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Editorial

Welcome to Update in Anaesthesia issue 19!

Have you booked your place at the All Africa Anaesthesia Congress in Tunis 21-25 May 2005? The details of this great event are available at www.aaac2005.com We look forward to meeting many of our readers in Tunis.

We are pleased to let readers know that back copies of Update in Anaesthesia are available on the internet in several languages and can be accessed via the new World Anaesthesia website www.world-anaesthesia.org In addition compendium editions of Updates 6-12, and Updates 13-18 are available from www.talcuk.org for a small cost. TALC is also an excellent source of other educational material at very competitive prices.

As mentioned in Update 18, the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland have produced an anaesthesia resource CDROM which is available free to readers of Update who have access to a computer. These can be obtained by emailing Michael.dobson@nda.ox.ac.uk It is planned to increase the number of different CDROMs available to anaesthetists in developing countries and information will become available about these on the World Anaesthesia website.

The Publications committee of the WFSA are keen to encourage anaesthetists with supplies of books and journals to share these by sending them to anaesthetists in less affluent parts of the world. If you would like to donate educational materials, or would like to receive these, please register with us via the World Anaesthesia website.

In April we plan to start a web based "Tutorial of the Week" on the World Anaesthesia website. The idea behind this is to produce a short anaesthesia based tutorial once a week for readers of Update. The tutorial can either be accessed via the internet, or received as an email. If you wish to receive the tutorial by email please email carol@world-anaesthesia.org and she will register you for when the scheme starts.

Lastly the costs of producing and distributing Update are generously paid for by the WFSA. We have a limited budget and last year could only produce one journal. If anyone is able to help with extra funds for our work the editorial board and our readers would be very grateful. We would also ask that readers who are able to access the electronic version of Update do not ask for a paper copy as it is much more economical to either access via the internet (free of charge) or request a CDROM instead (which also includes much more material!).

Happy 2005!

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