BASO ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

88th BASO~ACS Conference
5th-6th October 2026



FINAL PROGRAMME

Theme: Scalpel to Software - an Evolution

Shaping the future of surgical oncology

Venue: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

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President's Address



Dear Delegates and Colleagues,

My heartiest welcome to the 88th BASO Scientific Meeting.

With the rapid development of AI dominating the news, our theme **"Scalpel to Software – An Evolution"** almost two years ago seems prescient.

The integration of surgical innovation with artificial intelligence, digital surgery, data science, robotics and precision medicine are essential to provide the best possible treatments for our patients.

In line with the tradition, we are fortunate to again have highly distinguished speakers, scientists and leaders for our meeting including ***Professor Michael Baum FRCS MD, Miss Nicola Fernhead, Professor John Primrose, Professor Alberto Arezzo, Dr Scott Arthur MP, Professor Tony Young OBE,*** and ***Professor Fiona Gilbert, Dr Ganesh Vigneswaran*** and ***Professor Stefan Benz*** speaking as awardees and keynote speakers.

We have some outstanding scientific contributions, hot off the press results of randomised trials, in our sessions that focus on various aspects of oncology practised by surgeons.

I would like to thank everyone for making this event a great experience.

I wish you an enjoyable, inspiring and productive meeting.

Professor Jayant S Vaidya
MBBS MS DNB FRCS PhD
President, BASO~ACS
Professor of Surgery and Oncology
University College London

Meet the BASO Council and National Committee



(Front Row, left to right) Prof Adam Frampton, Mr Avi Agrawal, Prof Jayant Vaidya, Prof Michael Douek
(2nd Row, left to right) Prof PG Roy, Miss Gloria Petralia, Miss Marcelle Bernstein, Miss Abigail Tomlins, Prof Anant Desai
(3rd Row, left to right) Prof Anastasios Kanatas, Mr David Holroyd, Mr Rafael Diaz-Nieto
(4th Row, left to right) Mr Ibrahim Sallam, Miss Melissa Cunha

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Welcome from the Meeting Secretary



Dear Guests, Colleagues and Members,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the **88th BASO Annual Scientific Meeting**, at The Law Society, London.

This year's theme, "Scalpel to Software – An Evolution", reflects the rapidly changing landscape of surgical oncology. As technological innovation accelerates, advances in artificial intelligence, digital surgery, data science, robotics and precision medicine are increasingly influencing how we diagnose, plan and deliver cancer care. The programme has been designed to explore these developments while recognising that innovation must always serve the fundamental goal of improving outcomes and experiences for our patients.

Over the next two days, delegates will have the opportunity to hear from internationally recognised leaders in surgical oncology, data science, artificial intelligence, digital innovation and healthcare policy. Through keynote lectures, state-of-the-art presentations, original research and trainee-led sessions, we will examine how emerging technologies are reshaping cancer surgery today and helping define its future.

The meeting also continues BASO's longstanding commitment to supporting education, research and professional development. We are delighted to showcase outstanding scientific contributions, celebrate excellence through our prestigious awards programme, and provide opportunities for trainees, students and established clinicians to network, collaborate and share ideas.

I would like to thank all our speakers, abstract presenters, sponsors, exhibitors, BASO Council members and organisers for their contributions to this meeting. Most importantly, thank you to all delegates for joining us and helping to make this meeting a vibrant forum for learning, discussion and collaboration.

I wish you an enjoyable, inspiring and productive meeting.

Mrs Melissa Cunha
Meeting Secretary BASO~ACS
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon PhD FRCS
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

BASO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The BASO AGM will be held on Monday 5th October 2026 at 1pm in the Common Room, on the 1st Floor, The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL.

We request our consultant and senior retired members to attend the AGM. Your experience and insights are highly valued in shaping the future of the Society.

About BASO Trainees Group

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the BASO Trainees Council, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 88th BASO Annual Scientific Meeting. The BASO Trainees Group unites trainee representatives from all surgical subspecialties, fostering interaction, shared education, and a broader understanding of cancer surgery. Our aim is to equip the next generation of surgeons with the knowledge and perspective needed to deliver the highest standards of cancer care. Membership is also open to medical students interested in pursuing a career in surgical oncology.

The BASO Trainees Council comprises of higher surgical registrars across several surgical specialties, resident doctors and medical students, representing the entire breadth of trainees with an interest in surgical oncology. Over the last twelve months, we were able to gather information from our membership regarding what they expect from us as a trainee society. Subsequently, this lead to a number of well-attended webinars which have explored different topics within surgical oncology, such as the highly educational Management of Surgical Emergencies (in conjunction with the Moynihan Group), as well as a session on undertaking a research degree within surgical oncology. Further planned sessions include looking at the history of surgical oncology, as well as preparing for Core Surgical Training applications.

We have also been granted permission to use data collected from the Joint Committee on Surgical Training (JCST) to quantify the cumulative case volume of trainees at CCT over a 10-year period, with the aim to identify any deanery-level variation, and demographic subgroup differences in exposure across grades, to equip training leads with data to lobby for additional training opportunities. A manuscript of this work is currently being prepared for submission.

We hope you enjoy the insights shared by expert speakers on clinical excellence and research in surgical oncology, gain valuable career guidance, and showcase your own work through oral presentations with prize opportunities. These two days are designed to offer fresh perspectives on clinical



and research excellence, foster networking, and support professional development.

The BASO Trainees Council looks forward to meeting you and encourages you to ask questions, engage with our activities, and explore how you can contribute to future projects and initiatives.

We hope you have an enriching and inspiring experience at the conference.

With best wishes,

Mr Declan McDonnell
PhD FRCS
BASO Trainees President

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BASO INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (For Consultants)



Advancing Global Surgical Oncology Excellence

The BASO International Fellowship supports UK consultant surgeons in cancer-related specialties to undertake overseas training and learn innovative surgical oncology techniques.

WHO CAN APPLY ?

- ✔️ Full BASO Members
- ✔️ Newly appointed or established consultant surgeons
- ✔️ Cancer-related surgical specialties
- ✔️ Member of BASO-Partner Associations are welcome to apply, provided they convert to Full BASO Membership prior to applying.

Applications from BASO Overseas Members are also welcomed.

FELLOWSHIP OBJECTIVES

- 🔬 Gain exposure to innovative international surgical oncology practices.
- 🏥 Translate new techniques into UK clinical care.
- 📈 Improve outcomes and quality of care for cancer patients in the UK.
- 🌟 Develop leadership within surgical oncology.

AWARD

💷 **One award of £5,000**
or
💷 **Two awards of £2,500**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Personal Statement: *Clearly setting objectives, proposed training, and anticipated benefit to UK practice.*

CV: *including academic achievements, and a list of publications.*

Letter of Invitation: *from the host unit, noting duration of proposed training.*

Letter of Support: *from HoD confirming departmental support.*

APPLICATION DEADLINE
25th November 2026

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BASO Plenary Award Recipients



Professor John Primrose
Professor of Surgery, Southampton General Hospital, UK
BASO~ACS Honorary Member

Professor Primrose has served at University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust since 1993 and brings over two decades of consultant experience in cancer surgery, with a specialist focus on hepatobiliary and liver surgery. He led the development of Southampton's HPB services, establishing one of the largest units in the UK, managing around 250 major HPB cases and 100 liver operations each year.

His leadership includes securing a major CRUK clinical trials infrastructure award in 2006, obtaining six clinical fellowships and three clinical lectureships through national "Walport" funding, and serving as Director of the Comprehensive Local Research Network from 2007, overseeing NHS research and development funding delivery.

Professor Primrose has received numerous UK and international honours, is an Honorary Member of the Association of Surgeons of India, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Edinburgh. With over 150 publications in gastrointestinal cancer, he is currently Chief Investigator on five major research grants funded by CRUK and the NHS Health Technology Assessment Programme.

BASO~ACS is honoured to present **Professor John Primrose** with the **2026 BASO Ronald Raven Lifetime Achievement Award.** Join us for his talk and award presentation on **Monday, 5 October.**



Miss Nicola Fearnhead
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Cambridge University Hospitals, UK
Past President ACPGBI

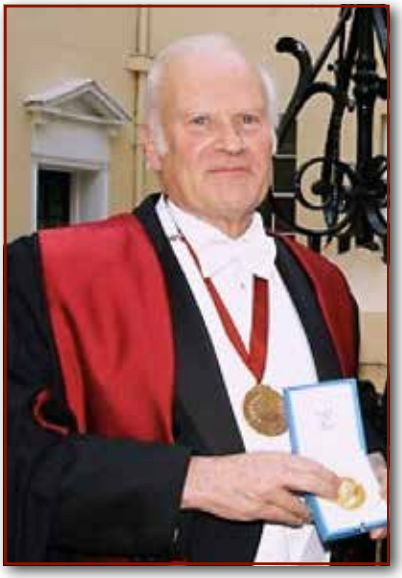
Miss Nicola Fearnhead has been a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon in Cambridge since 2006 and serves on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, where she leads the Emerging Leaders Programme and is Deputy Chair of the Research Committee. She is a Past President of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland and has led major national initiatives including ACPGBI's Delphi Research programme, surgeonlevel outcome reporting, the IMPACT collaboration, and the Tripartite 2020 Vision international research programme.

She is CoLead of the National Bowel Cancer Audit and Convenor of Close It Quick, a national QI collaborative improving timely ileostomy closure after rectal cancer surgery. Nicola is a Trustee of Bowel Research UK, Chair of its Scientific Advisory Committee, a Trustee of the BJS Foundation, and an adviser to the Moondance Cancer Initiative. She has published over 180 peerreviewed papers, contributed 12 book chapters, and has held roles including Chief External Examiner in Surgery at the University of Oxford.

Nicola's contributions have been recognised internationally with Honorary Fellowships of the American Society of Colon and Rectum Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Surgical Association, as well as Honorary Membership of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand. She received the Moynihan Medal from RCSE and ASGBI in 2024 and continues to serve on major national and international collaboratives, including the International LARS Collaborative and the Project Board for the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit.

BASO~ACS is honoured to present **Miss Nicola Fearnhead** with the **2026 BASO Geoff Oates Award.** Join us for Miss Fearnhead's talk and award presentation on **Monday, 5 October.**

BASO Plenary Award Recipients



Professor Michael Baum
Professor Emeritus of Surgery & Visiting Professor of Medical Humanities, University College London

Professor Michael Baum is a distinguished British surgical oncologist and Professor Emeritus of Surgery at University College London, internationally recognised for his transformative contributions to breast cancer research and treatment. He led the pioneering work that first demonstrated the life-saving benefits of adjuvant tamoxifen in early breast cancer, a discovery associated with a substantial reduction in mortality worldwide. He later spearheaded the landmark ATAC trial, establishing anastrozole as a superior alternative to tamoxifen and reshaping global endocrine therapy practice.

Professor Baum has held senior surgical posts at King's College London, the Royal Marsden Hospital, and UCL, and has been a leading advocate for evidence-based medicine throughout his career. His work spans clinical trials, surgical innovation, psychosocial oncology, and public engagement, and he is widely known for his critical stance on non-scientific alternative therapies.

His contributions have been recognised with multiple international lifetime achievement awards, reflecting his profound impact on breast cancer care, research methodology, and patient outcomes over several decades.

BASO~ACS is honoured to present **Professor Michael Baum** with the **2026 Uccio Querci della Rovere Award.** Join us for his talk and award presentation on **Monday, 5 October.**

BASO Clinical Trial Sponsorship

Advancing HighQuality Research in Cancer Care

The British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO~ACS) is committed to advancing high-quality research that improves outcomes for patients with cancer. In pursuit of this mission, BASO supports the development of well designed large cohort studies and randomised clinical trials that have the potential to change practice in surgical oncology.

To strengthen this commitment, BASO has established a dedicated Clinical Trials Sponsorship Platform, enabling the Association to act as Sponsor for selected, outstanding surgical oncology trials that directly contribute to improving evidencebased practice.

Our Commitment
Through this structured Sponsorship Platform, BASO aims to:

- Enable high quality, investigator led cancer trials
- Strengthen academic and investigator-initiated research
- Improve treatment standards through robust clinical evidence
- Support collaboration among surgeons, oncologists, and research institutions

For further information, please contact the BASO Office at admin@baso.org.uk.



Meet our Keynote Speakers



Professor Mark Halling-Brown
Head of Scientific Computing, Royal Surrey County Hospital, UK

Mark is Head of Scientific Computing at Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust and Visiting Professor at the University of Surrey. He leads a multidisciplinary scientific computing team specialising in medical imaging, data science and artificial intelligence, with a particular focus on the development, validation and deployment of AI in breast imaging.

He developed the OPTIMAM breast imaging research database and plays a key role in national programmes assessing and deploying AI in NHS breast screening, including EDITH. His work covers the complete lifecycle of AI, from development and validation to implementation in clinical practice.

STATE OF THE ART LECTURE
AI and Detection of Breast Disease
Monday, 5th October @ 10.00hrs



Professor Alberto Arezzo
Distinguished Full Professor of Surgery, University of Torino, Italy

Alberto is a leading General Surgeon with 35 years of expertise in minimally invasive and robotic surgery; he chairs the ColoRectal Cancer MDT at the University of Turin and will preside over the WCES-EAES 2028 Congress. He is General Secretary and PresidentElect of the EAES, and a member of the ESA.

Trained in Tuebingen under Prof Gerhard Buess and later at the University of Turin with Prof Mario Morino, he is now a Distinguished Full Professor. He has led major European research programmes—securing over €85 million in funding—and coleads the ERC Synergy Project ENDOTHERANOSTICS. With six patents and 379 publications (Hindex 58), he also serves as EditorinChief of MITAT and coordinates doctoral and research activities at MITIC.

STATE OF THE ART LECTURE
Engineering Precision in Surgical Oncology: Digital Surgery, AI and Human Expertise
Monday, 5th October @ 10.20hrs



Dr Scott Arthur
MP for Edinburgh South West

Dr Scott Arthur was elected as the Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South West in 2024, following a career in academia and local government. Formerly a Professor at Heriot-Watt University and Convener of Transport and Environment for the City of Edinburgh Council, he brings a data-driven approach to public policy. Dr Arthur successfully championed the Rare Cancer Act through Parliament, and remains committed to ensuring that legislative frameworks keep pace with medical innovation, bridging the gap between national policy and the clinical reality of equitable access to life-saving treatments.

KEYNOTE TALK
Partnership and the Rare Cancers Act
Monday, 5th October @ 14.00hrs

Meet our Keynote Speakers



Dr Ganesh Vigneswaran
Associate Professor of Interventional Radiology and Medical AI
Consultant Interventional Radiologist, AI Lead, Innovation for Translation Research Group, Research Lead for Radiology University Hospitals Dorset and University of Southampton, UK

Ganesh specialises in machine learning and clinical decisionsupport systems in oesophageal cancer, with a focus on translating prediction models into NHS practice. He trained at Imperial, completed a PhD at the UCL Institute of Neurology, and later held an NIHR Academic Clinical Lectureship in Interventional Radiology in Professor Tim Underwood's laboratory at Southampton.

He was Principal Investigator of ReFORMisT, a UKRIfunded programme predicting oesophageal cancer MDT treatment decisions, shortlisted for both the UKRI Trusted Autonomous Systems Impact Award and the IET Award in 2025. He is a senior author of the MDT decisionsupport tool published in Lancet eClinicalMedicine, externally validated across Southampton and Oxford, and led its prospective shadowmode evaluation in specialist MDT practice.

STATE OF THE ART LECTURE
From prediction to prioritisation: what shadow-mode evaluation taught us about machine learning in the oesophageal cancer MDT
Tuesday, 6th October @ 11.00hrs



Professor Stefan Benz
Head of Colorectal Surgery, University Hospital and Faculty of Medicine, Eberhard Karls University Tubi ngen, Germany

Prof. Dr. med. Stefan Benz is a senior German visceral and colorectal surgeon, surgical oncologist, and the founder of Simultare, an AI company focused on intraoperative anatomy recognition for minimally invasive surgery. He combines extensive operative experience in colorectal and pancreatic surgery with a strong track record in clinical research, anatomical education, and the development of AI-driven solutions for image-guided interventions.

As CEO of Simultare, Stefan leads the development of anatomical recognition engines and clinical decision-support tools designed to improve safety, precision, and standardisation in modern surgery. He is a frequent speaker at national and international meetings, where he bridges surgical practice, evidence-based medicine, and emerging AI technologies.
STATE OF THE ART LECTURE
Anatomy: The underestimated Dimension of Surgical AI
Tuesday, 6th October @ 11.20hrs



Professor Tony Young OBE
National Clinical Director for Innovation, Consultant Urological Surgeon, Southend University Hospitals NHS FT, UK

Tony is a practising NHS consultant urological surgeon and Associate Medical Director at Mid and South Essex Hospitals. He is Director of Medical Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Anglia Ruskin University and founder of four MedTech startups. In 2014 he became the first National Clinical Lead for Innovation for the NHS, driving the adoption of proven innovations and strengthening the UK's position as a global centre for medical innovation.

He founded the NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme (CEP) in 2015, now the world's largest entrepreneurial workforce development programme in healthcare, generating over £1bn of inward investment and more than 500 life science companies. Tony was awarded the OBE in 2019 for services to clinical leadership. His NHS England portfolio spans national innovation programmes, IP policy, tech transfer and investment strategy.

BASO KEYNOTE LECTURE
Transforming oncological care through Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Tuesday, 6th October @ 13.30hrs

PROGRAMME

Unless stated otherwise, all sessions will take place in The Common Room , 1st Floor

DAY 1 – MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026

08:20	**REGISTRATION OPENS** *(Foyer, Ground Floor)*
08:50 – 09:00	**BASO Presidential Address**
09:00 – 10:00	**SESSION: RONALD RAVEN PROFFERED PAPERS** *Chairs: Mr Avi Agrawal and Professor Adam Frampton*
09:00 – 09:10	**Abstract 15.** Impact of sarcopenic obesity on outcomes following major abdominal cancer surgery: A population-based observational study
	Presenter: Dr Wing Kiu Chou, Clinical Research Fellow, Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences, Oxford
09:10 – 09:20	**Abstract 70.** Risk-Stratified Pancreatic Cancer Surveillance Enriches Detection of Operable Disease in High-Risk Individuals
	Presenter: Dr Ryan Peysner, Core Surgical Trainee, Whiston Hospital, Liverpool
09:20 – 09:30	**Abstract 74.** Selective Omission of Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy in Older Women with Low-Risk Early Breast Cancer: A Single-Centre Audit of Eligibility and Nodal Positivity Rates
	Presenter: Miss Veronika Pronisceva, Associate Specialist/Locum Consultant, Ekhuft, NHS, Margate
09:30 – 09:40	**Abstract 90.** Fluorescent Trackers for Real-Time Augmented-Reality Tumour Overlay without Co-Registered Preoperative Cross-Sectional Imaging: A Feasibility Study in Computer-Assisted Surgery
	Presenter: Mr Larne Jones-Whiting, Clinical Fellow, Institute of Cancer Research / Royal Marsden Hospital
09:40 – 09:50	**Abstract 108.** The Oncological Outcome of Increasing PSA Density (PSAD) Threshold from 0.12 ng/ml2 to 0.15 ng/ml2 to Triage Biopsy in Men with MRI Likert 3 Following a MRI-led Prostate Cancer Diagnostic Pathway: A Multi-centre Cohort Study
	Presenter: Miss Katie Driver, Core Surgical Trainee, Barts Health NHS Trust
09:50 – 10:00	**Abstract 111.** Prolonged hemi-liver normothermic perfusion as a model for ex vivo CRLM research
	Presenter: Mr Vikas Sud, Trainee, Nuffield Department of Surgery, ORCRB, Oxford
10:00 – 11:00	**SESSION: STATE OF THE ART LECTURE – How AI and data science are engineering a more efficient surgical future** *Chairs: Professor Ava Kwong and Mr Rafael Diaz-Nieto*
10:00 – 10:20	**TALK:** AI and detection of breast disease
	Professor Mark Halling-Brown *Head of Scientific Computing, Royal Surrey County Hospital*
10:20 – 10:40	**TALK:** Engineering Precision in Surgical Oncology: Digital Surgery, AI and Human Expertise
	Professor Alberto Arezzo Distinguished Full Professor of Surgery, University of Torino, Torino, Italy
10:40 – 11:00	Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	**TEA/COFFEE BREAK ▪ Poster Viewing ▪ Exhibitors** *(The Reading Room, Ground Floor)*
11:30 – 12:30	**SESSION: PRECISION BEFORE INCISION: 3D MODELLING, AI AND PERSONALISED SURGICAL PLANNING** *Chairs: Mr Rafa Diaz-Neito and Mr Paul Skaife*
11:30 – 11:50	**TALK:** Anatomical modelling for precision surgery
	Mr Jordan Fletcher *Colorectal General Surgery Specialist Trainee, Yorkshire and Humber*
11:50 – 12:10	**TALK:** Precision in surgical oncology: from scan to scalpel
	Dr Marcel den Dulk *Assistant Professor HPB Surgery, Maastricht University Medical Center +, The Netherlands*
12:10 – 12:30	**TALK:** Precision before incision: 3D modelling, surgical planning and reconstruction
	Professor Anastasios Kanatas *Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Leeds Teaching Hospital*
12:30 – 13:15	**LUNCH ▪ Poster Viewing ▪ Exhibitors** *(The Reading Room, Ground Floor)*
13:00 – 14:15	**Parallel Session: BASO Trainees Networking Session** *(Room - David Lloyd George - Ground Floor)* **Chair: Akriti Nanda + BASO Trainees Council**
	13:00 – 13:10 BASO Trainees and Session Introduction 13:10 – 13:15 BAHNO 13:15 – 13:20 Bsot Urology 13:20 -13:25 Roux 13:25 – 13:30 BOTA 13:30 – 13:35 Mammary Fold 13:35 – 13:40 ASiT 13:40 – 13:45 Dukes 13:45 - 14:00 Q&A
13:00 – 14:00	**BASO Annual General Meeting (AGM) for BASO Members only** *(Common Room, 1st Floor)*

14:00 – 14:30	**SESSION: RARE CANCERS BILL** *Chairs: Professor Anant Desai and Professor Michael Douek*
14:00 – 14:20	Dr Scott Arthur, *MP for Edinburgh South West*
14:20 – 14:30	Questions from the floor
14:35 – 14:45	**Results of the TARGIT-B randomised trial intraoperative radiotherapy in young or high-risk breast cancer** *Chairs: Miss Gloria Petralia and Miss Abigail Tomlins*
	Professor Jayant Vaidya *Professor of Surgery and Oncology, University College London*

14:45 – 15:45	**SESSION: BASO~AC PLENARY AWARDS & ORATIONS** *Chairs: Miss Melissa Cunha, Professor Anant Desai and Professor Jayant Vaidya*
14:45 – 15:05	BASO Raven Lifetime Achievement Award **TALK:** The integrity of evidence: Shaping the future of surgical oncology through randomised trials
	Professor John Primrose *Professor of Surgery, Southampton General Hospital* *BASO~ACS Honorary Member*
15:05 – 15:25	Geoff Oates Achievement Award **TALK:** Pelvic Exenteration: Evolving Indications, Teamworking and Compassionate Care
	Miss Nicola Fearnhead *Past President ACPGBI* *Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Cambridge University Hospitals*
15:25 – 15:45	Uccio Querci della Rovere Award **TALK:** Black swans, Paradigm shifts, chaos theory and screening for Breast Cancer
	Professor Michael Baum *Professor Emeritus of Surgery & Visiting Professor of Medical Humanities, University College London* *BASO~ACS Honorary Member*

15:45 – 16:15	**TEA/COFFEE BREAK + Poster Viewing + Exhibitors** *(The Reading Room, Ground Floor)*

16:15 – 16:45	**SESSION: BASO TRAINEES PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION** *Chair: Trainees Council*
16:15-16:25	**Abstract 22.** Improving the Access and Outcomes for Women Seeking Contralateral Symmetrising Mastectomy as an Alternative to Breast Reconstruction after Unilateral Mastectomy for Breast Cancer: a Qualitative Interview Study as part of the FLAME Study UK
	Presenter: Dr Eleanor Ferris, Core Surgical Trainee, Southmead Hospital
16:25-16:35	**Abstract 51.** Developing Patient Education Videos to Improve the Consent Process for Oncological Breast Surgery
	Presenter: Miss Nina Gill, Surgical Trainee, Cheltenham General Hospital
16:35-16:45	**Abstract 65.** Endoscopic electroporation for colorectal neoplasia: focused systematic synthesis, evidence map and exploratory pooled analysis
	Presenter: Mr Ademola Adeyeye, Surgical Trainee, King's College Hospital

16:45 – 16:55	**Presentation on- Cancer Clinicians with Cancer**
	Miss Leena Chagla *Consultant Surgeon and Head of Breast Services MWL | Immediate Past President, ABS | Council member RCSEd*

16:55 – 17:40	**SESSION: SCALPEL MEETS MACHINE: DATA-ENHANCED PERFORMANCE IN SURGICAL TRAINING** *Chair: Mr David Holroyd and Professor Ava Kwong*
16:55 – 17:10	**TALK:** Automated skill metrics in robotic surgery: How AI is changing the way we train
	Mr Nicholas Raison *Clinical Senior Lecturer | Consultant Urological Surgeon, King's College Hospital*
17:10 – 17:25	**TALK:** Credentialling the Future Surgeon: What UK Trainees Need from Robotics Training Pathways
	Mr Aidan Bannon *Robotics Lead, ASiT | General Surgery Registrar, Manchester*
17:25 – 17:40	**TALK:** Precision Surgery and Automated Skills Assessment: The Next Frontier in Surgical Training
	Professor Niki Rashidian *Professor of Innovative Computer-Assisted Surgery, Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgeon, Ghent University Hospital, Belgium*

19:00 onwards	**Dinner at The Athenaeum Club, 107 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ER** **Drinks Reception:** 6.30pm onwards **Dinner:** 7pm onwards **Carriages:** 10.30pm **Dress Code:** Formal or Business Suit *Attendance at the Annual Dinner is limited to delegates who have purchased the dinner ticket.* *For more information, contact the BASO Team.*



DAY 2 – TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

Unless stated otherwise - all sessions will take place in The Common Room , 1st Floor

08:20	**REGISTRATION OPENS** *(Foyer, Ground Floor)*
08:30 – 09:30	**BASO Trainees Session: Speed mentoring**
	This session includes mentoring on: ▪ Research pathways in surgical oncology ▪ How to deal with complications ▪ Career progression and pathways ▪ How to adapt to novel technologies ▪ Flexible working, alternative career path, balancing career and life
09:30 – 10:30	**SESSION: BASO~ACS Proffered papers** *Chairs: Miss Gloria Petralia and Mr Ibrahim Sallam*
09:30 - 09:40	**Abstract 09.** Nanopore Sequencing of Genomics, Methylomics, and Fragmentomics from Cell-free DNA of Retroperitoneal Soft Tissue Sarcomas
	Presenter: Mr Michael Wong, PhD Candidate, University of Birmingham
09:40 - 09:50	**Abstract 23.** The Role of Cytology in Detecting Breast Cancer in Patients Undergoing Major Duct Excision for Nipple Discharge
	Presenter: Dr Parvathi Nambiar, Junior Clinical Fellow, Barking Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust
09:50 - 10:00	**Abstract 32**. Breast Cancer Incidence Following Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery by Procedure Type and Menopausal Status: An Updated Meta-analysis and Network Meta-analysis
	Presenter: Dr Michael Cheah, FY-2, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
10:00 - 10:10	**Abstract 57.** Intraoperative Margin Assessment in Breast-Conserving Surgery: 2D Imaging Versus 3D Specimen Tomosynthesis
	Presenter: Miss Evelyn Marshall, Core Trainee, Croydon University Hospital
10:10 - 10:20	**Abstract 76.** Ten-Year Mortality and Cause-Specific Death in Surgically Treated Breast Cancer Patients
	Presenter: Miss Veronika Pronisceva, Associate Specialist/Locum Consultant, Ekhuft, NHS, Margate
10:20 - 10:30	**(BASO-IASO Fellow) Abstract:** Neurological and Perioperative Outcomes after Thymectomy in Thymomatous and Non-Thymomatous Myasthenia Gravis – A Single Centre Experience
	Presenter: Dr Pradeep S, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), India
10:30 – 11:00	**Tea/Coffee Break** *(The Reading Room, Ground Floor)*
11:00 – 11:40	**SESSION: Seeing Trouble Early: Trustworthy Machine Learning for Surgical Risk and Complications** *Chair: Miss Melissa Cunha and Mr Rafael Diaz-Nieto*
11:00 – 11:20	**TALK 1**: From prediction to prioritisation: what shadow-mode evaluation taught us about machine learning in the oesophageal cancer MDT
	Dr Ganesh Vigneswaran, MBBS BSc PhD FRCR (IR) *Associate Professor of Interventional Radiology and Medical Artificial Intelligence , and Consultant Interventional Radiologist. AI Lead, Innovation for Translation Research Group; Research Lead for Radiology, University Hospitals Dorset.* *Department of Cancer Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton, and University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust*
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	Professor Stefan Benz *Head of Colorectal Surgery, University Hospital and Faculty of Medicine, Eberhard Karls University Tubingen, Germany*
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	Mr Hassan Malik *Consultant Hepatobiliary Surgeon and Sarcoma Surgeon, Royal Liverpool University Hospital* *Past President BASO~ACS, Incoming President ESSO*
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	Professor Fiona Gilbert *Professor of Radiology* *Head of Department of Radiology, The University of Cambridge*
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	Professor Tony Young OBE *National Clinical Director for Innovation* *Consultant Urological Surgeon, Southend University Hospital NHS FT*

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	Speaker: Dr Pietro Mascagni
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	Dr Pietro Mascagni and Dr Isacco Montroni
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	Dr Saladin Sawan *Consultant Surgeon, Gynaecology Oncology and Robotics, Ysbyty Gwynedd, North Wales* *Outgoing Vice-Chair on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London*

16:20 – 16:30	**Announcing of Prizes and CLOSING of the MEETING**

British Association of Surgical Oncology Medal for Excellence

Celebrating 50 Years of Advancing Cancer Care

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Association, marking a milestone in the Association's history and celebrating excellence across the surgical oncology community, the BASO Council inaugurated the British Association of Surgical Oncology Medal for Excellence - a distinguished honour recognising the outstanding contribution of individual surgeons or multidisciplinary teams to the advancement of cancer care.

This prestigious award acknowledges exemplary achievement in clinical practice, innovation, research, leadership, or service development that has significantly enhanced the delivery and quality of cancer treatment.

NOMINATIONS are invited for the 2nd Round of Awards, which will be presented at the 2027 BASO Annual Conference.

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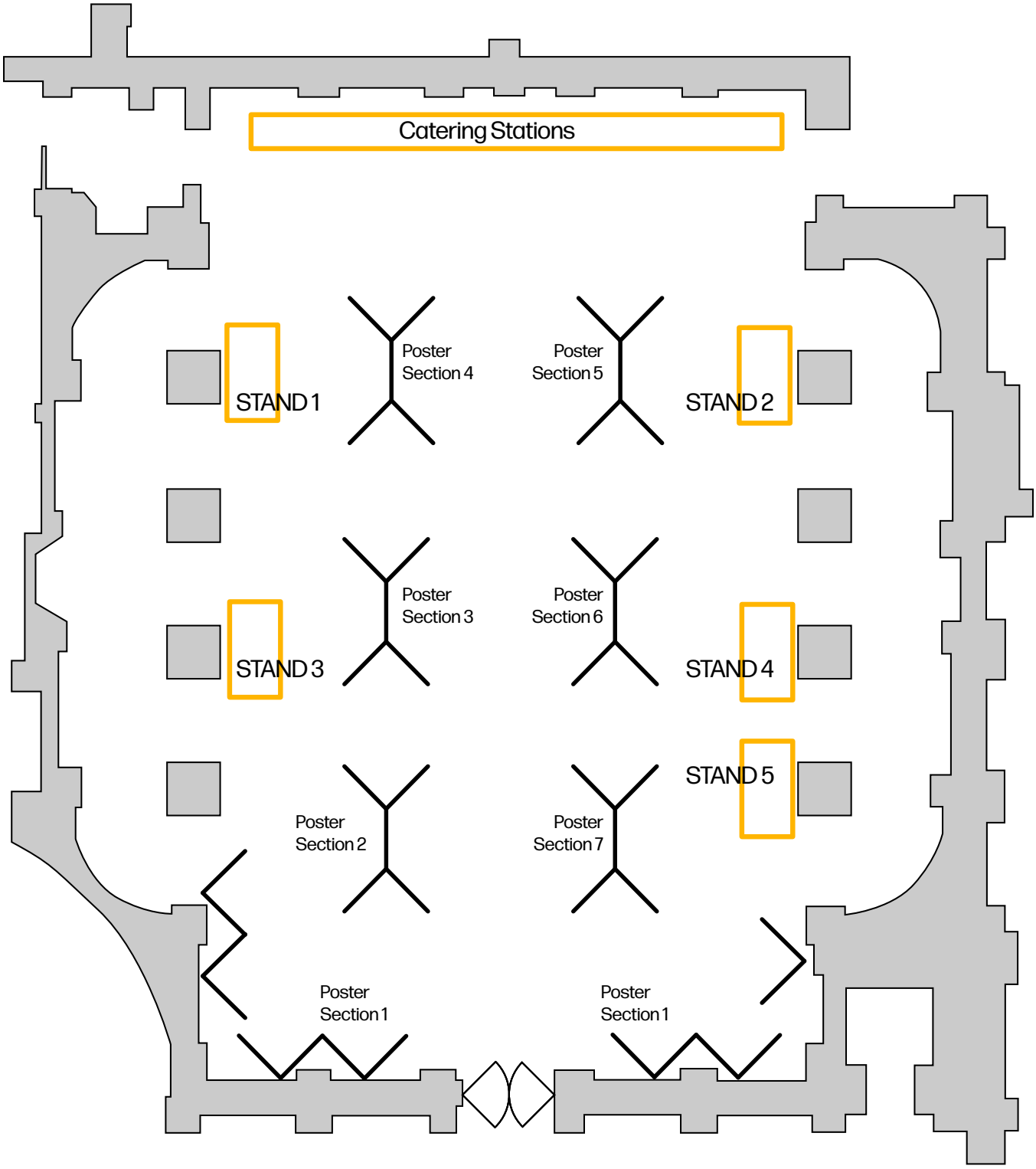
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Message from BASO~ACS Honorary Secretary



It is my privilege to present the Honorary Secretary's Report and welcome you to the 2026 BASO Annual Scientific Meeting. The Association continues to fulfil its core mandate to advance the science, practice, and art of surgical oncology for public and patient benefit. The past year has been one of significant activity, strategic growth and continued advocacy for the surgical oncology community across the UK, Ireland and beyond. As the umbrella organisation representing all specialties dedicated to cancer, BASO has continued to champion excellent patient care and high calibre clinical research and continues to grow in membership. Following the successful launch of the National Committee for Cancer Surgery, we have strengthened our collaborations across the 12 UK surgical societies and 4 Royal Colleges.

BASO funds several prestigious travelling fellowships to help UK-based trainees and consultants gain international exposure to cutting-edge surgical oncology practices. It also offers a structured portfolio of research grants, clinical trial sponsorship and meeting prizes. These opportunities are specifically designed to advance surgical oncology research, support clinical trials, and encourage global training.

For non-members, we invite you to join BASO and become part of a growing community of cancer surgeons and trainees. Membership is also open to allied health professionals involved in cancer care. BASO membership offers various benefits, including discounted access to our meetings, affiliated membership with our European partner ESSO, subscription to EJSO and much more.

Our trainee membership is available to medical students and resident doctors interested in pursuing a career in surgery. We actively support trainees in building their surgical portfolio through guidance and mentorship from our regional representatives.
We look forward to welcoming you to BASO and supporting your journey in Surgical Oncology. Enjoy the conference.

Visit the website to see our membership benefits and to join BASO. (https://baso.org.uk/memberspublic/membership.aspx)

Best wishes,

Avi Agrawal
Hon. Secretary BASO~ACS
Consultant Surgeon
Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust

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BASO/ROSETREES RESEARCH GRANTS IN CANCER SURGERY

The British Association of Surgical Oncology (BASO) is pleased to announce a call for research grants in cancer surgery in partnership with the Rosetrees Trust.

The next round will open in January 2027 and details will be announced on BASO website **www.BASO.org.uk.** A total of up to **£50,000** will be awarded. This amount would be split between one or more applicants depending on the quality of applications received. **Research grants are aimed at supporting innovative research projects in surgical oncology that will develop further towards clinical translation. We particularly welcome multidisciplinary applications and ones that demonstrate an important improvement in delivery of cancer care or improvement in surgical treatment.** Successful applications will be eligible for inclusion in the NIHR portfolio and are encouraged to gain support from a Royal College of Surgeons of England Surgical Interventional Trials Unit (SITU).

KEY FEATURES

Research grants are for up to **£50,000** over 1-3 years. Priority will be given to the best-scoring project applications with matched funding in place towards directly incurred costs and those applications with clearly justified costs which have been reduced to the minimum amount necessary to deliver the project, where applicable. If you are considering applying for a research grant, please send an expression of interest to the BASO Office along with:

- **Application Form**, completed in typescript (request application from BASO Office (email: admin@baso.org.uk).
- **A supporting letter from your Head of Department.** This letter should make clear the degree of departmental support which will be made available to you.
- **A Curriculum Vitae of two pages or less** (for all Principal Applicant and Co-applicants.)
- **A list of your publications.**

Current BASO/Rosetrees Grant award holders who have already submitted their initial report are eligible to apply for a second grant to continue the work of the original grant. Applicants must demonstrate that the additional funding will enhance their prospects for securing a larger NIHR or comparable UK peer-reviewed grant. The grant application should include a brief summary of the proposed research, number of patients that could benefit, how your research will address the unmet clinical need in surgical oncology and what co-funding opportunities exist to support your project.

Applicants or teams with a proven track record in research / publications and with original research ideas, are favoured.

FUNDING

- **Staff salaries.** Funding can be used to fund salaries for post-doctoral research associates, research technicians and research assistants. In special cases, we may consider funding PhD stipends. In these cases, the prospective PhD student must be embedded within a larger programme of research (e.g. a clinical trial or a programme grant) and there must be a clear case that BASO / Rosetrees support will provide additional impact.
- **Data management, statistical support.**
- **Research consumables and other running costs directly attributable to the project.**

ELIGIBILITY

The lead applicant will usually be a substantive UK consultant surgeon or a UK trainee on a rotation with guaranteed employment for the duration of the grant. We will favour principal applicants who are cancer surgeons (members of BASO), holding a PhD (or equivalent) and or a team with a track record of managing grants, delivering research studies and a strong publication record. Applications should recognise the multidisciplinary nature of cancer care and encourage associate PIs to participate, when applicable.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Research grants will be selected for funding based on their scientific quality as determined by external review, track record of the research team and potential to deliver patient benefit.

We will prioritise applications that are feasibility studies and have not been previously funded as well those applications that can provide some element of co-funding to the directly incurred costs. Applications should potentially benefit a cancer patient population and show that their research could have broader applicability in the future to a wider patient population. All applications will be initially checked for eligibility. An initial triage by an internal scientific panel will select the best applications that will be taken forward for external review. Triage will be based on the scientific quality, clinical need, track record of research team and potential for further development and clinical translation.

The selected applications will then undergo external review, with the best-scored ones being shortlisted. A scientific panel will review the shortlisted applications and provide funding recommendations. Panel feedback will also be offered to the applicants upon request.

For general enquiries regarding eligibility and the application process, please contact the BASO Office by email: rattandeepjhita@baso.org.uk

BASO Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship Report 2026

Recipient: Dr Michela Quaranta

Host institution: National Cancer Center (NCC), Goyang, Republic of Korea

Fellowship period: July 2025 to July 2026

Report date: 14 July 2026

Introduction

I am extremely grateful to BASO for supporting this opportunity. The skills, knowledge and collaborations gained at the National Cancer Center will contribute to future ovarian cancer surgery, research and service development within the NHS, with the aim of improving outcomes for women with advanced ovarian cancer.

NCC is a high-volume ovarian cancer centre (>500 new cases per year) with extensive expertise in advanced cytoreductive surgery, upper abdominal surgery, robotic surgery and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC).

Under the supervision of Professor Myong Cheol Lim and Professor San-Yoon Park, my fellowship focused on advanced ovarian cancer surgery, with particular emphasis on upper abdominal open surgery, the role of HIPEC in the context of both open and minimal access cytoreduction, development of robotic ovarian cancer pathways, and participation in international clinical research.

Clinical Fellowship Experience

During the fellowship, I was fully integrated into the ovarian cancer multidisciplinary team, attending specialist clinics, multidisciplinary meetings, ward rounds and operating theatres. This provided comprehensive exposure to the management of advanced ovarian cancer from treatment planning to postoperative care.

A major component of the fellowship was exposure to complex open cytoreductive surgery for advanced ovarian cancer, particularly surgery involving the upper abdomen. This included diaphragmatic peritonectomy and stripping, splenectomy, supracolic omentectomy, liver mobilisation, entry into the lesser sac, and resection of extensive upper abdominal peritoneal disease. These cases highlighted the importance of detailed anatomical knowledge, multidisciplinary coordination and operative planning in achieving complete cytoreduction safely.

Alongside this open surgical experience, I gained detailed insight into robotic interval cytoreductive surgery in selected patients. Through regular participation in robotic operating lists, I developed understanding of patient selection, preoperative imaging review, theatre organisation, docking strategies and operative planning. I also observed and assisted procedures involving collaboration with upper gastrointestinal and thoracic surgical teams, including splenectomy and cardiophrenic disease resection via robotic approach. This experience reinforced that open upper abdominal surgery remains a core component of maximal effort cytoreduction even in patients undergoing minimal access procedures

During the final phase of the fellowship, I participated in approximately 30 robotic cytoreductive procedures combined with HIPEC which is an emerging area in clinical practice.

HIPEC and KOV2 Trial Experience

A particularly valuable aspect of the fellowship was direct exposure to HIPEC delivery in both robotic and open surgical settings. I delivered HIPEC and gained skills regarding integration following extensive interval cytoreduction, including catheter placement, circuit preparation, temperature monitoring and coordination with anaesthetic and theatre teams.

I was also involved in the KOV2 HIPEC trial programme, which provided important insight into prospective evaluation of HIPEC within the setting of recurrent ovarian cancer surgery. In addition, I contributed to the KOV4 HIPEC trial and undertook the recruitment of international centres (Gemelli in Rome) into the trial thus gaining significant experience into the research and legal framework within international settings

LANCE Trial and Academic Development

A particularly valuable aspect of the fellowship was involvement in the LANCE trial, an international study led by MD Anderson Cancer Center evaluating robotic interval cytoreductive surgery for advanced ovarian cancer.

From September 2025 until trial activation in 2026, I contributed to investigator meetings, site preparation and collaboration with international partners including Site Initiation Visit in May 2026. This experience provided a detailed understanding of international surgical trial development, including regulatory processes, investigator training, surgical standardisation, quality assurance and prospective data collection.

The fellowship also supported my ongoing academic development in advanced ovarian cancer. During this period, I presented research at major international meetings, including ASCO 2026 and KSGO 2026, including work related to HIPEC outcomes and the KOV2 programme. In addition, I contributed to the **KOV2R** and **KOV4 HIPEC trials**, undertaking clinical data review, outcome analysis and preparation of research outputs. I also led studies investigating complications following complex cytoreductive surgery, including bowel ischaemia and outcomes associated with splenectomy in patients receiving PARP inhibitors which have been submitted for publication.

International Collaboration and Relevance to NHS Practice

NCC was also an important centre for international collaboration and visiting clinicians. During the fellowship, the unit attracted visitors from the UK, including teams from Leicester and Watford, reflecting its reputation as a reference centre for advanced ovarian cancer surgery, upper abdominal cytoreduction and HIPEC.

This fellowship has direct relevance to future NHS practice within my role as consultant gynaecology oncology surgeon at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where preparations are underway to commence HIPEC and recruit to the UK-led MIRRORS trial, evaluating minimally invasive interval debulking surgery for advanced ovarian cancer.

The experience gained has provided practical insight into patient selection, robotic service organisation, the continuing importance of open upper abdominal surgery for complete cytoreduction, and the safe introduction of HIPEC pathways. The knowledge gained will be disseminated through consultant and trainee education, regional meetings and ongoing development of ovarian cancer surgery pathways within the NHS.

Conclusion

This BASO travelling fellowship has significantly enhanced my surgical, academic and research experience. It provided advanced exposure to open upper abdominal cytoreductive surgery, robotic ovarian cancer surgery and HIPEC, while enabling active participation in international clinical trial development.



Photograph reflecting the international educational environment at NCC, which attracted visiting clinicians including UK teams.

EJSO

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The European Journal of Surgical Oncology (EJSO) continues to be a key surgical oncology journal, with which BASO has partnered since 1985 to promote high-quality research and education in surgical oncology. The journal continues to attract an increasingly global readership, reflecting its strong and distinctive focus on cancer surgery.

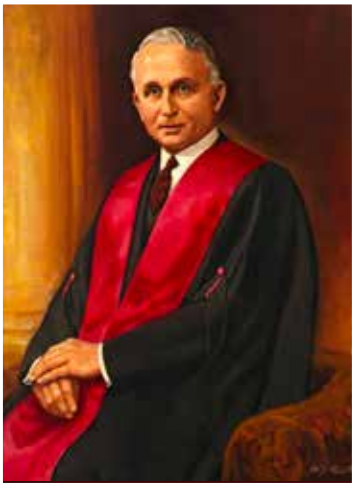
Encouragingly, the impact factor for EJSO has recently increased to 3.5 (from 2.9). This is an important achievement for both EJSO and BASO and reflects the growing influence and reach of the journal. The BASO Council, together with Elsevier, is keen to further support this momentum by encouraging the submission of high-quality research from BASO members. Increasing the contribution of BASO members will help strengthen the journal's impact, academic profile and long-term sustainability.

Further areas of collaboration are also being explored to enhance the promotion and outreach of EJSO and raise its profile within the wider professional and academic community. These include encouraging BASO members to contribute as peer reviewers and guest editors, as well as developing joint initiatives such as webinars, educational programmes and other academic events.

The journal is currently in the process of appointing a new Editor-in-Chief. We look forward to engaging with and supporting the new leadership team and to developing a strong collaborative relationship that will help shape the future direction of EJSO and further enhance its reputation as a leading international voice in surgical oncology.

Best wishes,

Professor P.G. Roy
BASO~ACS EJSO Representative
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BASO Raven Travelling Fellowship 2027

BASO Raven Travelling Fellowship was endowed in 1993 by the Ronald Raven Trustees in memory of Ronald Raven, Founder of the Association.

The award is currently for a maximum of £3,000 and may be awarded to one or several individuals as considered appropriate by the BASO~ACS National Committee when considering the merits of their applications.

The scholarship is open to UK-resident trainees or recently appointed consultants, who have gained the fellowship of one of the British or Irish Colleges, and who intend to travel outside the UK. Applicants need not be members of BASO~ACS or BASO Trainees Group (although this is desirable) but applications must relate to the aims and objectives of the Association.

Visit www.baso.org.uk for further details

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Desk
The Registration Desk is located in the Main Hall and will be staffed from 8am to 6pm. Delegates are required to sign the register on the day.

Security
Delegates are required to wear their name badges at all times whilst in The Law Society building, and to ensure that no bags or items of luggage are left unattended at any time.

Annual Dinner
The BASO Annual Dinner will be held in the Smoking Room at The Athenaeum Club, 107 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ER at 6.30pm onwards. Dress: Smart or Business Suit. Attendance at dinner is by tickets only, purchased in advance. A small number of tickets may be available on the day but this cannot be guaranteed and delegates wishing to attend are strongly advised to obtain their tickets when registering for the conference.

Cloakroom
Cloakroom facilities are available on the ground floor of the venue. Delegates may deposit bulky items and luggage.

CPD
The Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI) has awarded 10 CPD points to the meeting. See page two for more information.

Evaluation Form
Delegates are request to complete an online evaluation form. Please see the info on page two of this programme.

Lunch and Refreshment
Lunch and refreshments are served in The Reading Room (Ground Floor) at the times listed on the programme.

Posters
Those abstracts selected for poster presentations will be on display in The Reading Room (Ground Floor).

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INSURANCE
The conference organisers do not accept responsibility for loss or damage to delegates' own property and/ or personal effects whilst at the conference. The organisers do not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal effects caused by events beyond their control, including (but without limitation) fire, flood, strikes, civil disturbance, or for consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever.

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The conference organisers (BASO~ACS) reserve the right to modify the conference sessions or speakers in case of illness or other circumstances beyond their control.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Date for 2027 Meeting

4th-5th October 2027

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