1. Name of organization

World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists
Fédération mondiale des Sociétés d'Anesthésiologie

2. Address of Headquarters

17 Burghley Road
Wimbledon
London S.W.19
England

3. Addresses of all Branch or Regional Headquarters

None

4. Membership

(a) Total number of persons
Approximately 4272

(b) Do these persons pay directly or are the subscriptions paid by affiliated organizations?
Subscriptions are paid by Member Societies.

(c) List affiliated organizations, giving their country, and the total number of persons belonging to each

(d) Note various types of membership, such as associate members, with numbers and pertinent facts

The membership of the Federation consists of a number of Societies of Anaesthetists, not more than one being eligible from one country. A list follows of Founder Member Societies with the individual membership claimed by each in September 1955.

* As provided by the applicant
In addition to the Founder Member Societies, applications for membership have been received from the appropriate Societies in Czechoslovakia, Romania and Greece. Individuals may be elected to Associate Membership if they work in countries which have no officially recognized Member Society.

5. General purposes of the Organization

6. (a) What is the primary function of the organization and (b) secondary functions:

The object of the Federation is to make available the highest standards of anesthesia to all peoples throughout the world.
The functions of the Federation include the following:

(a) to assist and encourage the formation of national societies of anesthesiologists;

(b) to promote the dissemination of scientific information;

(c) to recommend desirable standards of training for anesthesiologists;

(d) to provide information regarding opportunities for postgraduate training and research;

(e) to encourage research into all aspects of anesthesiology;

(f) to encourage the establishment of safety measures including the standardization of equipment;

(g) to advise, upon request, national and international organizations.

7. (a) Does the organization advocate any special health measures or procedures?

No

(b) Has the organization any special reservations as to treatment or health procedures?

No

8. Can officially designated representatives speak authoritatively for the membership on matters concerned with the stated purposes of the organization?

The Secretary-Treasurer can speak authoritatively for the membership on matters concerned with the stated purposes of the Organization.

9. Specific interest with reference to the work of the World Health Organization

The purposes of the Federation, particularly in the provision of educational facilities and the raising of the standards of knowledge and practice, with a view to reducing the serious anaesthetic mortality in many countries, is identical in purpose to that of the WHO in a similar direction. It is hoped that the local contact provided by the numerous Member Societies will assist in this work.
10. Officers. (Names and positions held, including the Chief Executive Officer or Secretary and other principal administrative officials. What is the total number of paid officer personnel? Please distinguish between those with the international organization and those with the national or local groups attached thereto.)

Non-Executive Officers:  President  Dr H. R. Griffith (Canada)
Vice-Presidents Dr C. R. Ritsema van Eck (Netherlands)
Dr A. Goldblat (Belgium)
Dr R. Frey (Germany)
Dr M. M. Curbelo (Cuba)

Executive Committee:  Chairman  Dr A. Goldblat (Belgium)
Dr J. Bourou (France)
Dr E. Ciocatto (Italy)
Dr J. Gillies (Great Britain)
Dr T. Gordh (Sweden)
Dr R. A. Gordon (Canada)
Dr H. R. Griffith (Canada)
Dr N. James (Australia)
Dr O. Mayrhofer (Austria)
Dr R. P. W. Shackleton (Great Britain)
Dr G. Varela (Argentina)
Dr E. Zairo Vieira (Brazil)

Co-opted Members:
Dr C. R. Ritsema van Eck (Netherlands)
Dr R. G. Talwalkar (India)

Secretary-Treasurer:  Dr G. S. W. Organe (Great Britain)

There are no paid officers apart from a part-time secretary.

11. Structure. (a) Policy-making bodies such as Conference, Governing Body, Executive Committee, (b) frequency of meetings, with date of the last meeting of each, (c) voting procedure, (d) affiliation with other organizations, including international organizations.

(a) The Federation is governed by a General Assembly of delegates from Member Societies. Each Member Society is entitled to one delegate if the number of its members is 250 or less, to two delegates if it numbers from 251 to 500 members, to three delegates if it numbers from 501 to 1000 members, and to one extra delegate per thousand members or fraction thereof over 1000. The delegates must be qualified anesthesiologists.

The Executive Committee consists of the Secretary-Treasurer and 12 members, of whom at least one must be from (a) Europe, (b) USA and Canada, (c) Latin America, (d) Asia and Australasia, and one member from each of the two largest Member Societies.

The policy of the Federation is laid down at meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee being responsible for carrying out such policies.
(b) The Inaugural Assembly was held on 9 September 1955. The next regular meeting will take place during the International Congress to be held in Montreal or Toronto in September 1960. The frequency of meetings is not laid down, but the interval in future is likely to be shorter than five years.

The Executive Committee meets before and during each session of the General Assembly and whenever the interests of the Federation so require on the summons of its Chairman or his deputy.

(c) Voting at the Assembly is by delegates of Member Societies, abstentions being counted as negative votes. A simple majority is sufficient for ordinary matters. A two-thirds majority is required for the admission or expulsion of members or for the amendment of the Statutes.

Decisions in the Executive Committee are taken by a simple majority of votes cast. This may be by postal ballot at the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer.

(d) The World Federation is a provisional member of CIOMS.

12. Finances. (Annual budget and sources of income, noting portion received from membership dues.)

The sources of income are membership dues and donations. The estimated subscription income will be the equivalent of US $2000 per annum. Gifts have been received to date of US $500 from the International Anesthesia Research Society (Rocky River, Ohio, USA) and US $1000 from Dr Oscar Schwidetsky. A full financial statement will be prepared later this year.

13. History

The formation of a World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists was put forward at meetings in London and in Paris in 1951 and an interim committee was set up to make recommendations. This consisted of:

Dr Harold Griffith - Chairman (Canada)
Dr J. Boureau (France)
Dr J. Gillies (Scotland)
Dr Torsten Gordh (Sweden)
Dr A. Goldblat - Honorary Secretary (Belgium)

This committee held meetings in Brussels in 1953 at which it was decided to hold a Congress in the Netherlands in 1955, during which the Federation would be founded, and a further meeting in Scheveningen, Netherlands in 1954. A number of draft versions of Statutes and By-Laws were prepared and in each case submitted to national societies for comment and amendment. During the Congress in Scheveningen in September 1955, at which the World Health Organization was officially represented, those were further discussed at unofficial meetings, and at the Inaugural Assembly attended by 28 Founder Member Societies and by Observers from 13 other countries, the Statutes and By-Laws were adopted unanimously without further comment. The registration of the Statutes in Amsterdam was completed on 15 June 1956.
14. **Activities** (A statement of the most important work accomplished.)

The year has been devoted to the organization of the Secretariat and establishment of contacts. This work has been financed by donations and by subscriptions received, in advance of the registration of the Statutes, from some Member Societies. The first work proposed is an investigation of the state of anaesthetics in different countries and an enquiry into the educational facilities available in different parts of the world.

15. **Publications**

The Federation has no regular publications apart from an annual report to members.

16. **Documentation**

A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Federation have been received.