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2009 SEA-HVO Fellowships Announced

[Washington, DC – July 16, 2009] Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO), in collaboration with the Society for Education in Anesthesia (SEA), is pleased to announce that nine anesthesia residents have been awarded the 2009 SEA-HVO Traveling Fellowship. Brian Cauley, MD; Neil Hanson, MD; Sonali Joshi, MD; Ngugi Kinyungu, MD; Daniel Lonergan, MD; Kiran Patel, MD; Feyce Peralta, MD; Julie Soong, MD; and Stacey Swift, MD. In addition, Emmett Whitaker, MD was selected for the Fellowship but was unable to accept the award. Each Fellow will serve a one month assignment at an HVO anesthesia training site in India, Peru, or Tanzania.

The SEA-HVO Fellowship allows senior anesthesia residents the opportunity to improve anesthesia care in developing countries by teaching and mentoring their counterparts. The SEA-HVO Fellows will be challenged to learn about diseases which are rare in the United States but becoming less so with globalization. They will learn important lessons on delivering health care in a resource-scarce environment and working with health care providers in a different cultural environment. Most important, they will contribute to the future safety of patients receiving anesthesia in the developing nations.

The SEA-HVO Traveling Fellowship would not be possible without the generous support and donations from Dr. Jo Davies, the Feintech family, Chris and Rebecca Dobson, Dr. Ron L. Katz, Dr. Sandra Curry, Dr. Gary Loyd, contributors to the Northeast/ Northwest Scholarship, and SEA members.

“This year I am especially pleased that we were able to attract such an exceptionally talented, energetic and innovative group of senior residents to our program. I have high hopes that this year's SEA-HVO Fellows will provide significant educational contributions towards safer anesthesia in the developing world and also bring important lessons to share when they return home,” states Lena Dohlman, MD, MPH, chair of the SEA-HVO selection committee. “I am very grateful to the many generous donors who provided the scholarships that make the SEA HVO Traveling Fellowship possible. It was a pleasant surprise that, even in this year of economic difficulties, we were able to increase the number of scholarships awarded.”

The Society for Education in Anesthesia is a non-profit educational organization for anesthesiology educators who desire to improve their skills in anesthesia education. For more information on the various activities of SEA, visit their website (www.seahq.org).

HVO, a private, non-profit membership organization, was founded in 1986 to improve global health through education. HVO designs and implements clinical education programs in child health, primary care, trauma and rehabilitation, essential surgical care, hematology, oral health, infection disease, nursing education, wound and lymphedema care. In more than 25 resource-poor nations, volunteers train, mentor and provide critical professional support to health care providers who care for the neediest populations in the most difficult of circumstances. To learn more about HVO, contact the HVO Program Department at (202) 296-0928.

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