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The AFSH-HVO Young Surgeon Traveling Fellowship Awarded

[Washington, DC – September 2, 2009] Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO), in collaboration with the American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand (AFSH), is pleased to announce that Eric Hentzen, MD, Duretti Fufa, MD, and Andrea Bauer, MD have each been awarded the AFSH-HVO Young Surgeon Traveling Fellowship. This fellowship provides young surgeons with the opportunity to gain invaluable international medical experience at HVO hand surgery training sites in the developing world, exposing them to a wide range of surgical pathologies not commonly seen in the United States.

The three recipients of the 2009 Fellowship will discover how to conform to the realities and constraints of delivering health care in a resource scarce environment. While working in the entirely different and new social and cultural surroundings, fellows learn to efficiently apply and transfer their knowledge in a developing country. Their overseas assignment affords the fellows the opportunity to utilize their expertise in the field and improve the quality of hand surgery in the developing world.

“This fellowship is a wonderful opportunity for these young hand surgeons to experience first-hand the constraints involved in delivering health care in a developing country” said Nancy Kelly, the Executive Director of HVO. “It will be a challenging and rewarding experience, which I hope will foster a lifetime commitment to global health.”

Dr. Hentzen is currently an assistant professor at the University of California in San Diego. He received his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in 2001. Dr. Hentzen completed his residency at the University of California in San Diego in 2007. He is working to fulfill his AFSH-HVO Fellowship in Tanzania.

Dr. Fufa is a fourth-year orthopaedic surgery resident at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, NY. She received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 2006.

Dr. Bauer is currently completing her residency in orthopaedic surgery at the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program. She received her medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2005. Dr. Bauer will also participate in a Hand Surgery fellowship from 2010-2011 at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Fufa and Dr. Bauer will each choose from a variety of HVO training sites to fulfill their Fellowships.

The American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand was founded in 1986 to advance the care of hand and upper extremity disorders by supporting education and research through the efficient collection of donations and administration of grants. For more information about AFSH, please visit the American Society for Surgery of the Hand [web site](#).

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, oral health, blood disorders and cancer, infectious disease, and nursing education. 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 or visit the HVO [web site](#).

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