Mauritius:

Professor S. Bhagwanjee of Johannesburg was a speaker at the annual Mauritian Congress in September.

Cameroon:

Dr Roger Eltringham was a speaker at the SARANF meeting in Cameroon in December. He spoke about the WFSA among other topics and even managed a radio interview in French. There were 473 delegates at the meeting from 15 countries several of which wish to join the WFSA. Update in Anaesthesia was seen everywhere in both French and English. We also supported Prof Carpentier from Marseille and Prof Martin Chobli from Benin.

Niger:

We supported a seminar on Regional Anesthesia in Niamey.

Tanzania:

Dr Elsholz also went to Mbarara to act as the external examiner in anesthesia. She was very impressed by some of the candidates.

Meeting Support:

Tanzania:

Every year we contribute to the Tanzanian Annual meeting. This year it was held in Moshi and included an equipment workshop. We supported 4 clinical officers and engineers from Uganda to attend and train on the equipment course. In spite of many difficulties they made it there and back safely. The theme this year was trauma. Dr Victor Mwafongo is to be congratulated on organizing such a successful event.

I had the pleasure of visiting Dr Mwafongo and his team at Muhimbili Hospital in Dar es Salaam. It gave me great insight into their needs and the difficulties they face daily.



Anesthesia Staff at Muhimbili Hospital, Dar es Salaam
November 2004
Right: Dr Victor Mwafongo Centre: Dr Angela Enright

Malawi:

Dr Reintraut Burmeister-Rother of Lilongwe organized a refresher course for clinical officers from the Central Hospitals in Malawi. The theme was Emergency Patients. The course started with a pretest. None of the participants passed the test. The course was organized in such a way that the participants joined the department morning meeting where overnight emergencies were discussed. This was followed by a lecture on the pathophysiology and management of the emergencies. Where possible, they then went to the OR to see the practical management. Also staged were scenarios such as cardiac arrest, mass casualties and multiple trauma. The course was led by Dr A Nirn from the University of Goettingen supported by Dr D. Kettler. It concluded with a post-test of the

same exam. The lowest mark was 76%, the highest 89%. This sounds like a very successful methodology. The participants all received a certificate of attendance.

SARANF:

Every year we provide support for the French West African Meeting (Saranf). This provides not just speakers but help to allow participation of delegates who would not otherwise be able to attend.

13th World Congress:



Ernestina and Angela enjoy a relaxed moment 13th WCA Paris April 2004

The committee supported Dr Henry Bukwirwa to attend the WCA. We also helped a Clinical Officer from Mwanza, Tanzania, Ms Ernestina Kimaro, to go Paris to present a paper there. She was one of the Fellows at the 12th WCA in Montreal and enjoyed a reunion in Paris with some of the friends she made there. The education committee also facilitated a grant from Dr Karl Eckhardt of the USA to Dr William Addison of Kumasi, Ghana to attend the World Congress in Paris.

Iraq:

There has been great concern expressed over the plight of our anesthesia colleagues in Iraq. Drs Yehia Khater and Jannicke Mellin-Olsen have managed to establish contact with them. We supported four to go to a CME course in Ain Soukhna, Egypt in December. In addition we are sponsoring a further four to the course in Assiut University. We will continue to explore ways to assist them.

Asia:

Training Centres:

Bangkok (BARTC):



L to R: 2004 Graduates
Dr K Virin, Dr R Bazarragchaa, Prof T
Tritrakarn, Dr K Ponkhoon, Dr C Sovandy

This continues to be one of our most successful projects under the leadership of Prof Thara Tritrakarn. The candidates finishing this year are from Mongolia and Cambodia, two from each. One of the Cambodians is from Phnom Penh and the other from Battambang province. Both the Mongolians are from Ulaanbaatar.

It is fascinating to watch the further development of anesthesia in Mongolia as there are now 7 BARTC graduates in Ulaanbataar. Dr David Pescod of

Australia has been visiting there with our help and has established a good relationship with the anesthesiologists. He will be returning in June of 2005 with Dr Rob McDougall who will teach pediatric anesthesia. Dr Pescod has written a textbook of anesthesia for them and, with support from the Australian Society of Anaesthetists, it is being translated into Mongolian.

Dr Tritrakarn and his team visited Cambodia in November. They went to four hospitals where their graduates are working. These trips allow them to follow up on their graduates and to contribute to their departments and hospitals. They were also speakers at the Annual Meeting of the Cambodian Society of Anesthesiologists.

Pediatric Training Centre Vellore, India:

This is a new initiative and most of the kudos go to Drs Charlie Cote and Rebecca Jacob. They got together in Paris and discussed some ideas. Rebecca did the ground work with Christian Medical College, Vellore which gave its approval to the project. The Education Committee agreed to fund the project for two trainees per year for six months each. Candidates may come from any country in the SACA area.

I am pleased to note two further developments. The Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) Section of Pediatric Anesthesia and the CAS International Education Fund have agreed to sponsor the first trainee. The money has been transferred to the WFSA office in London. Professor Jacob has just recently interviewed and chosen some candidates. The first trainee will arrive from Bellary, India very shortly. It is likely that the next Fellows will be from Bangladesh.

Other Training Opportunities:

ICU

In a collaborative project with the Netherlands Society of Anesthesia, we sponsored two young anesthesiologists from Surabaya, Indonesia for 3 months training in Intensive Care in Holland. They spent 6 weeks in Utrecht and 6 weeks in Amsterdam and visited Adult and Pediatric ICUs. They were exposed to the management of cardiac, neuro and pulmonary patients. They said *"In general, we have ACHIEVED the goals of this program and we even got more than we EXPECTED. For all these, we would like to say thank you"*.



Pain

At the recommendation of Dr Dilip Pawar, Chair of the WFSA Pain Committee, we sent two young anesthesiologists for short term (6 weeks) training in chronic pain management and palliative care to the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences in Kochi, India. One was from Nepal (Dr B. Bhattari seen here with a patient), the other from Bangladesh. Another two young anesthesiologists from Delhi were sent to University of Kuala Lumpur to train with Dr Ramani Vijayan.

Nepal

Partial support was given to a resident in anesthesia from the University of Ottawa to spend a six week elective in Katmandhu with Dr Bisharad Shrestha. He was also supported by the CASIEF and the University of Ottawa. This is the first time a Canadian resident has had this opportunity. Dr McDonald is unusual in that he served in many places overseas with the Canadian Armed Forces and is very experienced. During his

elective he worked in several hospitals in Katmandhu and in one remote clinic. I think it is a good idea to support trainees and young anesthesiologists to go to the developing world as they are the future of our specialty and will hopefully carry on with our work later on.

Visiting Speakers:

Indonesia:

Dr Dilip Pawar, Chair WFSA Committee on Pain, went as a visiting teacher to several places in Indonesia including Jakarta and Surabaya. His area of expertise is chronic pain management.

Sri Lanka:

Dr Douglas Wilkinson was a speaker at the Annual College of Anaesthesiologists' meeting. Doug is well known as Chair of the PTC Foundation. PTC and the Education Committee collaborate very closely. We also supported Dr PJ Simpson, President of the Royal College of Anaesthetists. Both speakers conducted a pre-congress workshop, delivered several lectures, participated in a post-congress workshop and visited several teaching hospitals in a variety of provinces.

China:

I was a speaker at the Chinese Society of Anesthesiologists' meeting in Beijing in September. The WFSA was very well represented there by Drs Meursing and Eltringham. We each gave several lectures and workshops. Also highly involved was Dr Yew Weng Chan from Singapore a member of the education committee.

Besides the academic endeavours, much work was done with the CSA, the Taiwan and the Hong Kong Societies and an agreement was signed to facilitate the entry of the CSA into the WFSA family. This is an important step forward.

On an educational basis, Dr Chan has made an agreement with the CSA that young anesthesiologists will go to Singapore for training. Professor Wu Ximin of 1st Peking Hospital will spearhead the programme from the Chinese side. The CSA has also named three speakers to the 2006 AACA in Singapore. In addition, I have been invited back to Beijing in July for an airway workshop and Prof Chan will be going to Sichuan University in Chendu in March. This will allow him to assess needs of the anesthesia community outside of Beijing.



Left:
Dr Anneke Meursing President of WFSA
Dr Li Shuren President of CSA



Centre:
Dr Chan Yew Weng



Right:
Dr Roger Eltringham

Meetings Supported:

India:

Each year the Education Committee gives funding to the Indian Society of Anesthesiologists to assist them in running refreshers courses throughout the country. In 2004 courses were held in Nagpur (250), Jamshedpur (170), Chidambaram (250), Goa (110), Rajamundhry (450) and Imphal (290).

Nepal:

In April, a workshop on Airway, Ventilation and Resuscitation was held in Dharan, Nepal. There were 292 registered delegates, 87 postgraduate doctors, 133 nurses and paramedics, 72 doctors and 43 resource persons. 55 of the doctors and nurses came from India. This workshop was a real collaborative effort between the organizers, the WSFA, PTC, the Difficult Airway Society UK, Karl Storz and ILMA International and numerous teachers, hospitals and faculties. They had 49 workshop stations over two days. It was a great success.

South & Central America:

Training Centres:

Pediatric Anesthesia Training Centre:

This successful programme continues at Calvo McKenna Hospital in Santiago, Chile under the excellent direction of Dr Silvana Cavallieri. Dr. Marjorie Ponce from Honduras is finishing her one year programme this month. Dr. Noemi Durán from La Paz, Bolivia, finishes her six month programme in February. Dr Armando Sanchez from Honduras will commence in March and later in the year there will be another Fellow from Bolivia. The two anesthesiologists from Honduras will return home to begin work in a new Children's Hospital in Tegucigalpa.

New this year is a one year Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiovascular Anesthesia. Dr. Marisol Villalobos from Maracaibo, Venezuela, began her one year programme in October. This came about because of the Belgian member of the Education Committee, Dr Francis Veyckemans. A team of cardiac surgeons from Venezuela were training in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at his hospital. The need for an appropriately trained anesthesiologist came up and they thought about bringing Dr Villalobos to Belgium. Then it was suggested that perhaps the centre in Santiago could help. A few emails back and forth and it was all arranged. We are very grateful to Dr Cavallieri for taking this on. It seems that if other centres have a similar need that we could continue the programme.

Adult Cardiac Anesthesia at Catholic University of Chile:

After much planning and negotiation, we finally had approval to go ahead with a one year training programme. However there has been only one applicant who was not considered suitable. Now the man who would have directed the programme, Dr Jorge Urzua, has left CUC to become Dean of Medicine at another university. I am not sure how this will affect the programme. There are other young enthusiastic cardiac anesthesiologists at CUC and I am hoping one of them will accept the challenge. Jorge has done an enormous amount of work for the Education Committee and for anesthesia in South



America. We will miss him greatly but wish him well in his new challenges. (Seen here with Kester Brown).

Obstetric Anesthesia Training Centre in Medellin, Colombia:

This centre is in the early discussion stage. I hope with the help of Dr Pedro Ibarra to get this project to fruition in 2005.

Visiting Speakers:

Bolivia:

Dr Maria Cristina Celesia, Chair of the WFSA Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia, went to the annual anesthesia meeting in Bolivia. They held a CPR for Neonates workshop on the day preceding the meeting. Maria Cristina gave five lectures on obstetric anesthesia. She also met with the President of the Bolivian Society and colleagues from other Bolivian cities to talk about the need for an advisory group to lower maternal mortality rates. They are planning an Obstetric CPR workshop for obstetricians, anesthesiologists and nurses. The Education Committee plans to continue supporting this important work. It is also a good collaborative effort between the two committees.

Dr Maria Cristina Celesia (centre front) with delegates at the Bolivian Congress



Paraguay:

Two obstetric anesthesiologists from Medellin, Drs Martin Gomez and Mauricio Vasco, went to Asuncion, Paraguay in November. They gave several talks on obstetric anesthesia. The Vice-President of the Paraguayan Society subsequently wrote to say how much they had been influenced by the speakers and how they intend to make changes to how they practice obstetric anesthesia.

Dominican Republic:



Dr Pedro Ibarra spoke on trauma at the annual meeting in September. He gave a grand round on Prevention of Secondary Injury in Head Trauma at the hospital which was attended by over 100 people. The congress attracted over 120 people including 70% of the anesthesia residents many of whom went on to present their research projects.

Dr E Sanchez, Dr P Ibarra, G Moreira, Dr Carlos Guzman, Dr T Lambertus
Dominican Republic September 2004

Cuba:

I went to the Cuban Society meeting in Havana in October. Dr Manuel Galindo, the current President of CLASA, was also a guest speaker. Besides presenting several talks, we had the opportunity to discuss anesthesia needs in Latin America. I made many friends in Cuba. There is a huge need there for current anesthesia literature and there was great interest in the Spanish edition of Update. I brought many CDROMs with me but have been sending on further educational material since I came home. I hope to get friends to mail on current anesthesia journals to Cuba. In addition, I met the President of the Nicaraguan Society. We have had no previous contact with the anesthesiologists of Nicaragua so this will hopefully lead to an increase in our activity in that country.

Web Site:

Dr Pedro Ibarra maintains a WFSA-Latin America Website. This allows the publication of information about the WFSA, as well as hosting a good number of lectures with audio from several meetings held in Colombia. This website has a small sponsorship from three drug companies that allow for the basic hosting and maintenance. Intentionally it was designed just for healthcare providers. It currently is one the most active Spanish language websites in Anesthesia.

Europe & Israel:**Training centres:****Training centre at Beer Sheva in Israel:**

As always this has been a busy year at Beer Sheva. Although Dr Gabriel Gurman has finished his term on the committee he is continuing his work with trainees from Eastern Europe and now Kenya. In 2004, they hosted trainees from Moldova (4), Slovakia (4), Bulgaria (3), Macedonia (8), and Kenya (2). These young anesthesiologists were all exposed to anesthesia in the operating rooms and to intensive care management of patients.

New this year was the introduction of a practical project for the students. Each received a topic to study during the traineeship. At the end of their stay, they each presented their study to the faculty. This gave them in depth exposure to one topic and the ability to research and present a talk on it. It was a very positive experience.

The trainees appreciate very much their visit to Beer Sheva. *“It was really very effective training for my medical career. There were a lot of occasions to see, to discuss and to learn many interesting things that I can now use in my daily work.”* Dr Theodor Bachleda, Slovakia. Prof Marija Soljakova, Past President of the Macedonian Society of Anaesthesiologists wrote: *“The participants brought a lot of experience from Soroka Medical centre. It was an activity that will bring great benefits for their professional building and for the Macedonian anaesthesiology as well.”*

This was the beginning of the project with Kenya. It started with two trainees for a short term and continues with a Fellow for a full six months continuing into 2005. We will also be supporting a Fellow from Nairobi for 6 months training in obstetric anesthesia in 2005.

Cluj-Napoca, Romania:

This is a combined project with CENSA/NAC. Five anesthesiologists from Moldova spent six months training in Prof Acalovschi's unit. They have had exposure to a wide variety of anesthesia and also to Intensive Care. While in Cluj-Napoca they have also had the opportunity to attend some conferences.

Basingstoke, Hampshire, UK:

Two Slovakian anesthesiologists spent a month with Dr David Robbins and colleagues in Basingstoke. This is the third year for this project and Dr Robbins has now developed an ongoing relationship with the anesthesiologists of Slovakia. *“Such a stay is a true enrichment for my whole country because of the fact of learning information on the English health care service in general, thinking of our own system, comparing the two, realising the differences which is the only way of possible improvements.” Dr Brano Telgarsky.*

Milan, Italy:

This centre was not in operation in 2004 as Dr Turchetta was serving overseas with the Italian Armed Forces. We hope to begin again in 2005 with trainees from Serbia. Drs Turchetta and Gurman will be visiting Belgrade to interview candidates in March. They will also present a variety of talks whilst there.

Visiting Teachers:

Turkey:

At the World Congress in Paris, I was approached by US obstetric anesthesiologist, Medge Owen, to see if the education committee might consider supporting a project in Turkey. Dr Owen has been teaching there intermittently for years. She founded a non-profit foundation called Kybele which promotes safe childbirth in developing countries through public education and physician training in obstetric anesthesia and newborn resuscitation.



Teaching in progress, Turkey,

Eight obstetric anesthesiologists from USA, Canada, September 2004. They then spread out to hospitals in Afyon, Ankara, Antalya, Bursa, Istanbul, Izmir, Kocaeli and Manisa. They spent their time working with anesthesiologists in each university centre, teaching and assisting their Turkish hosts in developing research projects. It was a very intense period of engagement. There was a great deal of interest from the media in this project.



Newspaper article from Turkey on Kybele project

“This was a fascinating experience. I feel very lucky to have been a part of this project. Also, it really gave me a sense of satisfaction, that I was using my skills and background to do something really useful and unique. On a concrete level, I think that by helping them perform spinals and epidurals in the OB setting, I helped them appreciate the value of these techniques. Also, I think our presence, and the fact that we showed this interest in sharing our experience with them, gave them a sense of excitement about trying to improve their obstetric anesthesia services. It certainly had that effect on me. I received

an e-mail from my host, telling me that she has continued to use these techniques since I left! I feel like my host and I have become good friends. I hope to see her again in Turkey and have invited her to visit me in the US.” Dr Jessica Wolin USA.

“We are very touched and grateful because all our guests were very attentive to our problems, open to all of our questions and enthusiastic to help us in all ways. As one of the best parts of the programme we’ll keep in touch and continue to communication in terms of problems, questions and new projects.” Dr Idil Tekin Mirzai, Turkey.

I expect that we will continue to support this project which receives help from many sources.

Russia:

Dr Jannicke Mellin-Olsen, supported by WFSA, and Dr Andrey Melnikov, supported by CENSA/NAC, went to Archangelsk in November for the regional meeting of the North West Section of the Russian Society of Anesthesiology. Besides speaking at the meeting, they visited hospitals and took part in discussion to determine exactly what kind of assistance this group requires. They are interested in courses on trauma management so this might be a good place for PTC. They would also like to arrange some exchanges for their young anesthesiologists. This might be possible with some of the Scandinavian Societies or even with Beer Sheva. Their needs are great but we should be able to start with some specific areas and work from there.

Australia, New Zealand & the Pacific Islands:

Dr Rob McDougall has been keeping things running on well oiled wheels. He has had his usual success in getting funding from all sorts of sources and thus not needing too much from us.

Mongolia:

I mentioned this earlier in the report. David Pescod and Rob McDougall will go there in 2005 to continue David’s work and to add teaching in pediatric anesthesia.

Papua, New Guinea:

We sent Dr Lucas Samof from New Guinea to the Pacific Society of Anaesthetists meeting in Fiji. The President of that society, Dr Alani Tangitau of Tonga, is spending 6 months in New Zealand and 6 months in Melbourne this year. Locums went to Tonga, Cook Islands and Samoa to facilitate the attendance of the local anaesthetists at the meeting.

Fiji:

Dr Lisa Bennett from Brisbane spent three months in Suva working and teaching in the OR and ICU. She helped prepare trainees for their exams and taught at the refresher course. The Australian Society of Anaesthetists supports a Pacific Fellow each year. It is a 3 month position and is highly sought after. It is recognized by the Australia-New Zealand College as part of their training

We also funded Dr Charlie Collins, an expatriate working in Nepal, to work and teach in Suva. He liked it so much he has decided to take up the post of Senior Lecturer there.

Conclusion:

Once again it was a busy year for the Education Committee with projects occurring all over the world. We have had some significant successes and, as always, some

disappointments. Overall I am pleased with the level of activity and feel that we have expended our allotted budget well. As usual, we look forward to continued activity in 2005. Again I would like to thank all of our volunteers without whom none of this work would have been possible.

Respectfully submitted
Angela Enright
Chair Education Committee
January 30th 2005

Volunteers:

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Dr J Frossard	UK
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Dr M Gomez	Colombia
Dr P Ibarra	Colombia
Dr Y Khater	Egypt
Dr R McDougall	Australia
Dr J Mellin-Olsen	Norway
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