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SAMBA and IAAS Benefit From Each Other

SAMBA is an innovative leader in Ambulatory Anesthesia and has a place on the world stage! It is a senior organization within IAAS and has considerable cutting edge knowledge and expertise. IAAS offers a widespread international platform for dissemination of SAMBA guidelines as well as the extensive research carried out by SAMBA members. Most importantly, SAMBA influences development of recommendations and guidelines produced by the IAAS ensuring uniform guidance. Please note that SAMBA voice is spread not only to anesthesiologists worldwide, but due to the multidisciplinary nature of IAAS, to surgical specialties, nurses and hospital managers involved with ambulatory surgical care.

SAMBA delegates (Professors Beverly Philip and Girish Joshi, two eminent representatives of ambulatory anesthesiology) have worked tirelessly to spread SAMBA's vision and mission through IAAS to China, India, Japan, South East Asia, Europe and Egypt, just to name a few. For example, in the last 2 years the SAMBA delegates have:

- been active members of the Scientific Committee for our International Congresses
- taken active part in visiting and reviewing 8 hospitals in Budapest as part of European Union Program that IAAS was approached to deliver
- taken active part in 2 online congresses held in place of our annual meetings
- attended internal IAAS meetings in person or online once international travel was stopped.
- although the travel restrictions in the last 18 months have made it more challenging, SAMBA members have played an important part in IAAS training program

How does SAMBA and SAMBA members benefit?

SAMBA is a net exporter of education worldwide and IAAS offers an international platform for the dissemination, prestige and influence associated with this role. These activities make SAMBA an International Association rather than as an "American" organization, which is 'inward-looking'! Its link and association with IAAS permits SAMBA to benchmark "American" practice with the rest of the world, and SAMBA learns from international experience.

IAAS allows SAMBA to consistently provide a voice on the international stage. The presentations by SAMBA delegates at our international meetings have also been a beacon for SAMBA ensuring it is included in the Ambulatory Surgery family across the world. Over the years, SAMBA has been able to develop important links with colleagues from across the globe including Australia, China, India, Japan as well as across Europe.

Other benefits include participation in IAAS conferences as attendees and presenters as well as access to the journal Ambulatory Surgery and IAAS newsletters that provide information about ambulatory practice around the world.

Summary

Overall, ambulatory surgery will only develop worldwide through international cooperation. It is the mutual fertilization which strengthen both IAAS and SAMBA. IAAS offers SAMBA an international platform, while it provides cutting edge knowledge and expertise to further our common goals. The core value of the IAAS, namely—high quality ambulatory surgical care through team effort with input from all the disciplines involved with perioperative care—is what IAAS provides to SAMBA and its members. IAAS is therefore, with the inclusion SAMBA, an ideal medium to bring the entire world to a higher level of perioperative care including anesthesia care. As a world-leading organization SAMBA, has a duty, and

should be proud to share its experience and expertise with other countries across the globe and IAAS would welcome even closer interconnection with SAMBA.