

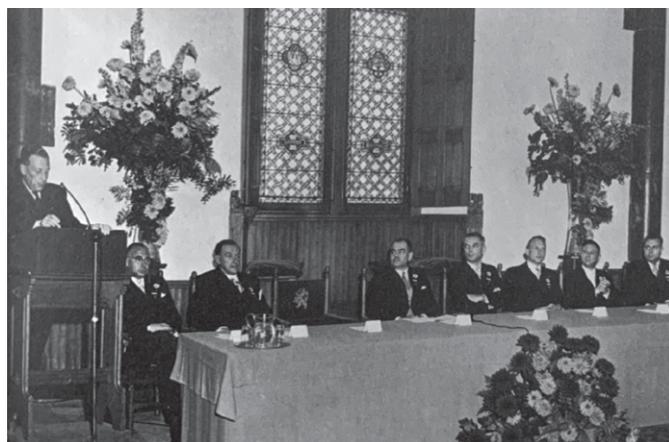
Update on Your WFSA

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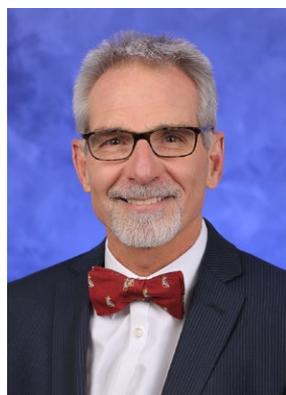
In September 2020, the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) will host the 17th World Congress of Anaesthesiologists (WCA), organized by the Czech Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine in Prague.

In 1955, at the first WCA held in the Netherlands, 28 national societies created the WFSA, setting out three chief aims:

1. To assist and encourage the formation of national societies of anesthesiologists.
2. To promote education and disseminate scientific information.
3. To arrange Congresses and sponsor regional courses (added by the General Assembly at the WCA held in Germany in 1980).



Minister J.G. Suurhoff opens the first WCA.



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Inauguration of the WFSA in the Hague, 1955.

Sixty-four years later, the WFSA has expanded to count over 134 national societies as members and has promoted education – including SAFE courses, conferences, fellowships, safety summits and innumerable other initiatives – while publishing in-house the *Tutorial of the Week* and *Update in Anaesthesia*. The WFSA has also set up an association with *Anesthesia & Analgesia* to widely disseminate education and scientific materials, realizing abundantly its founders’ aims over the intervening years. In addition, the organization has added a further important aim: to serve as an advocate for the safe practice of anesthesia worldwide.

The next WCA promises to serve the WFSA founders’ four aims admirably. Please accept this invitation to join us. Learn more at www.wcaprague2020.com.



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