

Editorial

Welcome to Update in Anaesthesia number 21!
This edition of Update has been produced by the World Anaesthesia Society, and has been generously funded by the Publications Committee of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists.

Update 21 covers a number of topics which the editorial team hope will prove practical to our readers. In particular the articles on ketamine, local anaesthesia and post-partum haemorrhage are all important topics and have been requested by different readers. Please continue to send requests for articles.

Readers of Update will be delighted to hear that a series of on-line tutorials are being produced on the website www.anaesthesiaworld.com. These are available free of charge, and in time will form an entire curriculum of anaesthesia based topics. The tutorials are produced on a weekly basis, and cover a range of topics including clinical anaesthesia, obstetric and paediatric anaesthesia, basic sciences, regional techniques and intensive care.

The tutorials can be downloaded from the website or received weekly by email by contacting carol@world-anaesthesia.org. We look forward to feedback on this new venture which is proving very popular. Some of the tutorials are reproduced as articles in this edition of Update.

The WFSA is also trying to increase the numbers of books and journals donated to developing world anaesthetists. If you are working without access to books and journals, and would like to request a book donation, please email carol@world-anaesthesia.org with details of yourself and your hospital.

I am delighted to let all our readers know that from the next edition of Update in Anaesthesia, Dr Bruce McCormick will take over as the editor. I have greatly enjoyed developing and editing Update in Anaesthesia since 1992, and have very much appreciated all the feedback from different parts of the world. I would like to thank the WFSA for their kind support, Angela Frost who has typeset the journal and Media Publishing who have printed and distributed the journal for us.

I hope that you enjoy this edition.

Please inform us if you change address in order to keep our records up to date.

Best wishes,

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Bruce McCormick

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