

Research, Education & Travel Grants 2011
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Project Title:

Association of Anaesthesiologists of Mauritius (AAM) Annual CME Conference

Project Description

The AAM holds an annual CME weekend, and has done for 19 years. Each year, they invite three overseas speakers (this year, including the President of the WFSA), who give an intensive series of lectures, participate in symposia, judge posters and stands and, after the conference, tour local hospitals and meet other anaesthetists.

My personal commitment is to give five lectures between Saturday morning and Sunday lunchtime (24 – 25 September 2011), as well as participating in the activities detailed above.

Lecture topics:

1. Procedural Sedation – risks and benefits
2. The Enhanced Recovery Programme
3. Anaesthesia and the developing brain
4. Implementation of the World Health Organisation Safe Surgery Checklist
5. Child protection for the anaesthetist.

Although there are about 40 medically qualified anaesthetists in Mauritius, the conference is regularly attended by over 100 delegates on each day. The Minister of Health (of Mauritius) has pointed out that anaesthesia is the only specialty to hold such an annual CME meeting, and that the attendance of other clinicians reflects its quality, and enhances the status of anaesthesia.