



**17th World Congress
of Anaesthesiologists**
September 5–9, 2020
Prague, Czech Republic

Dear Colleagues, Partners and Friends,

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the WFSA Board and WCA Local Organising Committee have decided to reschedule the **17th WFSA World Congress of Anaesthesiologists**. We made this decision after careful consideration of our first and overriding priority: the health and wellbeing of all Congress participants.

The event was due to be held in Prague, Czech Republic from September 5 to 9, 2020, and is now planned to take place **from September 4 to 8, 2021** in the same location.

Most arrangements for the World Congress will remain the same - only the dates will change. The scientific programme already developed for September 2020 will form the basis of an updated programme that will reflect the new challenges faced by our specialty. Current arrangements, such as delegate registrations and abstract submissions, will be automatically transferred. The Congress Secretariat will shortly send detailed information to all partners, exhibitors, speakers and delegates.

WFSA will send guidance concerning the General Assembly, elections and other governance matters to National Member Societies as soon as possible, for their consideration and input.

We are so proud and grateful that anaesthesiologists all over the world have stepped up to be at the front line of the response to this crisis, often at great personal risk. It is impressive that so many of you take time to share your experiences with the rest of the global community to help them prepare and deal with the pandemic. You are all demonstrating our crucial role in healthcare.

We are optimistic that the new timing, exactly one year later than originally planned, will ensure that we can deliver a high quality scientific programme and give all of you the time and the space for rest and recuperation before we gather for the best ever World Congress of Anaesthesiologists.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing all of you in September 2021 in Prague.

Sincerely,

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