



WFSA
WORLD FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OF
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**17th World Congress
of Anaesthesiologists**
September 5–9, 2020
Prague, Czech Republic

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Dear colleague,

As Presidents of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA) and of the Organising Committee of the forthcoming World Congress of Anaesthesiologists, it is with pleasure that we invite you to the 17th World Congress of Anaesthesiologists (WCA) to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, between the 5th and 9th September 2020. The programme will include approximately 12 planned parallel tracks of plenary sessions, focused meetings, problem-based learning discussions, selected free paper presentations, industrial symposia, poster discussions and more.

As organisers, we welcome and appreciate the role of Member Societies in the preparation and promotion of the Congress which brings together anaesthesiologists from all over the world regardless of geography, economic status, gender or politics. WCA is a congress prepared by anaesthesiologists for anaesthesiologists – a true “Olympics of Anaesthesiology”. Your cooperation is therefore of prime importance and your assistance would be invaluable.

Kindly share your thoughts regarding:

- What do potential delegates from your society expect from the Congress?
- How can we make it interesting, worthwhile and accessible?
- Are there any topics or speakers which you would consider interesting and attractive for the Congress?

We would also like to ask that you consider:

- What can you do for the success of the Congress?
- How could your society get involved in the Congress and its preparation?

Our Indian colleagues have already set a strong precedent on how Member Societies can promote the Congress at <https://www.wcaprague2020.com/>, an initiative which we appreciate enormously. Can you beat it? We rely on your society to share and promote the information for the WCA 2020.

Prague as a congress and tourist destination

Prague consistently ranks among the world’s most popular tourist destinations. This beautiful and cultural city, perfectly situated in Central Europe, has excellent transport links and provides accommodation for all, making Prague great value for money. Prague is a ‘green’ and walkable city, offering a wide range of attractions within a small area. The Metro is comprised of 3 lines and is an efficient mode of transport. You can find more information on the accessibility of Prague on the [Prague Convention website](#).

The Congress will take place in **the O2 Universum**; a modern centre that is designed for purpose. Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4D02Sk7c8> to get an idea of the venue.



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Travel Requirements

Delegates from countries in the Schengen Area do not need a visa for the Czech Republic. A total of 89 countries do not need visas, **please check your visa and passport requirements here:**

https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/en/information_for_alien/general_visa_information/index.html.

Transportation

The Václav Havel Airport is the most important and well-connected international airport in the Czech Republic.

An extensive motorway network links Prague to other major European destinations. Prague boasts one of the best public transportation systems in Europe. Prague has three international railway stations and a bus station, all connected to the Metro.

Thank you

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to working with you to make WCA 2020 the success that we know it can be. We now ask that you please kindly spread this invitation to members of your Member Society.

Further information on the Congress can be found at <https://www.wcaprague2020.com/>. Please kindly send your suggestions, questions or queries to wcaprague2020@guarant.cz or to congresspresident@wcaprague2020.com.

The organisers look forward to welcoming you in Prague.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jannicke Mellin-Olsen
WFSA President



Prof. Karel Cvachovec
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