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ALS Annual Scientific Meeting

# Colchester 2008 – Back to the Future

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The ALS wishes to thank the British Journal of Surgery for their special contribution towards this event.



## INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

The ALS Industry Exhibition will be held in the 'Arena' at the Five Lakes Hotel. The Exhibition will open at 08:00 on Thursday 20 November and close at 14:00 on Friday 21 November 2008.

## ALS INDUSTRY PARTNERS

The Association is grateful to its Industry Partners for their continued support and for their significant contribution towards the organisation of this meeting.

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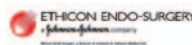
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### THANK YOU

The Council would like to thank Ethicon Endo-Surgery for sponsoring the Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery Course, the Welcome Drinks Reception and the Council Dinner all held on Wednesday, 19 November 2008.



# Presidential Welcome



Mr Mike Parker

It is exactly 8 years since the ALS (or AESGBI as it was then) held an Annual Scientific Meeting in Colchester. How time has flown. It seems only yesterday that we all congregated in the postgraduate centre to listen to and watch the impressively talented Christiano Huscher operating via live link with all of us both in the main auditorium and in the adjacent annexe, with the Industry Exhibition accommodated in a huge outdoor marquee. How things have moved on in less than a decade.

Since then laparoscopic surgery has become much more widely accepted both in the UK and internationally. Indeed, for some centres it has become the default procedure such that the word laparoscopic is no longer placed on a theatre list before the name of the operation to take place. The word "open" is now used only if a procedure is not to be performed laparoscopically! Surely this is the way things will become on a much wider basis in the very near future.

Talking of the future, the title of our meeting this year reflects that concept and the programme has been constructed to take into account the latest developments and subspecialty interests now incorporating laparoscopic techniques. There will be the usual mix of live operations on the Thursday which should include a variety of subjects creating interest for all. There will be high quality lectures given by renowned colleagues both from the UK and abroad as well as an invited British Journal of Surgery Lecturer.

Industry have demonstrated their enthusiasm for our Association and will be present in even greater numbers than previously, such that I am anticipating a really excellent couple of days in Maldon near Colchester as we return to hold our Annual Scientific Meeting just outside the oldest Roman garrison town in England.

Our Association is growing and now has more than 600 members. We are healthy and we are intent on driving the concept of minimally invasive operations in order to promote and develop the various techniques of laparoscopic surgery.

I do hope that the Annual Scientific Meeting of the ALS will be as attractive to you as it is to both all our Council and myself. Welcome.

Mike Parker  
President ALS



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# The ICENI Centre, Colchester



Professor Roger Motson

## BACK

Laparoscopic surgery in Colchester began in 1986 when Roger Motson started laparoscopic cholecystostomy to treat patients with biliary colic in the pre-television and camera era. When laparoscopic cholecystectomy burst on to the surgical scene a few years later Colchester was one of the early centres to take this 'new' surgery on.

The first step towards more advanced procedures was laparoscopic exploration of the common bile duct in 1991, probably the first in the UK. The need for training courses was self-evident and we held our first laparoscopic cholecystectomy course in 1992. The appointment of Don Menzies, who did part of his training in Colchester, allowed us to expand into hernia surgery, splenectomy, nephrectomy and anti-reflux surgery. In 1994 we embarked on colorectal surgery and a few years later oesophago-gastrectomy and adrenalectomy.

The new millennium saw the Association meeting come to Colchester for the first time and in 2002 the development of the first purpose-built laparoscopic theatre in the UK. A series of consultant appointments, Ralph Austin (2002), Tan Arulampalam (2004), Matt Tutton (2007) and Jo Reed (2007) has expanded the laparoscopic staff to six surgeons. Ethicon Endo-Surgery have supported a laparoscopic colorectal fellowship since 2004 and another fellowship in conjunction with the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka began in 2006.

In 2005 we redeveloped our existing laparoscopic theatre with a Storz OR1 Suite and added a second laparoscopic theatre, also equipped with a Storz OR1. A third laparoscopic theatre, to cope with the increasing emergency laparoscopic work, will be completed by the end of this year.

We run an ever-increasing number of courses and masterclasses for both UK and European surgeons, were heavily involved in the preceptorship programme and have been appointed as a national training centre for laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

## TO THE FUTURE

Our current new areas of endeavour are the development of laparoscopic prostatic, vascular and endometriotic surgery with our urological, vascular and gynaecological colleagues and adding bariatric surgery to our existing gastro-intestinal surgical repertoire.

Most exciting is the construction of a new building to house the ICENI Centre. This is a joint venture with Anglia Ruskin University and will have a state of the art auditorium, wet and dry labs, exhibition space, simulation suite, advanced video-editing suite, library and research facilities and is due for completion in 2009. This will allow us to expand our educational courses considerably and expand our research from purely clinical to basic science, biomedical engineering and technology projects.



# Welcome from the ALTS Chair



Jane Bradley-Hendricks

As the current chair of ALTS, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome members both new and old to Colchester, I look forward to meeting you all!

ALTS was the brain child of Sue Yelland of the Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. The first chair of ALTS, she hatched the idea during the ALS (then AESGBI) Annual Scientific Meeting 2000 that was also hosted in Colchester. The following year ALTS was established and the first meeting launched. This has since been a very successful addition to the ALS Annual Scientific Meeting, we have up to 50 practitioners attending each meeting.

The Association of Laparoscopic Theatre Staff (ALTS) welcomes all its existing members and any potential new members to Colchester. The ALS understands the importance of promoting a team approach to laparoscopic surgery and actively supports ALTS.

They understand that study leave and finding funds to enable them to attend the meeting is difficult. Therefore the rates for ALTS are very competitive and the Association only aims to cover its costs with this group of staff.

Delegates in past years have found the 2 days extremely worthwhile, informative and really excellent value for money. Don't forget that it all counts towards certification of your qualifications.

ALTS will run a parallel programme to address the needs of theatre personnel and ensure that they get the best out of their time spent at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the ALS. This year is aimed at showcasing some of the cutting edge technologies in Minimal Access Surgery both from here in the UK and from abroad. It will also give ALTS members a chance to network and learn from each other.

I and the whole ICENI Team are excited by the potential of this meeting and are convinced that it will be an informative, educational and entertaining event.

Jane Bradley-Hendricks  
ALTS Chair



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CONFERENCE VENUE

Five Lakes Hotel, Colchester Road, Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon, Essex CM9 8HX  
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### REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES DESK

Located in the Industry Exhibition Arena, Five Lakes Hotel  
08:00-17:15 Thursday 20 November 2008  
08:00-15:15 Friday 21 November 2008

### HELP DESK

Located in the Reception Area of the Five Lakes Hotel  
15:15-16:15 Friday 21 November 2008

### ABSTRACT BOOK

All Abstracts of Free Paper Presentations FP01-FP10 and Abstracts of Poster Presentations P01-P69 have been reproduced in the ALS Conference Abstract Book available at the Registration & Enquiries Desk.

### AUDIO VISUAL INFORMATION

The Armour Room in the Five Lakes Hotel will be used as the Audio Visual Speakers' Preview Room. It is located on the first floor of the hotel. All presentations are to be compiled using PowerPoint and should be saved to CD or USB stick. Speakers are required to visit the Audio Visual Speakers' Preview Room at least one hour prior to their scheduled lecture.

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE & CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A Certificate of Attendance will be provided which can be included in delegates' CPD portfolios as proof of attendance. According to current guidance, the certificate should be accompanied by notes on how the meeting has been of benefit to career development or current practice. For further information refer to the Senate of Surgery of Great Britain and Ireland's document, 'Maintaining your Performance. Dossier of Guidance on Continuing Professional Development for Surgeons', November 2004 at [www.senateofsurgery.org](http://www.senateofsurgery.org) Certificates will be available at the Registration Desk from 12:00 on Friday 21 November.

### CLOAKROOM

Coats and luggage may be left in the Reception Area at the Five Lakes Hotel.

### COACH TRANSFER SERVICE

The coach will leave the Five Lakes Hotel for Colchester Station after Closing Remarks & Awards on Friday 21 November. This service has to be pre-booked.

### DELEGATE NAME LABELS

This year adhesive name labels will be provided in each registration pack for presentation at exhibitors' stands in lieu of business cards. Please remember to use these labels on both days.

### DELEGATE LISTS

A list of delegates is available upon request from the Registration Desk in the Industry Exhibition Arena.

### DRESS CODE

Please be reminded that the dress code for the meeting is lounge suit and black tie for the Conference Dinner.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Five Lakes Hotel will advise delegates of other local accommodation options. Call +44 (0)1621 862444 or visit the Receptionist at the Five Lakes Hotel. Please be mindful of the room 'check-out' time at the Five Lakes Hotel (11am). Luggage can be stored for the remainder of the day at Reception.

### INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

The Industry Exhibition will be held in the Arena of the Five Lakes Hotel as follows:  
08:00-17:30 Thursday 20 November 2008  
08:00-14:00 Friday 21 November 2008

### LUNCHESES & REFRESHMENTS

The delegate registration fee includes lunch and refreshments which will be served in the Industry Exhibition Arena.

### PARKING

The Five Lakes Hotel provides extensive FREE parking.

## PRIZES

### POSTER EXHIBITION & PRIZE

The Poster Exhibition will take place in the Industry Exhibition Arena from 08:00 on Thursday 20 November until 14:00 on Friday 21 November 2008. All posters will be judged on Thursday (between 12:00 and 14:00), when the presenting authors **MUST** be in attendance by their posters. The winner of the best poster will be announced at 15:50 on Friday when a cheque for £150, sponsored by Covidien, will be presented. Please ensure that all posters are displayed by 08:00 on Thursday 20 November. Any posters removed before 14:00 on Friday 21 November will not be considered for the prize.

### ABSTRACT PRIZE

Papers that have been short-listed will be presented in the Free Paper Sessions on Friday 21 November at 09:10-10:00 and 14:00-14:50. The winner of the best oral abstract will be announced at 15:50 on Friday when a cheque for £600, sponsored by Covidien, will be presented. All Free Papers will be published in the Surgical Endoscopy Journal.

### DVD PRIZE

Short-listed DVDs will be presented in the DVD Session on Friday 21 November at 14:50-15:30. The winner of the best DVD will be announced at 15:50 on Friday when a cheque for £250, sponsored by Covidien, will be presented.

### RECYCLING

Recycling bins have been provided throughout the venue to recycle plastic badge holders, wallets, bags, unwanted Abstract Books and Final Programmes. Please recycle wherever possible and help reduce the environmental impact of the meeting.

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### SECURITY

In the interests of security, delegates are required to wear their name badges at all times during the meeting.

# ALS & ALTS Scientific Programme

## TIMETABLE

08:00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE AVAILABLE Industry Exhibition Arena

08:30 WELCOME: Mr M C Parker (President) & Professor R W Motson (Colchester)  
King Arthur Suite

08:35 LIVE OPERATING FROM EDINBURGH, COLCHESTER & CHICAGO

Live Paediatric Surgery from Edinburgh Children's Hospital  
Moderators: Mr E C Jesudason (Liverpool) & Mr G Mackinlay (Edinburgh)



Live Laparoscopic Aortic Surgery from Colchester  
Professor M Coggia (Paris)  
Moderator: Mr K Poskitt (Cheltenham)



Live Robotic Pancreatic Surgery from Chicago, USA  
Professor C Giulianotti  
Moderator: Mr I Beekingham (Nottingham)



Live Colorectal Surgery from Colchester  
Professor R W Motson

Moderators: Mr R H Kennedy (Harrow) and Professor T A Rockall (Guildford)



TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY Industry Exhibition Arena

12:00 LUNCH BREAK FOR DELEGATES Industry Exhibition Arena

14:00 LIVE OPERATING CONTINUES

17:00 LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY IN THE NEW NHS  
Professor The Lord Darzi Chairman: Mr M C Parker (Dartford)

17:30 SINGLE INCISION LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY (SILS) PIONEER  
Dr A Rosemurgy (Tampa, Florida, USA)  
Chairman: Mr M C Parker (Dartford)



18:00 Interval to allow delegates to change into black tie

19:15 INDUSTRY PARTNERS' PRE-DINNER DRINKS RECEPTION Industry Exhibition Arena (open to all delegates)

20:00 CONFERENCE DINNER AT THE FIVE LAKES HOTEL King Arthur Suite (black tie)


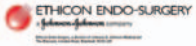

## THANK YOU

The Council would like to thank Covidien for sponsoring all tea and coffee served.



# ALS Scientific Programme

## TIMETABLE

08:00 'MEET THE EXPERTS' SESSIONS (PRE-BOOK ONLY) Industry Exhibition Arena  
 Bariatric Surgery: Mr S P L Dexter (Leeds) and Mr C R B Welbourn (Taunton)  
 Stryker Stand   
 Oesophagectomy: Mr H Ali (Maidstone) and Mr S A Wajed (Exeter)  
 Ethicon Endo-Surgery Stand   
 Aortic Surgery: Professor M Coggia (Paris) and Mr K Poskitt (Cheltenham)  
 Karl Storz Stand 

08:30 REGISTRATION & COFFEE AVAILABLE Industry Exhibition Arena

09:00 INTRODUCTION: Mr M C Parker (President) and Professor R W Motson (Colchester)  
 King Arthur Suite

09:10 FREE PAPERS FROM SUBMITTED ABSTRACTS (5 papers)  
 Chairmen: Mr S J D Chadwick (Harrow) and Mr P C Sedman (Hull)

### ALL ABSTRACTS ARE PUBLISHED IN FULL IN THE ALS ABSTRACT BOOK

09:10–09:20 **FP01**  
 SURGERY FOR RECURRENCE IS MORE COMMON AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC  
 AS COMPARED TO OPEN REPAIR OF PRIMARY INGUINAL HERNIA IN ENGLAND  
 Presenter: Y El-Dhuwaib, Department of Surgery, Leighton Hospital, Crewe, Cheshire

09:20–09:30 **FP02**  
 THE EFFECT OF CONSULTANT CASELOAD ON RE-OPERATION FOR RECURRENCE  
 FOLLOWING INGUINAL HERNIA REPAIR IN ENGLAND  
 Presenter: Y El-Dhuwaib, Department of Surgery, Leighton Hospital, Crewe, Cheshire

09:30–09:40 **FP03**  
 LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY FOR ILEOCAECAL CROHNS DISEASE –  
 A SINGLE CENTRE EXPERIENCE  
 Presenter: J Khan, Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust, Colchester

09:40–09:50 **FP04**  
 MINIMALLY INVASIVE OESOPHAGECTOMY IS THE PROCEDURE OF CHOICE FOR  
 EARLY OESOPHAGO-GASTRIC CANCER  
 Presenter: C Taylor, Royal Devon & Exeter Foundation Hospital, Exeter

09:50–10:00 **FP05**  
 SHORT-TERM OUTCOME OF FERTILITY-SPARING LAPAROSCOPIC EXCISION OF DEEPLY  
 INFILTRATING PELVIC ENDOMETRIOSIS PERFORMED IN A TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTRE  
 Presenter: A H Engledow, University College Hospital, London

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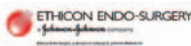
10:00 VISION OF THE FUTURE OF SURGERY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER  
Professor J Leroy (European Institute of Telesurgery, France) Chairman: Mr M C Parker (Dartford)

10:30 TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE Industry Exhibition Arena

11:00 BRITISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY LECTURE: NOTES – HOW FAR HAVE WE GOT?  
Dr S A Giday MD (Baltimore, Maryland, USA) Chairman: Mr M C Parker (Dartford)



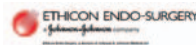
11:30 ALS PLATINUM PARTNERS' PRESENTATIONS  
Chairman: Mr D Menzies (ALS Hon Treasurer)



12:00 LUNCH AVAILABLE Industry Exhibition Arena

13:00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13:30 MINIMAL-ACCESS PAEDIATRIC SURGERY: FROM FETUS TO CHILD  
Mr E C Jesudason (Liverpool) Chairman: Mr M N Vipond (Gloucester)



14:00 FREE PAPERS FROM SUBMITTED ABSTRACTS (5 papers) AND DVD SESSION (8 DVDs)  
Chairmen: Mr M Rhodes (Norwich) and Mr M N Vipond (Gloucester)

14:00–14:10 **FP06**  
GASLESS BALLOON LAPAROSCOPY – A NEW METHOD IN ABDOMINAL DIAGNOSTICS  
Presenter: M Volland,  
Department of General & Visceral Surgery, Sana-Hospital Gerresheim, Dusseldorf, Germany

14:10–14:20 **FP07**  
LAPAROSCOPIC ANTI-REFLUX SURGERY AS A DEFINITIVE TREATMENT IN REFRACTORY  
UPPER AND LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT DISEASES  
Presenter: A A Warsi, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol

14:20–14:30 **FP08**  
FOLLOW-UP AND DISTANCE FROM CENTRE ARE IMPORTANT DETERMINANTS IN WEIGHT  
LOSS POST LAPAROSCOPIC ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BANDING  
Presenter: P Sivagnanam, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Norwich

14:30–14:40 **FP09**  
BARIATRIC SURGERY IN THE FAST TRACK: PREDICTING UNEVENTFUL RECOVERY  
Presenter: D J Pournaras, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton

14:40–14:50 **FP10**  
INCIDENCE OF RETAINED STONES AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC TRANSCYSTIC  
OR CHOLEDOCHOTOMY BILE DUCT EXPLORATION  
Presenter: F Hanif, Monklands Hospital, Lanarkshire, Scotland

14:50–14:55	<b>DVD01</b> MISADVENTURES IN LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY AND BILE DUCT EXPLORATION Presenter: A Belgaumkar, King's College Hospital, London
14:55–15:00	<b>DVD02</b> LAPAROSCOPIC LADD'S PROCEDURE Presenter: C Ray, Department Colorectal Surgery, Hairmyres Hospital, Lanarkshire, Scotland
15:00–15:05	<b>DVD03</b> LAPAROSCOPIC REPAIR OF PERFORATED DUODENAL ULCER Presenter: S Agrawal, University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent
15:05–15:10	<b>DVD04</b> LAPAROSCOPIC REMOVAL OF MESHOMA AND REPAIR OF RECURRENT RIGHT INGUINAL HERNIA Presenter: A Gilliam, James Cook University Hospital, Middlesborough
15:10–15:15	<b>DVD05</b> COELIAC AXIS COMPRESSION SYNDROME – LAPAROSCOPIC RELEASE OF THE MEDIAN ARCUATE LIGAMENT Presenter: M Mahmalat, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester
15:15–15:20	<b>DVD06</b> LAPAROSCOPIC TRANSCYSTIC LITHOCLAST AND RETRIEVAL OF AN IMPACTED CBD STONE Presenter: C Pring, Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull
15:20–15:25	<b>DVD07</b> MINIMALLY INVASIVE OESOPHAGECTOMY (MIO) Presenter: R Veeramootoo, Royal Devon and Exeter Foundation Hospital, Exeter
15:25–15:30	<b>DVD08</b> LAPAROSCOPIC TREATMENT OF ENDOMETRIOSIS INVOLVING THE RECTUM Presenter: A Engledow, University College Hospital, London

## TIMETABLE

15:30 REPORTS FROM TRAVELLING FELLOWS

Chairman: Mr M N Vipond (Gloucester)

15:30 SEATTLE NOTES &amp; SURGICAL SIMULATION

Mr A Gilliam (Durham)



15:40 'A VISIT TO THE MAYO CLINIC – OLYMPUS KEYMED TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP 2007'

Mr S Anwar (Huddersfield)



15:50 CLOSING REMARKS &amp; ALS AWARDS in association with Covidien 'Partners in Education' FOR BEST ORAL PRESENTATION, BEST POSTER AND BEST DVD

Professor R W Motson (Colchester) and Mr M C Parker (President)



The following invited DVDs will be shown on the Karl Storz Stand 38 in the Industry Exhibition Arena throughout the conference:

A SYSTEMATIC STEP WISE APPROACH TO SAFE SURGERY

Mr J Evans, Mr I Jenkins, Mr R H Kennedy, St Marks Hospital, Harrow, Middlesex

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

Mr K Poskitt, Cheltenham General Hospital, Cheltenham

EXTRAPERITONEAL LAPAROSCOPIC SIMPLE NEPHRECTOMY

Mr C Eden, The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Surrey

EXTRAPERITONEAL LAPAROSCOPIC PYELOPLASTY

Mr C Eden, The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Surrey

EXTRAPERITONEAL LAPAROSCOPIC RADICAL NEPHRECTOMY

Mr C Eden, The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Surrey

EXTRAPERITONEAL LAPAROSCOPIC RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY

Mr C Eden, The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Surrey

ANTECOLIC RETROGASTRIC ROUX EN Y GASTRIC BYPASS FOR OBESITY

Mr R Welbourn, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton

LAPAROSCOPIC GASTRIC BYPASS

Mr S Dexter, Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds

LAPAROSCOPIC PYLORUS PRESERVING PANCREATICODUODENECTOMY

Mr A Patel, Kings College Hospital, London

# ALTS Scientific Programme

## TIMETABLE

08:30	REGISTRATION & COFFEE AVAILABLE Industry Exhibition Arena	
09:00	INTRODUCTION & WELCOME Mrs J Bradley-Hendricks (Chairman) in the Knights Suite	
09:05	ANAESTHETICS IN LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY Dr A Eldridge (Consultant Anaesthetist, Colchester) Chairman: Mrs J Bradley-Hendricks	
10:00	<b>Joint Session with ALS in the King Arthur Suite</b> VISION OF THE FUTURE OF SURGERY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER Professor J Leroy (European Institute of Telesurgery, France) Chairman: Mr M C Parker (Dartford)	
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14:00	LAPAROSCOPIC ASSISTED ANEURYSM REPAIR Mr A Howard (Colchester) Chairman: Ms D Gooch (Colchester)	
14:25	EVAR Mr S Choksy (Colchester) Chairman: Ms D Gooch (Colchester)	
14:50	THEATRE SET UP AND GETTING AN EVAR SERVICE OFF THE GROUND Ms B Drane (Colchester) Chairman: Ms D Gooch (Colchester)	
15:15	COMPANY PRESENTATION: EVAR STENTS Chairman: Ms D Gooch (Colchester)	
15:40	CLOSING REMARKS, EVALUATION & CLOSE	
15:45	FINISH	

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons will be held on Friday 21 November 2008 at 13:00 in the King Arthur Suite at the Five Lakes Hotel.

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on Friday 23 November 2007 in Newcastle
3. Honorary Secretary's Report (Mr M N Vipond)
  - a. New regional members elected to ALS Council
  - b. Constitutional changes
  - c. ASGBI International Surgical Congress 13–15 May 2009, Glasgow
  - d. 17th International Congress of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery, 17–20 June 2009, Prague, Czech Republic
  - e. ALS Annual Scientific Meeting, The River Centre, Tonbridge, 26 and 27 November 2009
  - f. ALS Annual Scientific Meeting, East Midlands Conference Centre, 25 and 26 November 2010
4. Honorary Treasurer's Report (Mr D Menzies)
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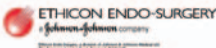
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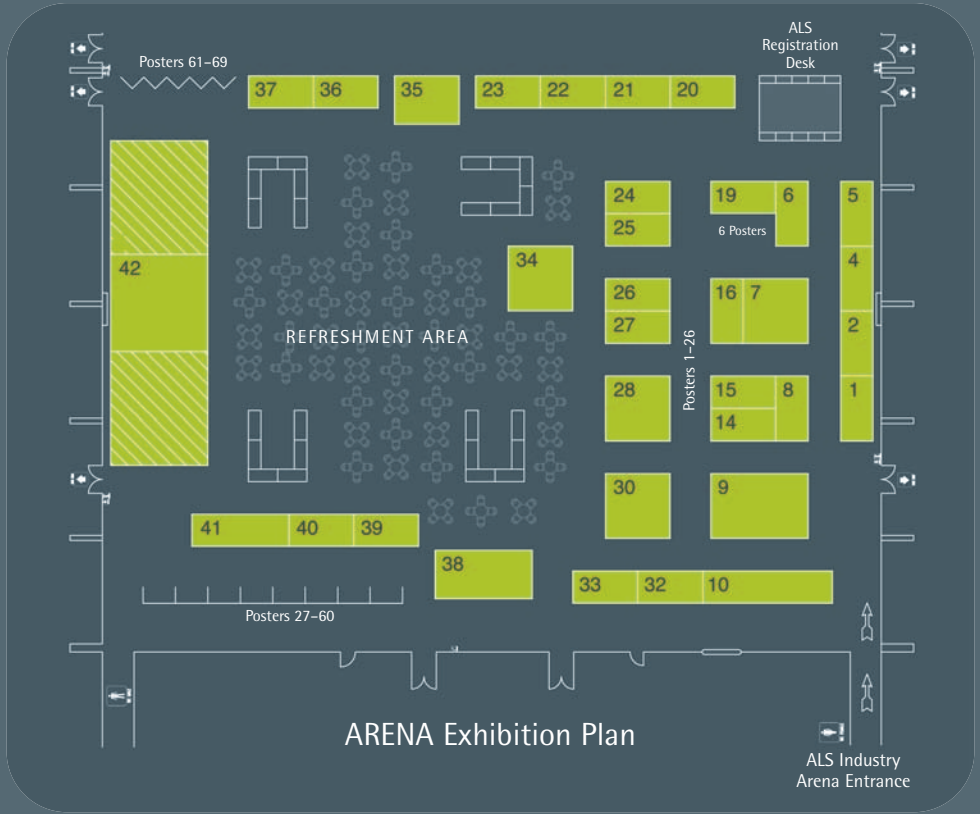


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# The ALS: the UK & Ireland's Premier Laparoscopic Surgical Association



The Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons (ALS) was formed in April 1994 in Harrogate by the amalgamation of the Society of Minimally Invasive General Surgeons (SMIGS) and British Surgical Stapling Group (BSSG). Since then the ALS has established itself as the main voice for laparoscopic surgeons in the United Kingdom & Ireland. The ALS aims to foster developments in laparoscopic surgery, to provide a structure for training, to promote educational and academic objectives and to liaise under the umbrella of the Association of Surgeons (ASGBI) with the surgical Royal Colleges, the Specialist Advisory Committees and other surgical and academic bodies. It supports members in negotiations with Trusts, definitions of job plans and contracts and also the assessment of trainees and training posts with the Postgraduate Regional Deans.

Although surgeons may be members of other multi-disciplinary groups, such as those dealing with upper and lower gastrointestinal disease, it is important that the specific education and training needs of the laparoscopic surgeon are recognised. The ALS firmly believes in the importance of high quality training programmes throughout the United Kingdom and this is a fundamental component of the Association's activities. Many surgical procedures in the laparoscopic field were initially developed by enthusiasts but have become part of the general surgical repertoire. It is therefore vitally important that all surgeons professing an interest in the performance of laparoscopic surgery should be trained to the highest possible standard. To this end the ALS has been involved in the organisation and approval of

laparoscopic training courses throughout the United Kingdom. In addition training courses are organised by the ALS with the support of commercial companies at leading training centres in Ireland, Germany and France. Surgeons wishing to develop their laparoscopic techniques and repertoire in their own hospital are supported in so doing by proctoring by members of the ALS.

The ALS has gained representation on the Council of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland (ASGBI) and cross-representation on the Association of Coloproctology (ACPGBI), the Association of Upper GI Surgeons (AUGIS) and the Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT). A representative on Council is a member of the General Surgical Specialist Advisory Committee and the Association is affiliated to the European Association of Endoscopic Surgeons (EAES) and shares a journal, Surgical Endoscopy, with this Society and with the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).



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