15TH WFSA WORLD CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

The 15th WFSA World Congress of Anaesthesiologists was held in Buenos Aires- Argentina (25-30 March 2012). (Fig. 1a, 1b)

The President of WFSA-Angela Enright (Canada) (Fig. 2)

The Secretary of WFSA-David Wilkinson (United Kingdom) (Fig. 3)

Chairman of WCA 2012-Alfred Cattaneu (Argentina) (Fig. 4)

The WCA Congress is the most important opportunity we have to meet our anesthesiology colleagues from allover the World, and exchange ideas, share knowledge, and most importantly renew old friendship and develop new ones.

The scientific program has been carefully crafted to include scientific presentations, panels and workshops, as well as the exhibit of the different anesthetic equipments. The sessions were presented in English, but also included Spanish and Portuguese sessions. One of the most important sessions chaired by Angela Enright our President of WFSA was the Harold Griffith Symposium which introduced the these “Making the dream reality” (Fig. 5, Fig. 6).

During the WFSA meeting in Buenos Aires, Dr. David Wilkinson of the UK was elected as the next President of WFSA, and Dr. Yehia Khater of Egypt was elected as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of WFSA. Congratulations!

I was honored by being nominated as a Faculty of the 15th WCA Congress, and as a speaker who delivered four subjects (Fig. 7):

- Revisiting Preoxygenation
- Pathophysiology of one lung ventilation during thoracotomy and thoracoscopy
- Neuromuscular disorders in children – the response of muscle relaxants
- Difficult airway management in pediatrics

The Congress started on Saturday 25 March by the Opening Ceremony and welcome reception, and was closed on Friday 30 March by the closing ceremony and the Farewell Barbecue. The Tango dances, the famous dance of Argentina was practiced everywhere, in the streets, in the exhibit area, as well as during the Welcome and the closing ceremonies (Fig. 8a, 8b, 8c).

Good Bye and thank you Argentina. We are looking forward to the 16th World Congress of Anaesthesiologists which will be held in Hong Kong on 28 August - 2 September 2016 (Fig. 9).

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Fig. 1a, 1b
15th WFSA World Congress of Anaesthesiologists -Buenos Aires
Argentina 25-30 March 2012
Fig. 2
Angela Enright, President of WFSA, David Wilkinson, Secretary of WFSA, and Alfred Cattaneu, Chairman of WCA 2012

Fig. 5
Angela Enright chairing the Harold Griffith symposium
Fig. 4
Alfred Cattaneu and Anis Baraka

Fig. 5
Angela Enright chairing the Harold Griffith symposium

Fig. 6
The theme of the Global Oximetry Project—Making the dream reality
Fig. 7
Dr Anis Baraka Faculty of the WCA
2012 representing Lebanon

Fig. 8
The famous tango Dancing of Argentina
practiced everywhere in the streets,
at the scientific exhibit and at the Gala
Dinner

Fig. 9
The ad of the 16th WCA Hong Kong