Safer Surgery
2017 Glasgow Surgical Week
3rd - 5th May 2017, SECC, Glasgow

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline for Abstract Submission
Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 9.00am
For further information:
www.asgbi.org/glasgow2017

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It is a great pleasure to invite you to the ASGBI 2017 International Surgical Congress to be held in the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th May. This will be the 8th time in the Association’s 96 year history that the annual meeting will be held in Glasgow. Scotland’s largest city is lively, full of character and is renowned for the friendliness and fun of the local population, so well characterised when the city hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2014. With excellent access by train and air from all parts of the UK and abroad, Glasgow is an excellent venue to host the 2017 meeting.

The theme of the congress will be ‘Safer Surgery’, recognising the significant efforts and initiatives to ensure contemporary surgical services deliver safe and effective care. Recent years have seen hugely successful conferences in Belfast and Manchester under the presidency of Mr John Moorehead and I would wish to congratulate John on his outstanding leadership of the organisation over the past two years which has seen the Association going from strength to strength. Building on the success of recent congresses, there will continue to be a strong emphasis on high quality plenary sessions and symposia of relevance to established consultants and trainees with a major focus on elective and emergency general surgical care. Unscheduled surgical admissions in many institutions account for 60-70% of all hospital in-patient admissions, emphasising the importance of ensuring this care is delivered competently and safely. Our aim is to freshen aspects of the programme, incorporating educational updates and videos within short paper sessions, and ensuring the very best abstracts are presented in plenary sessions.

In addition to a great educational and social experience, the aim is to have something for everyone, fulfilling the Association’s founding objectives – “the advancement of the science and art of surgery, and the promotion of friendship amongst surgeons”. We look forward to meeting you and members of your team at the Glasgow Surgical Week and can assure you of a memorable event.

Finally, remember you can make big savings in registration costs by being a member of the Association and taking advantage of our ‘Early Bird’ registration rate.

Professor Rowan Parks
Vice President
(President 2017-2018)
Social Media & App

The 2017 International Surgical Congress will be ASGBI’s fourth paperless Congress, supported again by a bespoke Congress app which will be released to delegates in spring 2017.

In the meantime, it’s not too early to start engaging with next year’s Congress via Facebook, Linkedin or Twitter and using the hashtag #ASGBI2017

If you’re not already following us, please click the links below to keep up to date with Congress related developments and other ASGBI news.
Instructions and Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Electronic Submission of Abstracts
ASGBI operates a paperless electronic abstract submission system which enables authors to ‘copy and paste’ abstracts (including tables and special scientific characters, but not figures or diagrams) directly from word processing software into the abstract template provided, facilitating quick and easy abstract submission.

To submit an abstract visit: www.asgbi.org/glasgow2017

Submission is now open, and will close at 9.00am on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Short Papers and E-posters
There will be several sessions for short paper presentations at the Congress, as well as a display of electronic scientific posters on plasma screens. Guidelines for submission are outlined on the next page, and please ensure to read them carefully.

Please note that all accepted abstracts, whether for oral presentation or a poster, will be published online on the BJS website (citeable). Abstracts accepted for oral presentation in the Moynihan Prize Paper session(s) will, in addition, be published online. The 2016 Moynihan Prize Papers can be viewed here: http://www.asgbi.org/belfast2016/wp-content/uploads/2016-Moynihan-Prize-Papers-Booklet.pdf

All authors who have abstracts accepted for the Congress are encouraged to submit a manuscript at: http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/bjs for consideration for publication in the BJS.

Important!
Submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by a minimum of one named author to present the abstract in the session and at the time decided upon by the ASGBI Scientific Committee, or in the case of an e-poster, to register for and be present for a minimum of one day of the Congress. Any change in the presenting author should be communicated in advance via email to Carol Martin (carol@asgbi.org.uk). Failure to present the abstract for other than well-founded reasons will lead to the author and their supervisor receiving a letter outlining the default, and the abstract will not be published.
Topics for Abstract Submission

• Audit and Outcomes Research
• Basic and Applied Clinical Science
• Breast/Endocrine
• Cancer/Surgical Oncology
• Education and Training
• Emergency Surgery (Specify if using NELA data)
• General
• Hernia/Soft Tissues
• Minimally Invasive Surgery
• Patient Safety
• Quality Improvement
• Perioperative Care/Nutrition
• Randomised Clinical Trials
• Surgical Complications
• Surgical Simulation and Technology
• Trauma and Military Surgery (ATMS)
• Vascular and Transplant

Guidelines for the Submission of Abstracts

• The abstract should relate to original, unpublished work and must not have been previously presented at any major meeting.

• Abstracts must consist of four paragraphs, entitled: Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions.

• Case studies and audit reports will be accepted this year.

• Abstracts are to be submitted as text and tables only (i.e. no figures, graphs or diagrams).

• The text must fit within the abstract template and use Arial font in size 11. The maximum word count is 400 words.

• No more than a maximum of six authors should be listed.

• As the abstract will be judged anonymously, the text must not reveal any institutional affiliation.

• The category which best describes the subject of your work, from the list of topics above, should be indicated. Abstracts should only be submitted in ONE category. Duplicate submissions will be disqualified.

• If the abstract is to be considered for the Moynihan or NELA Prize, the relevant box should be marked during the submission process.

• After the submission deadline has closed, absolutely no changes can be made to the abstract.

ASGBI takes a serious view of Research Governance. Please ensure that the abstract has been seen and agreed by all of the named authors before submission. Where there is a conflict, ASGBI’s Scientific Committee will take the final decision on whether an abstract will be presented. All authors have a responsibility to ensure that the data submitted is accurate, is not extrapolated and fairly represents the presentation to be given at the Association’s International Surgical Congress.

Audio Visual Arrangements

All presentations throughout the Congress will be delivered using PowerPoint format. Speakers will be sent detailed guidance notes on audio visual requirements and facilities in advance of the meeting. The deadline for receiving PowerPoint presentations will be Monday 17th April 2017.
Prizes and Awards

**Moynihan Prize**
The Moynihan Prize is the Association’s most prestigious scientific award. The prize consists of £1,000 together with a medal and is presented to the author of the best research work delivered at the International Surgical Congress. The person reading the paper must be the principal research worker and qualified for less than fifteen years. In the case of multiple-author papers, the medal will be presented to the person reading the paper and the award may be divided between the authors.

The paper should have a scientific bias and clinical application. The paper must not have been submitted previously to any other national or international association nor published in any Journal at the time of submission. Shortlisted papers that are found to have been presented elsewhere, or have been accepted for presentation elsewhere, will be disqualified.

If selected, competitors are encouraged to submit a manuscript suitable for publication. The Moynihan Prize paper shall become the property of the Association and will be published on the British Journal of Surgery website (citeable) and in the online ASGBI Moynihan Prize Paper book.

**Short Papers of Distinction**
The top scoring short papers, as determined by the adjudicators and the Association’s Scientific Committee, will be accepted as Short Papers of Distinction and will be allocated a separate session at the Congress for presentation. The presenting author will be presented with a certificate at the Prize Giving session which takes place on Thursday 4th May 2017.

**E-Posters**
The presenting author of the highest scoring e-poster in each category will receive a certificate of commendation which will be presented at the Prize Giving Session on Thursday 4th May 2017.
John Farndon Prize
The BJS Society has endowed the John Farndon prize of £500 for the best manuscript published in the BJS in the previous calendar year, having been previously presented at an ASGBI meeting. Papers published in the BJS will be subject to the usual system of editorial review.

Manuscripts should be submitted online at:
http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/bjs

Please indicate clearly on the title page that your paper is being presented at the Association’s 2017 Glasgow Congress.

Moynihan Travelling Fellowship
The Association’s prestigious Moynihan Travelling Fellowship, up to the value of £5,000, is available annually by open competition to Specialist Registrars towards the end of higher surgical training, or Consultants within five years of appointment at the closing date of application. The Fellowship is intended to enable the successful candidate to broaden their education and to present and discuss their contribution to British and Irish surgery overseas. It is not appropriate, however, that the award be used as part-funding for an Out of Programme (OOP) year of training.

Candidates must be residents of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland but need not be Fellows or Affiliate Fellows of the Association; however, they should be engaged in general surgery or in one of its specialities. A full Curriculum Vitae should be submitted giving full details of past and present appointments and publications, together with a detailed account of the proposed programme of travel, costs involved and objectives to be achieved.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Association’s Scientific Committee. The Committee will pay particular attention to originality, scope and feasibility of the proposed itinerary. The successful candidate will be expected to act as an ambassador for British and Irish surgery and should be fully acquainted with the aims and objectives of the Association of Surgeons and its role in surgery. After the Fellowship, the successful candidate will be required to provide a written report of their Fellowship for inclusion in the Association’s Journal, and to address the ASGBI International Surgical Congress.
John Wylie & Sons Ltd/BJS Audio Visual Prize

The annual competition for the best video has been generously sponsored by the BJS Society and John Wylie & Sons Ltd.

The first prize winner will receive a cash prize of £300, with £200 for second and £100 for third place.

Presenters are asked to note that the Association reserves the right to catalogue and manage the selection.

Entries must be of general surgical interest, suitable for an audience of consultants and higher surgical trainees and may include topic presentations as well as operative surgery. Commentaries must be in English and entries must not exceed 10 minutes duration. Any film that lasts longer than 10 minutes will not be accepted. A two minute discussion will follow each presentation. A list of equipment used for the production must accompany each entry, together with full names and qualifications of those most involved in making the film.

All accepted videos will be shown on plasma screens throughout the 2017 Congress and will be judged by members of the ASGBI Scientific Committee. The winners will be announced at the Prize Giving Session on Thursday 4th May 2017. Entries will be judged according to surgical interest, teaching value and technical merit. The Association reserves the right to show or not show any entry.

Entries should be uploaded online as per the steps outlined below:

1. Visit www.wetransfer.com
2. Enter dvds@asgbi.org.uk as ‘Friend’s email’ address to upload your video
3. Complete the online entry form at www.asgbi.org/dvds

The deadline for videos to be uploaded is Wednesday 4th January 2017 by 9.00am.

NELA Sponsored Trainee Prize

We are delighted to announce that NELA and ASGBI will be awarding a Trainee prize at the 2017 International Congress in Glasgow. This will be for the best submission using your hospital's NELA data. Particularly favoured will be those which bring about an improvement in care.

Adjudication will be by the Association’s Scientific Committee with input from NELA, and the paper will be presented during a dedicated NELA session.

Please make sure you mention the NELA prize in your submission for the abstract to be considered for the prize.
Further Information on NELA
The traditional model of audit takes too long and does not address the underlying reasons why things don't happen as they should. Quality improvement (QI) aims to address this. QI science emphasises the use of local data to drive small scale changes, carried out on short timescales.

So although NELA has the word 'Audit' in it, the only way improvements in patient care will come about is if clinicians use their NELA data to measure what is going on in their hospital, make a change, and measure the impact of making that change. The NELA website allows your hospital's NELA lead to download your own NELA data whenever you want to support QI initiatives.

The intention is that this prize will encourage trainees to get involved in driving improvements in the delivery of care to patients undergoing emergency laparotomy. It also has the added benefit of helping trainees understand the difference between audit and quality improvement and show evidence of active participation in a Quality Improvement project.

The criteria for a successful poster will be judged on:

• Whether it demonstrates use of local NELA data
• Whether it uses established QI methodology
• Has multidisciplinary involvement (ideally)
• Whether it demonstrates an improvement in care, which could be improvements in process or outcome

The closing date for abstract submissions is 9.00am on Wednesday 4th January 2017 and a cash prize will be awarded to the winner.
The Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland was founded in 1920 by a group of leading surgeons of the day. The guiding spirit and inspiration behind the concept was Berkeley Moynihan, later Lord Moynihan of Leeds, who had been struck by the lack of cohesion among surgeons as early as 1909. He wrote that “surgeons in one town knew little or nothing of surgeons elsewhere. A surgeon from Manchester had never visited an operating theatre in Leeds, nor had ever been asked in consultation. As a consequence it was not infrequent to have to listen to disparagement of one surgeon by another; and jealousies, openly expressed, were too often heard.” The founding objectives of the Association, therefore, were two-fold – the advancement of the science and the art of surgery and the promotion of friendship amongst surgeons.

The first meeting was held in London under the presidency of Sir John Bland-Sutton, the second in Edinburgh and the third in Leeds under the presidency of Lord Moynihan himself. Since then meetings have been held in many other centres across England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. In recent years there have been a number of successful Consensus Conferences on themes such as Emergency General Surgery, Modernising Medical Careers, European Working Time Directive and Healthcare Associated Infections. The Consensus Statements produced are available to view at: www.asgbi.org.uk/en/publications

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Initially, the Fellowship was limited to 250 consultants. Women were first admitted in 1936 and, in 1953, an Associate Fellowship was introduced for a limited number of trainee surgeons. In 1970, fifty years after its foundation, the Fellowship was opened to all Consultant General Surgeons and more recently, all Specialist Registrars in general surgery have been eligible for Affiliate Fellowship. In 1992 the title of Associate Fellowship was introduced for Non-Consultant Career Grade Surgeons and this membership is now expanding. The Association aims to achieve close to one hundred percent membership, to represent General Surgery convincingly within the Colleges and to Government.

The Association is the specialty association for General Surgery and its umbrella status is reflected in the structure of Council. There is representation from the Association of Breast Surgery, Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland, Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, British Association of Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeons, British Transplantation Society, Vascular Society, Society of Academic and Research Society, Association of Surgeons in Training, Association of Trauma & Military Surgery, Association of Surgeons in Primary Care, British Association of Day Surgery, British Association of Surgical Oncology and the British Hernia Society.

New Fellows are always welcome, and we would be pleased if you would discuss Fellowship with any colleagues who are not at present Fellows of the Association. Candidates for Full Fellowship must be Consultants or associate specialists of good standing. Sponsorship by two existing Full Fellows is required. Staff grade equivalent surgeons are eligible for election as Associate Fellows. Trainees who hold Specialist Registrar status shall, upon election, be appointed as Affiliate Fellows. Affiliate Fellows attaining Consultant status are encouraged to apply for Full Fellowship.

Apply online via the Association’s website: [www.asgbi.org.uk](http://www.asgbi.org.uk)
**Hotel Accommodation**
A free online accommodation booking service is offered by Mice Concierge to delegates attending the ASGBI 2017 International Surgical Congress. Please refer to the accommodation section of the 2017 Congress microsite: www.asgbi.org.uk/glasgow2017/accommodation

All queries relating to delegate accommodation should be referred to:
**Kay Bowers** (hello@miceconcierge.com)
Telephone: 01438 908770

**Industry Exhibition**
All queries relating to the Industry Exhibition or opportunities for commercial sponsorship should be referred to:
**Janet Mills** (janetmills@btconnect.com)

**Congress Enquiries and Scientific Programme**
All queries relating to the Congress or the Scientific Programme should be referred to:
**Sarah Jukes** (sarahjukes@asgbi.org.uk)

**Abstract Submission and Registration**
All queries relating to abstract submission and registration should be referred to:
**Carol Martin** (carol@asgbi.org.uk)

**Fellowship of the Association**
All queries relating to Fellowship of the Association or other issues concerning ASGBI should be referred to:
**Bhavnita Patel** (bhavnita@asgbi.org.uk)
A number of International Bursaries are available to provide support to surgical trainees from poorly resourced countries in the development of their training, by giving them the opportunity to spend two days in a UK hospital and to attend the 2017 Glasgow Surgical Week.

Each bursary is worth £2,000 and includes:

- Up to six nights’ accommodation
- Three day registration to the 2017 Glasgow Surgical Week
- £20 per day subsistence allowance
- £800 towards travel expenses (re-imbursement of receipts)

The 2017 Congress will take place from 3rd to 5th May inclusive at the SECC in Glasgow, with the theme of ‘Safer Surgery’. Bursary winners will be hosted in a hospital or Trust local to the conference for two days prior to the Congress.

Applications should consist of a Curriculum Vitae, with two supporting written clinical references, and a covering letter, describing why you wish to attend the Congress and the ways in which you hope to benefit before Friday 10th February 2017. Any Trainee in a specialist training programme in General Surgery in a poorly resourced country is eligible to apply. Please note that for 2017, there will also be one bursary for those interested in Cancer Care.

Applications should be submitted to: bhavnita@asgbi.org.uk
For full details, feedback and case studies from previous recipients please visit: www.TheSurgicalFoundation.org.uk/internationalbursaries

Deadline for applications: Friday 10th February 2017

SPONSORING AN INTERNATIONAL BURSARY?

The Surgical Foundation’s programmes are renowned for their quality and, as a result, are highly sought after, and the Foundation is actively seeking external sponsorship of bursaries - or part of a bursary - so that this valuable programme continues to thrive. Your generous support will go a long way to help a fellow surgeon who has fewer opportunities for training and development than in this country. Should you - or your Travelling Club or Regional Surgical Society - decide to sponsor or contribute towards a bursary, you will, of course, be kept involved in the entire process. The bursary can be “named” (or kept completely anonymous) and you will be invited to present an award to your sponsored trainee(s) at a ceremony held during the Association’s Congress.

For further information, please contact Bhavnita Patel at: bhavnita@asgbi.org.uk
2016 Moynihan Prize
The Moynihan Prize of £1,000 plus a medal is the Association’s most prestigious scientific award, and is presented to the author of the best short paper delivered in the Congress Moynihan Prize Session.

The 2016 Prize was awarded to:
OESOPHAGEAL CANCER 3D MODELS FOR GUIDANCE OF PERSONALISED THERAPY AND SCREENING OF STROMA-TARGETED DRUGS
(Nottingham, Southampton)

2016 John Farndon Prizes
The John Farndon Prize of £500 endowed by the BJS Society, for the best paper published in the BJS arising from an abstract presented at a previous ASGBI Congress, was awarded to the following paper:
RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL INVESTIGATING THE STRESS RESPONSE FROM TWO DIFFERENT METHODS OF ANALGESIA AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC COLORECTAL SURGERY
A. R. Day, R. V. P. Smith, M. J. P. Scott, W. J. Fawcett, T. A. Rockall
(Guildford)

John Wiley & Sons Ltd/BJS Audio Visual Prize
The winners of the 2016 first, second and third place prizes, sponsored by the BJS and John Wiley & Sons Ltd, were:
First place £300
LAPAROSCOPIC COLORECTAL SURGEON AND THE SACRO-COLPO-PEXY MESH
M Matar, N Naguib, S Aslam, A Masoud
(Merthyr Tydfil)
Second place £200
LAPAROSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF GALL BLADDER FISTULAE
M Matar, N Naguib, L Routledge, A Masoud
(Merthyr Tydfil)
Third place £100
TOTALLY LAPAROSCOPIC MANAGEMENT OF GALLSTONE ILEUS
S Froghi, A Williams, T Lo, C King, J Van Dellan, S Monkhouse
(Redhill)

ASGBI Intercollegiate Examination Prizes
The Association’s Prizes for outstanding performance at the Intercollegiate Examination in General Surgery were awarded to:
Miss Nikola Henderson (2015)
Mr John Bunni (2015)
Mr Jim Tiernan (2016)
ASGBI Short Papers of Distinction
The Association selected the following as Short Papers of Distinction:

First place
THE USE OF SERUM OSTEONECTIN AS A SCREENING MARKER FOR PANCREATIC CANCER
G Sgourakis, A Papapanagiotou, D Raptis, K Karkoulias, S Panchal (Athens)

Second place
COMPLETE CYTOREDUCTIVE SURGERY FOR PSEUDOXOMA PERITONEI REQUIRED GASTRECTOMY IN 12% AND RESULTS IN GOOD LONG-TERM ONCOLOGICAL OUTCOMES
F Di Fabio, A Mehta, K Chandrakumaran, B Moran (Basingstoke)

Third place
THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AMONGST SURGICAL TRAINEES
C Thompson, D Naumann, J Fellows, D Bowley, N Sugget (Birmingham)

International Bursaries 2016
The 2016 International Bursaries (for overseas surgical trainees to attend the 2016 Congress) were awarded to:
Mr Alex Muturi (Kenya) [Visit Belfast]
Mr Emmanuel Liche (Zambia) [BTS]

Best Overall E-poster
The best overall e-poster of the Congress was awarded to:
SURGICAL FACTORS PREDICT COLORECTAL CANCER OUTCOMES BETTER THAN AGE OR FITNESS
Miss Rosie Cole (Bournemouth)

Best E-poster for Each Category
The best e-posters for each category were awarded to:

Zena Rokan MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY
Rowa Taha PATIENT SAFETY
Madhavi Natarajan AUDIT/OUTCOMES RESEARCH
Pippa Leighton BASIC/APPLIED
Robert Spence BREAST/ENDOCRINE
Nathan Grimes CANCER/SURGICAL ONCOLOGY
Sunny Parikh CLINICAL INFORMATICS
Martin Trotter EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Lucinda Frank EMERGENCY SURGERY
Raghvinder Gambhir GENERAL
Katarzyna Bera RANDOMISED CLINICAL TRIALS
Rosie Cole SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS
Charlotte El Sayed SURGICAL SIMULATION TECHNOLOGY

2016 Golf Day Winners
Mr Joshua Clements (St Andrews’ Quaich)
Mr Barry Clements (President’s Putter)