Quarterly Update on Your WFSA: Vital Statistics – Education

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The World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA), through the good offices and support of member societies like ASA, runs multiple anesthesia education and training programs around the world to enhance patient safety and care. Below are some of the vital statistics on education.

SAFE Courses
Together with the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland, the WFSA partnered with many society members to conduct a three-day “Safer Anaesthesia From Education” training courses in obstetric and pediatric anesthesia provision around the globe – training more than 2,825 clinicians across the world since 2011.

Essential Pain Management
The WFSA has partnered with others to create a multidisciplinary education program to implement simple measures for pain management – training over 1,300 health care workers in essential pain management by the end of 2018.

Fellowships
Each year the WFSA supports around 50 two- to 12-month fellowships for young anesthesiologists from low-income countries to gain skills in a specialist area of anesthesia in a neighboring country, which they can take back to their home environment to enhance patient care and safety. Since the inception of the program, more than 326 fellows from 55 countries have been trained in advanced anesthesia skills.

Scholars
With support from WFSA industry partners, the Federation has sent 217 young anesthesiologists to attend congresses around the world. In 2016, the WFSA hosted 51 scholars at the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists in Hong Kong.

ASA is a prominent and proud member of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists, and the WFSA is all the better for the good offices of ASA member involvement. Please help fund our WFSA fellows by donating at www.wfsahq.org/get-involved/fundafellow.