

ALSGBI newsletter



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President's Introduction

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the ALSGBI newsletter. Thank you, once again, to Mr Neil Keeling for putting this together so expertly and to the contributors for the content. We hope you enjoy reading this and find the articles interesting and informative. We have reports from many of the recent congresses including ASGBI, EAES and a special mention to the hugely successful IFSO meeting arranged by Richard Welbourn and attended by over 2000 delegates from around the world. We also feature reports from locally arranged regional ALSGBI courses which have been very well received and which we are keen to promote in the years ahead. We encourage those of you with an interest to apply for grants from Council to facilitate these going forward over the next few years when teaching and training become ever more important.

It has been an eventful year with the closure of the College. We have taken the decision, in principle, to move back into the College when it reopens in 2020 along with most of our sister organisations. Until then we continue to maintain a small base in the Nuffield however the Council meetings will become somewhat nomadic for the next three years. We thank our Sponsors for hosting some of these and will report back in future newsletters. Our first regional Council meeting was held in Hull, my home town, where I hope to set the benchmark!

In June 2018 London will host the annual EAES (European Association of Endoscopic Surgery) and we will be heavily involved in the co-delivery of this Congress. Please note the dates for your diaries: 30 May - 1 June 2018 (with the pre-Congress training day on 30 May). This will be the first time England has hosted the EAES meeting and the venue is the Excel arena. Between 1500 and 2000 delegates are expected to attend from all over the world with a strong contingent from the Far East. Professor George Hanna has been elected the Congress President and Professor Japp Bonjer from Amsterdam is the current EAES President. Over the 2 days there will be 60 parallel sessions and we strongly encourage you to attend what promises to be an interesting and informative meeting. Those of you who have attended previous EAES meetings will testify just how good it is.

We continue to promote the LapPass series of technical surgical skills for surgical trainees. Those who have attempted these will appreciate how challenging some of these skills are to complete. As trainers we know just how good a benchmark of a trainee's technical ability these training days are and completing LapPass indicates a level of technical ability with which we can be confident about further training in theatre. Please take the opportunity at our Annual Scientific Meeting and regional meetings to undergo LapPass assessments, but do not do so without prior practice. Further details can be found on our website.

Robotic endoscopic surgery continues to rise in popularity across the UK with ever more robots being purchased and used by Trusts. Minimal access surgeons in multiple specialties are finding new ways of employing this type of technology, which continues to develop. We feel it is right for these developments to be more formally incorporated into the structure of the ALSGBI. We have a position statement available on our website regarding training for robotic surgery and we will have a sub-section within the society

for robotic issues going forward. It is a technology which is clearly only going to grow in application in future years.

By the time you read this newsletter the Cardiff meeting will be upon us and I am sure you will enjoy your visit to this wonderful city. Professor Jared Torkington and his team have worked tirelessly to produce a surgical programme of live surgery from three parallel theatres. As usual there will be a full programme of scientific wisdom and keynote speeches to make for a thoroughly entertaining few days. We are honoured to have Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri as our keynote speaker, one of the true pioneers of our field. His knighthood for services to Minimal Access Surgery in 1998 barely scratches the surface of his achievements and his vision for the future of surgery is almost legendary.

For the first time our congress will be paperless and you can download the app (details how to do this can be found on Page 6). To ease the transition to a paperless conference I think we can still view the programme for this meeting in this newsletter (Pages 6-9).

Finally, the conclusion of this meeting will also conclude my time in office. I can scarcely believe that my two years have passed already but with the Presidency passing to Mr Simon Dexter I know the Association will continue in most excellent hands. With us both working in Yorkshire (at opposite ends) I have known Simon for many years and I have the utmost admiration for him as a surgeon, a visionary and a surgeon's surgeon.

It has been a privilege to have occupied my place on Council for so many years and to have been associated with such outstanding colleagues, none more so than the current Council whose support I have valued so greatly. Thank you.

It has been a pleasure and I urge those of you who are interested, with motivation and vision, to stand for Council and to progress our specialty to ever greater heights in the years to come.

With best wishes

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Editor's Introduction

It is traditional in this newsletter to draw your attention to the forthcoming ALSGBI Annual Scientific Meeting. I hope you will have distributed all your flyers to colleagues and trainees, members and non-members to encourage them to attend what promises to be an excellent meeting in Cardiff. I would strongly encourage trainees to enrol for the training day that precedes the main meeting, not only to make use of the experience of the very knowledgeable faculty, but also the excellent facilities provided. Those of you yet to register and book accommodation should do so now (note to self).

In other parts of the newsletter you will read of regional and national meetings that have been organised by members to spread the word regarding minimally invasive surgery skills across the subspecialties and I hope that will encourage those who have been contemplating organising such things at a local level to do so and not forget to send me a report (with pictures) for the newsletter. Funding for these meetings is available from the Association through the website application form.

It is of course sad for us to prepare to say farewell to Mr Peter Sedman as President who has filled the role admirably and I hope will be particularly remembered for introducing the LapPass system. Although aimed at trainees, consultants should have a go too – you will be surprised on how much you have to concentrate!

We can look forwards to Mr Simon Dexter's hands on the reins for the next two years, as usual supported by Jenny and Sarah running the office, even if they have to be peripatetic until the College reopens.

Mr Neil Keeling
Newsletter Editor





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LapPass Regional Training Day and ALSGBI North West and Mersey Meeting Report

28 April 2017, Christie Hospital, Manchester



Minimal Access Surgery North West (MASNoW) is the regional chapter of the ALSGBI in the North West and Mersey area. The group has continued to welcome trainees and trainers from all GI specialties since its inception in 2012. We were honoured to host the first regional ALSGBI LapPass training day at the Education Centre at Christie Hospital, Manchester on 28 April 2017. The training day gave trainees the opportunity to practise laparoscopic skills under the supervision of experienced laparoscopic consultant surgeons from ALSGBI and the local region.

The LapPass competencies required demonstration of proficiency in a defined set of four laparoscopic tasks in allotted time frames using simulated jigs. A fifth task demonstrating camera holding skills was assessed ahead of the course. A total of 20 core and specialty trainees completed tasks including grasping and manipulation of Polo mints, tying an extracorporeal Roeder's knot in a simulated appendicectomy, cutting a shape and laparoscopic suturing. We were delighted to receive very positive feedback from the trainees and we plan to host regional LapPass training days on a regular basis.

The LapPass training was followed by the Minimal Access Surgery North West (MASNoW) meeting in the evening which gave trainers and trainees the opportunity to network and showcase their work. The 9th meeting was hosted by Mr Rajasundaram Rajaganeshan, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at Whiston Hospital. The biannual event proved very popular with over 50



consultants and trainees in attendance, enjoying an informal catch-up with colleagues over a curry. Delegates listened to presentations from Professor Saumitra Rawat from Sir Gangranam Hospital in New Delhi, India on Dynamism in GI cancer, the future of surgical training by Ms Alison Waghorn, Head of the North West School of Surgery and an overview of ALSGBI by President Elect, Mr Simon Dexter. These were followed by trainee presentations on laparoscopic mesh ventral rectopexy (M Al-Rashedy) and a trial of a novel laparoscopic suturing technique (I Rajendran). The trainee prize was awarded to Dr Fiona Cheung, F2 at Whiston Hospital, who presented her experience of Video-Assisted Anal Fistula Treatment (VAAFT).

The whole day was a great success and we look forward to reporting back on the 10th MASNoW meeting and LapPass regional training day which took place on 20 October 2017.

Miss Catherine Eley
ST3

Miss Christina Lo
ST8, MASNoW trainee representative

Mr Chelliah Selvasekar
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Christie Hospital & ALSGBI North West & Mersey Regional Representative



South West Chapter Meeting of ALSGBI

14 July 2017, Haynes International Motor Museum, Somerset

The latest South West chapter meeting of the ALSGBI took place at the Haynes International Motor Museum in Somerset. The event was organised by Mr Nader Francis, council member for the South and West region and consultant surgeon at Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The Haynes Museum is an excellent venue, with conference and catering facilities based alongside the UK's largest collection of great cars from around the world. It has over 400 amazing vehicles from the dawn of motoring in the late 1800s through to recent supercars. Obviously, there was plenty of parking!

The day was entitled "Current issues with training and assessment for laparoscopic surgery" and was aimed towards consultants, middle-grades and trainees at all levels with an interest in laparoscopic surgery, especially those within general surgery, colorectal and upper GI. Consultant and trainee



speakers from within the region gave a number of well-received presentations and Mr Ian Beckingham, the past-president of AUGIS, gave a talk on the Surgical Workload Outcomes Audit Database (SWORD) which AUGIS and ALSGBI worked on jointly. The event began with an update on simulation for laparoscopic surgery, delivered by Mr Tom Walker. This was followed by a session on the future of laparoscopic training from both a consultant's and a trainee's perspective, given by Messrs Steve Hornby and Hugh Mackenzie respectively. A rather nice lunch was provided by the Museum and the afternoon commenced with a session on coaching techniques given by Messrs David Mahon and Somaiah Aroori. The day concluded with two excellent simulated teaching scenarios run by Mr Nader Francis using a volunteer from the audience. It was blindingly obvious from these how the techniques already discussed, when applied in the scenario, made a huge difference to the likelihood of a good outcome compared to the scenario



where they weren't. The presentations throughout the day involved lots of audience participation. LapPass training (see <http://www.alsgbi.org/trainees/passport>) was also available during breaks and lunchtime, with the opportunity for formal assessment at the end of the day. Our thanks to the participants, speakers and to both of the the sponsors of the meeting, Molnlycke and Stryker.

The next South West ALSGBI event will be the 10th South West Regional Laparoscopic Training Day, to be held at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton on 24 November 2017. See http://www.alsgbi.org/events/events_list for details of this and other upcoming events.

Mr David Mahon

Consultant Surgeon, Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton
Honorary Secretary, ALSGBI

Mr Nader Francis

Consultant Surgeon, Yeovil Hospital, Yeovil
South & West Regional Representative



ALSGBI East Anglian Laparoscopic Training Day

31 May 2017, West Suffolk Hospital

The West Suffolk Hospital (WSH) Laparoscopic Skills Course is now an established annual event and ran for the third time on 31 May 2017 at West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds. The course, which was directed by Mr Neil Keeling, is a free 1 day course giving 12 trainees the opportunity to advance their laparoscopic skills with porcine tissue.

The meeting was held in the Siklos Unit at WSH which was developed as a Simulation and Skills Centre for the Postgraduate Medical Course. Trainees between the grades of CT1-ST4 attended from the East of England training region, with a 2:1 faculty-trainee ratio, allowing personalised tuition. Consultant faculty from the WSH included Mr Neil Keeling, Mr Nicholas Ward and Mr Craig Vickery. They were joined by two of our US air force colleagues from nearby Lakenheath Airbase – Major Kristin Hummel and Major Ryan Earnest.

The course set-up consisted of 5 'wet stations' on porcine tissues, with sessions covering laparoscopic cholecystectomy, fundoplication and

gastrojejunostomy. There was a particular focus on laparoscopic suturing and the opportunity to practise with stapling and energy devices. A 'dry station' was also available to allow assessment of laparoscopic competency using the ALSGBI laparoscopic passport model.

The event was kindly sponsored by Ethicon who provided the porcine tissue, sutures, staplers, energy devices and the all-important lunch; in addition Karl Storz kindly supplied high quality stacks and instruments.

The course once again received excellent feedback with the 2:1 faculty ratio proving very popular in combination with 'enthusiastic, knowledgeable faculty', a 'relaxed atmosphere', and a 'great opportunity to practise laparoscopic suturing on animal tissues' – all topped off by the fact it was 'free'!

Mr Teddy Fletcher

SpR 4 Anglia Region

ALSGBI & ALTS Scientific Programme

Thursday 9 November 2017

THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE

TIMETABLE	
08:30 – 19:10	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN REFRESHMENT TIMES
08:30 – 09:00	Tea & Coffee
10:30 – 11:30	Tea & Coffee
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00	Tea & Coffee
	INDUSTRY EXHIBITION, LOWER HALL GROUND FLOOR
09:00 – 09:05	WELCOME: Mr Peter Sedman (President) & Dr Frank Atherton, Chief Medical Officer for Wales ASSEMBLY ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
09:05 – 09:15	PLATINUM PARTNERS' PRESENTATIONS Chairman: Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)
	OR1™ MINI Mr Nathan Greenfield, Business Manager OR1™ KARL STORZ Endoscopy (UK) Ltd
	SEE, TREAT AND CONTROL Mr Richard Lawrence, Business Unit Manager Surgical Energy, Olympus Medical
09:15 – 09:30	ROBOTIC-ASSISTED RECTAL SURGERY: WHY AND HOW? Professor Amjad Parvaiz (Poole) Chairman: Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)
09:30 – 17:00	LIVE HD, 3D & 4K LAPAROSCOPIC PROCEDURES SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF WALES, CARDIFF
	THEATRE 6 (T6) Intuitive Surgical
	THEATRE 7 (T7) Olympus Medical feat. Mölnlycke Health Care
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	Mr Simon Phillips
	Mr David Scott-Coombes
	Mr Michael Stechman
	GUEST OPERATORS
	Mr Neil Fenn (Swansea)
	Professor Amjad Parvaiz (Poole)

TIMETABLE	
Morning	3D Transmissions
INTUITIVE SURGICAL™	T6 Robotic Prostatectomy Mr Neil Fenn (Swansea)
OLYMPUS Mölnlycke	T7 Laparoscopic Adrenalectomy Mr David Scott-Coombes (Cardiff)
STORZ KARL STORZ-ENDOSCOPY	T8 Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy with augmented reality Mr Guy Blackshaw (Cardiff)
Morning Moderators: Mr Ewen Griffiths (Birmingham) Mr David Mahon (Taunton); Mr Chelliah Selvasekar (Manchester)	
Afternoon	HD & 4K Transmissions
INTUITIVE SURGICAL™	T6 Robotic Anterior Resection Professor Amjad Parvaiz (Poole)
OLYMPUS Mölnlycke	T7 Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy with Ultravision Mr Michael Stechman (Cardiff)
STORZ KARL STORZ-ENDOSCOPY	T8 Laparoscopic Right Hemicolectomy Mr Simon Phillips (Cardiff)
Afternoon Moderators: Team 1: Mr Tan Arulampalam (Colchester) Mr Neil Keeling (Bury St. Edmunds); Mr Donald Menzies (Colchester) Team 2: Mr Simon Dexter (Leeds); Mr Colm O'Boyle (Cork) Mr Y K S Viswanath (Middlesbrough)	
17:00	ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TOP 2 POSTERS FOR PRESENTATION Chairman: Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)
17:05 – 17:45	MINI-SYMPOSIUM THE CHALLENGES OF PROCUREMENT IN 2018 - HOW TO PROCURE THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED Panel: Mr Tan Arulampalam (Colchester) Mrs Sarah Lloyd-Davies, Spire Private Healthcare, Cardiff; Mr Peter Sedman (Hull) BUILDING A BUSINESS CASE - WHAT THE HOSPITAL MANAGERS NEED FROM US Mr Darren Riley, Deputy Director of Finance Royal Derby Hospital HOW CAN INDUSTRY HELP CLINICIANS MAKE THEIR BUSINESS CASE? Mr Adam Sanderson, Sales Director UK and Ireland, Intuitive Surgical
17:45 – 19:00	THE PRESIDENT'S DRINKS RECEPTION CITY HALL CARDIFF

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ALSGBI Scientific Programme

Friday 10 November 2017

TIMETABLE

08:30 – 09:00 **REGISTRATION, TEA & COFFEE** IN THE INDUSTRY EXHIBITION, LOWER HALL, GROUND FLOOR

09:00 – 09:05 **INTRODUCTION:** Mr Peter Sedman (President) ASSEMBLY ROOM FIRST FLOOR



09:05 – 09:15 **PLATINUM PARTNERS' PRESENTATIONS**
Chairman: Mr Peter Sedman (President)

3D LAPAROSCOPY – WHY IT IS BETTER THAN 2D

Mr Daniel Sinitsky, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust



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09:15 – 10:03 **DVD SESSION (6 DVDS)**

Chairmen: Mr Andrew Day (Reigate)
David Mahon (Taunton)



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09:15 – 09:23 **DVD 01** ROBOTIC TOTAL D2 GASTRECTOMY AND ROUX-EN-Y OESOPHAGOJEJUNOSTOMY WITH LINEAR STAPLER
Presenter: D Chan
University Hospital of Coventry, UK
Yonsei Cancer Center, Seoul
Republic of Korea

09:23 – 09:31 **DVD 02** DVD PRESENTATION OF A LAPAROSCOPIC DUODENO-JEJUNOSTOMY FOR SUPERIOR MESENTERIC ARTERY SYNDROME
Presenter: S Granger
Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, UK

09:31 – 09:39 **DVD 03** A NEW INNOVATION: PLYMOUTH TK LOOP GAUZE SPECIMEN EXTRACTION TECHNIQUE FOR LAPAROSCOPIC EXTRA-LEVATOR APER
Presenter: B Mahendran
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK

09:39 – 09:47 **DVD 04** ROBOTIC MODIFIED SUGARBAKER PARASTOMAL HERNIA REPAIR
Presenter: R Smith, Frimley Park Hospital, UK

09:47 – 09:55 **DVD 05** SINGLE PORT RIGHT HEMICOLECTOMY WITH COMPLETE MESOCOLIC EXCISION IN A T4 CAECAL TUMOR
Presenter: P Thambi, University Hospital of North Tees, Stockton on Tees, UK

09:55 – 10:03 **DVD 06** LAPAROSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF COMPLICATION FOLLOWING TYPE IV HIATUS HERNIA (INTRA-THORACIC STOMACH) REPAIR
Presenter: J Atkinson
South Devon Upper GI Unit, Torbay, UK

10:03 – 10:13 **POSTER PRESENTATIONS: THE TOP 2**

Chairmen: Mr Andrew Day (Reigate)
Mr David Mahon (Taunton)



TIMETABLE

10:15 – 10:45 **TEA & COFFEE** WILL BE SERVED IN THE INDUSTRY EXHIBITION, LOWER HALL, GROUND FLOOR

10:45 – 11:15 **AI ENABLED HEALTHCARE**
Dr Dominic King, Senior Clinician Scientist at Google DeepMind, Honorary Clinical Lecturer at Imperial College London
Chairman: Mr Tan Arulampalam (Colchester)

11:15 – 11:45 **THE APPLICATION OF LAPAROSCOPY IN EXOTIC ANIMALS**

Dr Romain Pizzi, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (Edinburgh)
Chairman: Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)

11:45 – 12:20 **CREATING THE FUTURE OF ABDOMINAL SURGERY HOW DO WE GET OUR GOOD IDEAS MOVING FORWARD?**

Mini-symposium followed by a Questions & Answers Session

PANEL DISCUSSION

Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri (Dundee)
Professor Keith Harding, Dean of Clinical Innovation (Cardiff); Mr Chelliah Selvasekar (Manchester)
Chairmen: Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)
Professor Jared Torkington (Cardiff)

12:20 – 13:00 **FREE PAPERS FROM SUBMITTED ABSTRACTS (4 PAPERS)**



Chairmen: Mr Donald Menzies (Colchester)
Mr Y K S Viswanath (Middlesbrough)

12:20 – 12:30 **FP 01** PREDICTING AND VALIDATING A SCORING SYSTEM TO ESTIMATE LAPAROSCOPIC CHOLECYSTECTOMY OPERATIVE DURATION USING PRE-OPERATIVE PATIENT FACTORS
Presenter: A Sonsale
University of Birmingham, UK

12:30 – 12:40 **FP 02** LONG TERM BENEFIT OF BARIATRIC SURGERY FOR MORBIDLY OBESE WOMEN WITH URINARY INCONTINENCE
Presenter: H Shabana, Surgical Department Bon Secours Hospital, Cork, Ireland

12:40 – 12:50 **FP 03** LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY (LS) VS ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SURGERY (RALS): PERIOPERATIVE OUTCOMES
Presenter: S E Ahmed, James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough, UK

12:50 – 13:00 **FP 04** ASSESSING QUALITY OF LIFE IN INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE PATIENTS WHO UNDERGO LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY
Presenter: F Quiney, Ipswich Hospital, UK

13:00 – 14:00 **LUNCH** WILL BE SERVED IN THE INDUSTRY EXHIBITION LOWER HALL, GROUND FLOOR

ALSGBI Scientific Programme

Friday 10 November 2017

TIMETABLE

14:00 – 14:15 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence (Mr David Mahon)
- 2 Minutes of the ALSGBI ASM held on Friday 11 November 2016 at ILEC Conference Centre, London (Mr Peter Sedman)
- 3 Honorary Secretary's Report (Mr David Mahon)
 - (a) ASGBI International Surgical Congress, ACC, Liverpool, 9–11 May 2018
 - ◆ ALSGBI Session Wednesday 9 May 16:00–17:30
 - (b) 26th International Congress of the EAES, Excel, London, 30 May–1 June 2018
 - (c) ALSGBI Annual Scientific Meeting, Manchester Central, 5–6 December 2018
 - (d) ALSGBI Laparoscopic Surgery Training Day, The Christie, Manchester, 4 December 2018
 - (e) ALSGBI Council & Regional Election Results
 - (f) Announcement of the Travelling Scholarship Winners
- 4 Honorary Treasurer's Report (Mr Donald Menzies)
 - ◆ Membership Fees
 - ◆ New Renewal Date
- 5 Director of Education's Report (Mr Peter Sedman on behalf of Mr Paul Leeder)
 - ◆ LapPass
- 6 President's Report (Mr Peter Sedman)
 - ◆ Incorporating Robotics & Technology Enhanced Surgery
- 7 Election of Mr Simon Dexter as President
- 8 Any Other Business



14:15 – 14:30 SWORD (Surgical Workload, Outcomes & Research Database) UPDATE

Mr Ian Beckingham (Nottingham)
Mr Mark Vipond (Gloucester)
Chairman: Mr Simon Dexter (Leeds)

14:30 – 15:00 BRITISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY LECTURE: CHASING THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri (Dundee)
Chairman: Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)



15:00 – 15:40 FREE PAPERS FROM SUBMITTED ABSTRACTS (4 PAPERS)

Chairmen: Mr Simon Dexter (Leeds);
Mr Ewen Griffiths (Birmingham)



- 15:00 – 15:10 **FP 05** SUPERIOR OUTCOME AFTER ELECTIVE LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER IN PATIENTS OVER 80 YEARS OF AGE
Presenter: S Smolarek, Colorectal Department, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth Hospital NHS Trust, UK

TIMETABLE

- 15:10 – 15:20 **FP 06** COLOVESICAL AND COLOVAGINAL FISTULA - A LAPAROSCOPIC APPROACH
Presenter: B Mahendran, Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust, UK

- 15:20 – 15:30 **FP 07** COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT ACCESS TECHNIQUES USED FOR REVERSAL OF HARTMANN'S PROCEDURE
Presenter: P Thambi, University Hospital of North Tees, Stockton on Tees, UK

- 15:30 – 15:40 **FP 08** INCREASING USE OF LAPAROSCOPY IN EMERGENCY ABDOMINAL SURGERY IS ASSOCIATED WITH SHORTER POST-OPERATIVE LENGTH OF STAY
Presenter: D Mayo, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, UK

15:40 – 16:10 TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Chairmen: Mr David Mahon (Taunton);
Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)

MY COLORECTAL EXPERIENCE AT THE MAYO CLINIC

Mr Akinfemi Akingboye (Colchester)



UPPER GI & BARIATRIC FELLOWSHIP AUSTIN HEALTH, MELBOURNE

Mr Steve Hornby (Gloucester)



A TALE OF TWO CITIES

Mr Vincent Wong (Hull)



16:10 – 16:20 ALSGBI AWARDS CEREMONY

Chairmen: Mr Simon Dexter (President);
Mr Peter Sedman (Past President)

Winner of the 2017 David Dunn Medal



Winner of the 2017 Journal of Surgical Simulation Award



Winner of the 2017 ALSGBI Best Laparoscopic DVD Prize



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16:20 CLOSING REMARKS

ALTS Scientific Programme

Friday 10 November 2017

TIMETABLE

- 08:30 – 09:00 ● **REGISTRATION, TEA & COFFEE**
IN THE INDUSTRY EXHIBITION
LOWER HALL, GROUND FLOOR
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- 09:00 – 09:05 ● **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:**
Mrs Debbie Gooch (ALTS Chair)
FUNCTION ROOM A, FIRST FLOOR
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- 09:05 – 10:30 ● **A WHISTLE-STOP TOUR OF HUMAN FACTORS**
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THROUGH OUR NON-TECHNICAL SKILLS.
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Mr Tan Arulampalam (Colchester)
Chairman: Mrs Debbie Gooch (Colchester)
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- 10:30 – 10:45 ● **TEA & COFFEE** WILL BE SERVED
IN THE INDUSTRY EXHIBITION
LOWER HALL, GROUND FLOOR
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- 10:45 – 11:15 ● **AI ENABLED HEALTHCARE**
Dr Dominic King, Senior Clinician Scientist at
Google DeepMind, Honorary Clinical Lecturer at
Imperial College London
Chairman: Mr Tan Arulampalam (Colchester)

TIMETABLE

- 11:15 – 11:45 ● **THE APPLICATION OF LAPAROSCOPY
IN EXOTIC ANIMALS**
Dr Romain Pizzi, Royal College of Veterinary
Surgeons (Edinburgh)
Chairman: Mr Peter Sedman (Hull)
-
- 11:45 – 13:00 ● **SCHWARTZ ROUNDS: DO YOU KNOW MUCH
ABOUT THEM? ARE THEY A GOOD THING?**
MULTIDISCIPLINARY DISCUSSION ABOUT
SCHWARTZ ROUNDS AND WHAT WE CAN
GAIN FROM THEM
Speakers: Sr Rebecca Drane (Colchester)
Ms Jackie McSweeney, Schwartz Round
Facilitator (Colchester); Miss Tamsin Morrison
Surgical SpR (Colchester)
Chairman: Mrs Debbie Gooch (Colchester)
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- 13:00 – 14:00 ● **LUNCH** WILL BE SERVED
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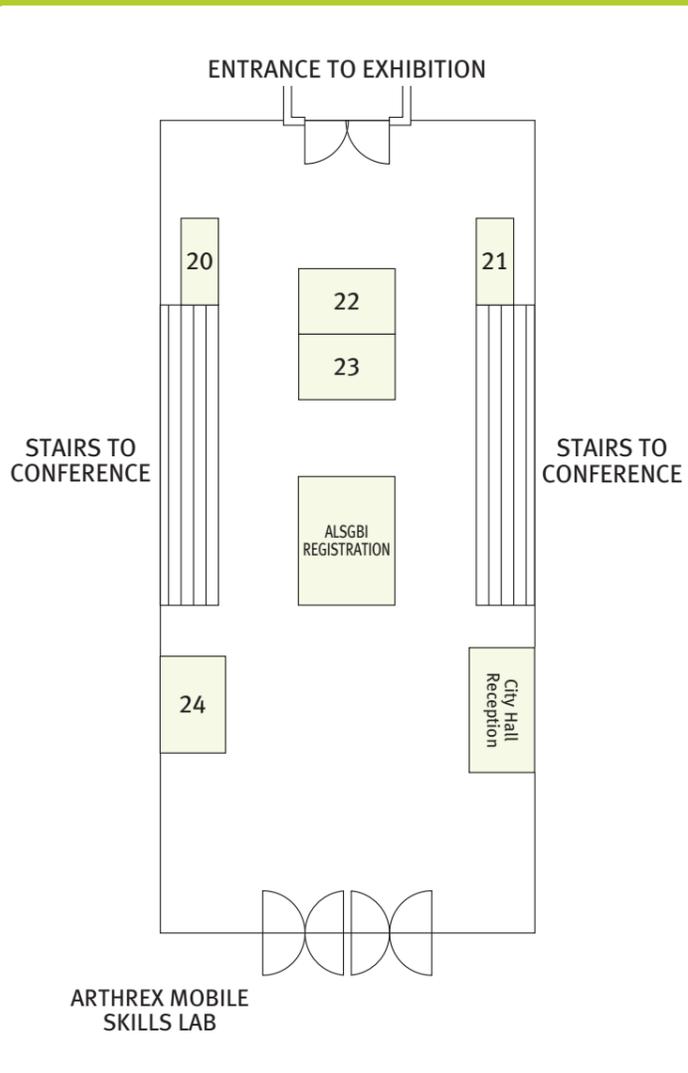
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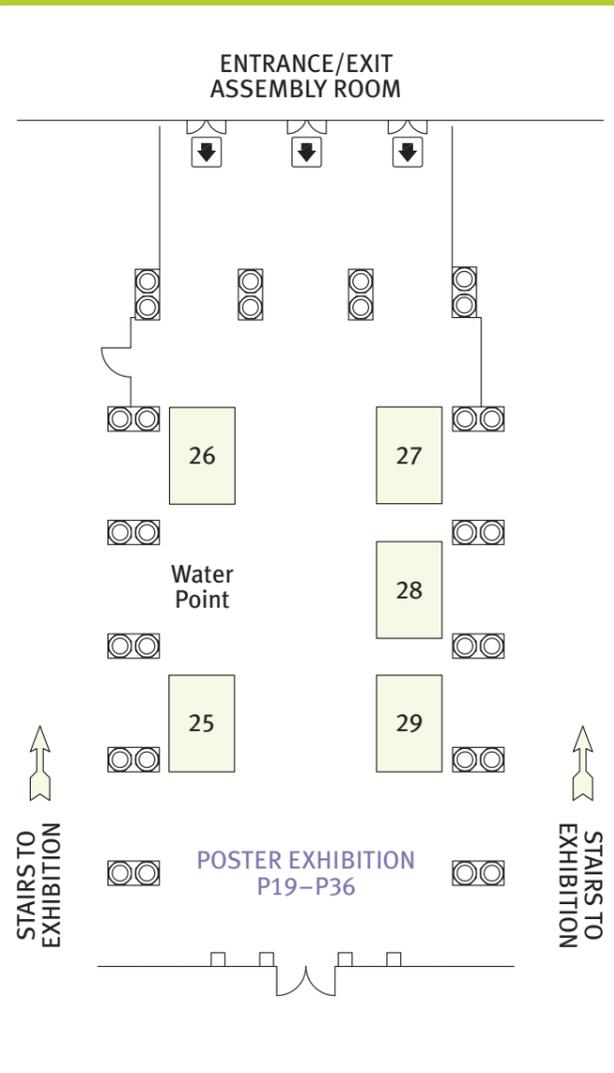
There will be 7 units in the LapPass Training Centre located in the Lower Hall. The LapPass check-in desk will be open from 08:30-18:00 on Thursday 9 November and 08:30-14:00 on Friday 10 November when it will be possible to book the LapPass examination which will take place in the Arthrex Mobile Skills Lab by the main entrance to City Hall.



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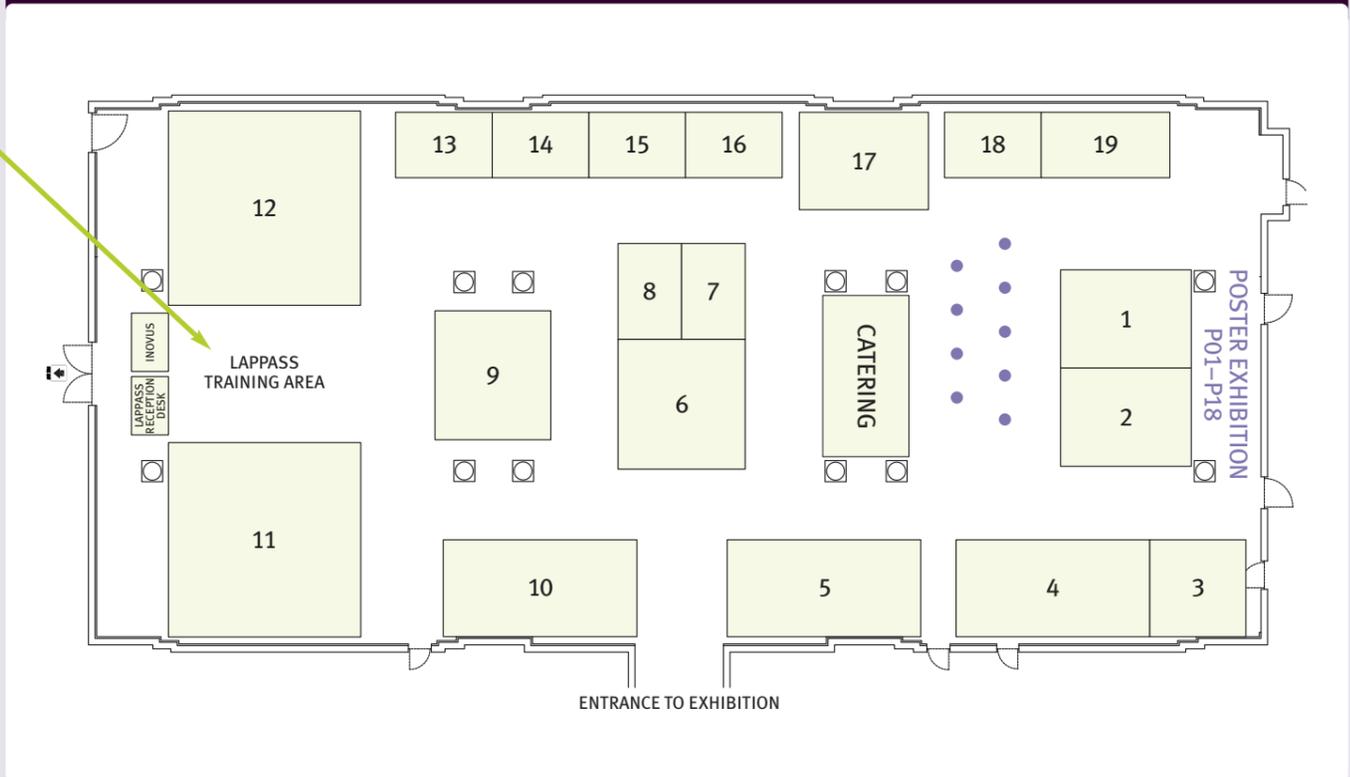


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25th International EAES Congress

14-17 June 2017, Frankfurt am Main, Germany



The EAES annual congress was as grand an affair as ever, despite the significant sociopolitical and financial changes that have occurred in Europe in the last 18 months. This is a European surgical congress that brings together surgeons of all disciplines from all EU member states. The sharing of information, technological advances and camaraderie is unique amongst surgical meetings and this year Frankfurt was no different. Brexit was mentioned several times and I, along with many European surgeons, believe that our academic progress is likely to be hindered by this process. Having said this, there is keen anticipation and minds remain open.

There is also debate in the UK about the relevance of a major scientific congress, which is costly and takes up valuable training time for juniors and clinical service time for senior clinicians. This, in the so-called information era when we can access so much content online, coupled with a real lack of funding for continuing medical education? This particular congress, however, reinforced the argument for robust scientific discourse and debate, sharing of ideas and techniques, as well as showcasing new technology. This was a meeting that combined the best of industry with speakers of substance.



The cost and time have to be weighed up against the surgical and scientific insights gained.

The 25th congress was organised by Professor Karl Hermann Fuchs and the hard working secretariat based in the Netherlands. The theme was "Technology and Care for Patients". There was a plethora of parallel sessions covering minimally invasive surgery by subspecialty. We take subspecialisation for granted as members of the ALSGBI, but some parts of Europe are early on in their journey towards subspecialisation and outcome-driven delivery of surgical services.

The plenary sessions were inspiring with a mixture of symposia and named lectures. The Jacques Perissat Lecture delivered by Jacques Marescaux was a masterclass both in delivery and content. The talk on "Incorporating New Computer-assisted Technologies in Surgery" was both thought provoking and challenging to conventional minimally invasive surgical techniques. Although futuristic, there was much that could be applied today including augmented and virtual reality, engagement with artificial intelligence and using image guidance to improve the quality of surgery. All of these arguments raise questions about funding, training and the expectations of the public, not to mention some areas of philosophical equipoise.



The congress is so successful as there is something for everyone, with video marathons, free paper sessions and debates, which follow the recent trend for a tendency to look at process, infrastructure, human resources as well as technique and training. The EAES has made it a core mission to engage with and attract the young surgeon whilst maintaining its appeal to its traditional constituency. This can be seen with the emphasis on new technology and training in many of the pre-congress workshops, the innovative research training programmes and the



bursaries to support younger surgeons (defined as being under 40).

As well as robotic surgery and artificial intelligence there were more discussions on the use of Indocyanine Green (ICG) in image-guided surgery and the management of emergency patients. Sessions on NOTES and Transanal TME were well attended. The e-poster has made a big difference to the quality of the presentations and there was a diverse range of subject matter. One particular highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Karl Storz EAES Award to Mr Nathan Curtis (Yeovil/Imperial College UK) for his presentation on classification of intraoperative morbidity in colorectal surgery. Hearty congratulations for an excellent piece of work and emerging the victor from a strong group of presentations.

This all brings me back to the question of relevance of this congress. I hope I have given a flavour of the well-tested format of the meeting, the appeal to all surgeons and the quality of the speakers. The debate format allows young surgeons the opportunity to understand the key questions and controversies in their chosen craft. The value of the meeting is the content and the ability to share ideas. Coupled with the



interaction with industry partners who showcase their new technology, this is both an enjoyable and valuable meeting and one that should feature more strongly in our surgical calendar. This is even more important in 2018 as London hosts the next EAES congress between 30 May - 1 June with our own Professor George Hanna and a strong faculty from the ALSGBI steering the meeting.

Mr Tan Arulampalam
ALSGBI North Thames Regional Representative

ALSGBI International Surgical Congress

3–5 May 2017, Scottish Event Campus (SEC), Glasgow

The Association of Surgeons annual Congress in Glasgow was themed "Safer Surgery" and looked to showcase not only the scientific advances in a highly technology-driven profession, but this year to focus attention on the non technical aspects of the craft. The surgical community has embraced the concept of safe surgery but the approach of each surgical body, of administrators and individual surgeons have often been uncoordinated. This meeting addressed these issues and brought surgical safety and quality to the very top of the agenda.

The Association meeting is unique in bringing together several subspecialist disciplines under one roof. It is an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones, but also to share ideas and learn from other specialties. Over the last few years this has been achieved with varying degrees of success. This year was an

excellent year with contributions from the Argentine, South African and New Zealand Surgical Societies and an inspirational BJS lecture by Mr Mark Gallagher, who described Formula One's journey to a safety driven culture. Symposia on surgical outcomes and an excellent debate on the Emergency General Surgery service demonstrated the Association's support for these initiatives. The Moynihan lecture, delivered by Mr Andrew Miles, was a masterclass of thoughtful, intelligent and comprehensive study of the subject of safety in surgery and what it means to the individual patient, surgeon and society.

As always the highlight of the meeting was the Wednesday afternoon ALSGBI symposium on Emergency Laparoscopic Surgery (no bias at all here –Ed.). This proved, as in previous years, to be a popular session. The speakers delivered coverage of emergency surgery that

was of value to trainees and established consultants alike. Mr Sean Woodcock spoke of emergency abdominal wall surgery, Mr Simon Dexter covered emergency hiatal surgery, Professor Bruce Duff reviewed emergency laparoscopic bariatric surgery complications for the DGH surgeon and Mr Ian Beckingham described modern emergency laparoscopic biliary surgery. As a result of the successful session we have, once again, been asked to provide another symposium next year.

The meeting also offered the trainee a broad depth of experience and scientific opportunity with excellent free paper sessions and debate. There were sessions run by ASIT and a very interesting session run by the International Development Committee (IDC). The IDC session covered the experience of Mr Paul Gartell running laparoscopic training programmes



in Sub Saharan Africa, Miss Shirin Irani and her experience training Caesarean Section in developing countries and an excellent talk by Dr Lowri Bowen which addressed the important question of how one delivers a safe teaching experience in low and middle income countries.

The meeting was a great success and reiterates the importance of high quality continuing medical education.

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22nd World Congress of the International Federation for Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO)

29 August–2 September 2017, QEII Centre, London



The Queen accompanied by Mr Richard Welbourn, Congress President, at the Welcome Reception

The British Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society (BOMSS) was honoured to host the 22nd World Congress of the International Federation for Surgery for Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO). It was held at the QEII Centre opposite the Houses of Parliament in London from Tuesday 29 August - Saturday 2 September. This was one of the biggest IFSO congresses ever: There were more than 2750 delegates from 82 countries, including 228 from Brazil. There were 1024 submitted abstracts, 217 oral presentations, 807 posters, 60 video presentations and 302 invited speakers.

The Congress started with the 6th International Sleeve Gastrectomy Consensus Conference on 29 - 30 August, with the first day being demonstrations of live operating via satellite links from 21 centres around the world, including as far away as Reunion in the Indian Ocean. The second day of talks and lectures concluded with a survey questionnaire to develop an updated consensus on the technique of the operation: This was led by Dr Michel Gagner of Montreal. Together with another 9 Postgraduate Courses on 30 August, the total attendance for the courses preceding the main



The gala dinner was held in the Neptune Court at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich



The QEII Centre

Congress was 1044. One of the highlights before the main Congress was the IFSO General Council dinner at the National Liberal Club.

At the main Congress over 2½ days from 31 August - 2 September we were delighted to welcome luminaries such as Professor Sir Steve



The General Council dinner at the National Liberal Club

O'Rahilly (in whose laboratory leptin was discovered) as one of the invited speakers in a 'Best of British: Royal Flush' session in the Great Hall. The scientific programme also highlighted the multidisciplinary nature of obesity and its management with joint symposia from anaesthetic, plastic surgery, paediatric surgery and diabetologist colleagues. There were planned joint sessions with fertility, psychology and psychiatry experts and a special emphasis on Integrated Health and non-surgical, endoluminal and mini-invasive treatment strategies. Other highlights included an exciting 'Dragon's Den in the Shark Tank' session where participants pitched ideas for randomized controlled trials to a panel of experts, as well as a Women in Surgery symposium.

At the Presidential Plenary Session on Friday 1 September Sir Ranulph Fiennes spoke for an hour to a riveted audience as he narrated his various expeditions including the details of his polar circumnavigation; this was the first time the Congress had welcomed a non-medical



BOMSS President Mr Shaw Somers (L) with IFSO Co-Scientific Chair Miss Cynthia Borg and Congress President Mr Richard Welbourn (R) at the IFSO General Council Dinner at the National Liberal Club

speaker for the 'Scopinaro Lecture'. A congress such as this takes a huge amount of work and I am very grateful to the Local Organising and Scientific Committees who devoted such a large amount of time to this work - as well as 103 international abstract reviewers - and I single out Miss Cynthia Borg, Scientific Programme Co-Chair, for her extraordinary contribution to the organisation of 83 scientific sessions and the Sleeve Conference/Postgraduate Courses.

There were 21 endorsing organisations and BOMSS was delighted that ALSGBI was one of these. This was also the first congress ever to have had endorsement from all the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians of the UK & Ireland, thereby underlying the importance of developing joined up pathways for treating the epidemics of obesity and type 2 diabetes. Special thanks also go to our industry partners for helping to make the whole congress happen, in particular Medtronic and Ethicon.

Mr Richard Welbourn
President, BOMSS



Sir Ranulph Fiennes delivers the Scopinaro Lecture in the Great Hall



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ASiT

For those of you unfamiliar with the Association of Surgeons in Training, ASiT represents the second largest surgical association in the country, representing over 2500 pan-surgical members from medical students to higher surgical trainees. We strive to represent the views of all surgical trainees through representation on the councils of the Surgical Royal Colleges, JCST, ISCP and numerous other working parties and committees. We are an organisation run by trainees, for trainees.

Some of the current issues and hot topics ASiT sees affecting current surgical trainees that you may or not be aware of include the following:

1. Improving Surgical Training (IST) is a new project driven by RCSEng and HEE (Health Education England) and will be piloted at various sites for early year surgical trainees. Trainees will be appointed to run-through programmes at participating sites via a national selection process to start in 2018. IST stems from 26 recommendations around improving surgical training and plans to improve quality, create a better balance between service and training, professionalise the role of trainers and develop members of the extended surgical team to work alongside surgical trainees and improve patient care. ASiT has been heavily involved at a national level representing trainees regarding this project. Our aim has been to ensure that trainees are protected, the product of surgical training is not diluted and that any unintended consequences might be abrogated prior to implementation. We wholeheartedly support the desire to improve surgical training and will continue to work alongside stakeholders to ensure that IST delivers the improvements it has set out to do.
2. 2017 and 2018 will see the introduction of the new core surgery training curriculum in line with new GMC curriculum guidance and thereafter the

introduction of the new HST general surgery curriculum in 2018. Alongside this we continue to work on increasing the recognition of collaborative research for CCT requirements recognising the ever-increasing impact these research models are having on modern day surgical research activity.

3. Endoscopy continues to be a challenging area of surgical training and we are currently seeking your opinions on the availability and quality of endoscopy training for surgical trainees. A joint ASiT/AUGIS/Dukes Club survey has been circulated and I would encourage you to complete this. The data provided will be invaluable in order that we can drive forward change and improvements in this area. A link is available on our website (www.asit.org) or by using the following url in your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ASITENDOSCOPY>

Finally, for those interested, ASiT runs an exceptionally popular annual conference with over 700 delegates annually: It offers a broad selection of pre-conference courses and prioritises making this affordable for everyone. ALSGBI kindly supports the best laparoscopic themed abstract prize of £250 annually which, alongside our recently reduced conference fees, makes this conference an absolute must for trainees wishing to present their work. We are exceptionally excited to be in Edinburgh in April 2018 for conference and look forward to both a fantastic programme and exploring this amazing city.

For further information, to get involved or simply if you have an enquiry please contact us at info@asit.org or visit our website www.asit.org

Mr Adam Peckham-Cooper
on behalf of ASiT Executive and Council

Schwartz Rounds

In 1994 Ken Schwartz, an American health attorney, was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. During his treatment he felt that it was not the medical care he received that was most important to him but the acts of kindness of those who gave him the care. He said these acts of kindness made "the unbearable bearable".

He stated that:

"I have learned that medicine is not merely about performing tests or surgeries, or administering drugs.... For as skilled and knowledgeable as my caregivers are, what matters most is that they have empathised with me in a way that gives me hope and makes me feel like a human being and not just an illness."

With this in mind; before his death he left a legacy for the establishment of the Schwartz Centre in Boston. The purpose of this centre was and remains to foster compassion in healthcare.

Schwartz rounds are a structured meeting of both clinical and non-

clinical healthcare workers who discuss the emotional and social aspects of working in healthcare. The aim is for colleagues to understand the challenges and rewards of providing care, not to solve problems or to focus on the clinical aspects of care.

It is believed that these rounds give staff confidence to discuss and attend to the emotional aspects of patient care and also to give them confidence in dealing with their patients' emotional needs.

The rounds are confidential and are usually run monthly in organisations which have signed up and enrolled on the programme.

At the ALTS meeting we hope to explore Schwartz rounds, their background, purpose and personal reflections of people who have taken part in them.

Ms Debbie Gooch
ALTS Chair

Caption Competition

Here is your chance to win a bottle of champagne. To the right you will see a picture of Mr Richard Welbourn taken at the IFSO World Congress at The QEII in London.

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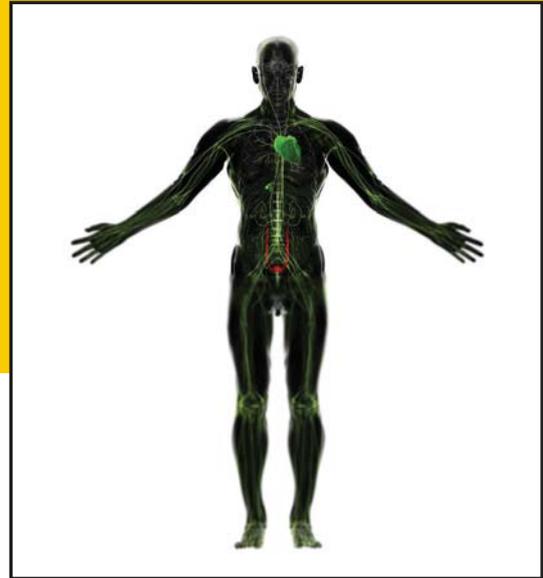
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