Prof Adrian Gelb – Personal Statement

I have a passion for bringing anesthesiologists together, building bridges globally, and this has coupled well with my willingness to regularly travel extensively. These interactions have given me insight into the diversity of global anesthetic practices and diverse needs.

I have extensive leadership experience institutionally, nationally, and internationally. I have enthusiastically played leadership roles within WFSA, chairing the Safety & Quality of Practice Committee and currently as Board Secretary. I have had the privilege of representing WFSA i.e. global anesthesia, at WHO where I interact with 6 different groups, and at the annual Health Ministers Patient Safety meetings. My communication and networking experience have been invaluable as a global advocate for anesthesia as a crucial, indispensable component of safe perioperative care.

In leading WFSA I commit to making its success my primary goal. Active and open dialogue with National & Regional Societies is crucial for our collective success in advancing both national and global anesthesia needs and status. WFSA, always in collaboration with National Societies, must strive for universal safe patient care utilizing our status at WHO to leverage Ministries of Health to understand and adopt locally appropriate standards of care and using our excellent educational programs at the grassroots level.