

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY OF THE  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT (AUB) AT  
THE 14<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS-CAPE TOWN, SOUTH  
AFRICA

The 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Anesthesiology (WCA) was held in Cape Town, South Africa, 2-7 March, 2008. This is the first World Congress to be held in the Continent of Africa.

On behalf of the Department of Anesthesiology of the American University of Beirut (AUB), and the Middle East Journal of Anesthesiology (MEJA), I congratulate Dr. David Morrell (Fig. 2), the Chairman of WCA 2008, and Professor Michael James (Fig. 3), the Coordinator of the Academic Program, for their continued effort to organize the superb 14<sup>th</sup> WCA in Cape Town.

*Fig 1*  
*The South African Native, the*  
*Symbol of the 14<sup>th</sup> WCA, Cape*  
*Town, South Africa*



More than 8000 anesthesiologists from all over the world participated in the activity of the Congress which presented up-to-date scientific program on the format of refresher courses covering the different subspecialties of anesthesia, practical workshops and posters, as well as scientific exhibits. In addition to the superb scientific program, the Congress organized different touristic tours and Safaris, as well as fantastic social activities including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Also, we cannot forget the truly magical Moyo dinner experience and folkloric African dancing program set in the beautiful gardens of the Spier Wine Estates(Fig. 4a & b).

*Fig 2*

*Dr. David Morrell  
Chairman of WCA*



*Fig 3*

*Dr. Michael James-The Coordinator of the Academic Program among  
two Faculty of the Congress*



*Fig 4a-4b*  
*Dr. Baraka and his son Hisham*  
*during the African Folklore dancing*



The Faculty of the Department of Anesthesiology AUB, Drs. Anis Baraka, Musa Muallem, Abdel Nour Sibaii and Chakib Ayoub, actively participated in the different academic activities of the Congress. Dr. Anis Baraka was elected as a Faculty of the Congress, and was nominated as a member of the Credential Committee of the WFSA. He was speaker about Carcinoid disease in the Endocrine Session of the Scientific Program.

Dr. Musa Muallem presented an important poster about “Facilitation by Different Tracheal Intubation Using the Glidescope and the METTI Introducer” (Fig. 5), while Dr. Sibaii exhibited an excellent poster about “Central Venous Cannulation”. In addition to Drs. Baraka, Muallem, Sibaii and Ayoub, Dr. Bernard Brandstater, the Founding Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at AUB, and Dr. M. Ramez Salem who joined our Department in 1964, participated in the Congress.

*Fig 5*

*Dr. Musa Muallem presenting his poster about “Difficult Airway”*



*Fig 6  
Dr. Sibaii  
and Mrs.  
Baraka*



*Fig 7  
Dr. Bernard Brandstater  
and Dr. Baraka*





The 14<sup>th</sup> WCA was held under the patronage of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA), with Dr. Anneke Meursing (The Netherland) (Fig. 8), as the First Lady President of WFSA (2004-2008). During the General Assembly, Dr. Angela Enright of Canada, the Chairman of the Education Program (2004-2008) was unanimously elected as the next President elect of the WFSA 2008-2012 (Fig. 9).

Goodbye and thank you Cape Town 2008. We are looking forward to the 15<sup>th</sup> WCA to be held in Buenos Aires, March 25-30, 2012. The theme of the Congress will be Argentina-Science, Practice, Friendship. Don't forget to practice the Tango Dance.

*Fig. 8*

*Dr. Carlos Parsloe past President of WFSA, and Dr. Anneke Meursing present President WFSA with Dr. Baraka*



*Fig. 9*

*Dr. Anis Baraka with President elect WFSA Angela Enright  
at the African Gala Dinner*



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