



# BASO~ACS

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019

### President's foreword

#### **Greetings to all members of BASO~ACS, both consultants and trainees.**

BASO, as the representative organisation for all surgeons dealing with cancer, is working well with the different surgical specialties and subspecialties - and finding the common ground in surgical cancer management.

In November last year, we had a very successful stand-alone Scientific Meeting at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. We then joined the NCRI

Cancer Conference for a day - with interesting talks from our special guest Professor Christobel Saunders, Professor of Surgical Oncology at the University of Western Australia, and other members of the Association.

This year, BASO joined the UK Oncology Forum in Brighton on 13th and 14th June, and delivered a 'pan-tumour surgical session'. Our 2019 Annual Scientific Conference will be held at The Law Society in London on 17th and 18th November with the BASO Skills Day on 16th November. Throughout the year, BASO will be working with both regional surgical meetings and specialised cancer site meetings requiring surgical oncology backing and involvement. We are a charity with the aim of promoting knowledge about surgical oncology.

This is especially important for trainees. We have a very active trainee association, who are aligned to other trainees' groups. We are also delighted to support undergraduate surgical societies around the UK.

As a surgical oncology society, we are actively engaged in decision making with organisations such as NICE, NCEPOD, Cancer CRG, the Royal College of Surgeons, and bodies such as that investigations into Ian Paterson's Practice etc. We rely on our members to get involved in these processes. If you are interested in participating - please contact us at [admin@baso.org.uk](mailto:admin@baso.org.uk).

With best wishes for the rest of 2019.

**Professor Robert Kirby**

## WELCOME

**We are delighted and proud to welcome three new Ordinary members to our National Committee.**



#### **Mr Jim Khan**

is an eminent international figure for robotic pelvic surgery from Portsmouth, who is also their "Best

doctor of the year" in 2016. Mr Khan was one of the early adopters for laparoscopic colorectal surgery in the UK, and over the years he helped train many laparoscopic surgeons through his comprehensive mentorship programmes. To date, he undertook numerous international fellows including at least six from the United States.

primary studies in Dentistry and Medicine and subsequent higher surgical training in Glasgow. Professor Shaw held a number of senior positions in the NCRI Clinical Studies Groups before being appointed as an Associate Director of CRN (Cancer) with a specific remit for advancing surgical oncology trials and the role of surgeons in the national cancer portfolio. Professor Shaw's clinical trials include the management of osteoradionecrosis, premalignancy, and metastasis in OSCC, as well as methodological work on barriers to recruitment and the role of surgeons in multidisciplinary trials.

joined Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1994 following receipt of the "Adams / Sandoz Traveling Fellowship." Before that, he had completed two fellowships at "John Hopkins, Baltimore" and 'Paul-Brousse, Paris.' He attained a personal Chair in Transplant and HPB Surgery at Newcastle University in 2007 and has been instrumental in successfully developing a super-regionally funded transplant program in the North East of England as well as establishing an HPB and Abdominal Sarcoma cancer service for the region. He established the first integrated Transplant Institute in the UK, of which he is the current Director. Professor Manas was the President of the British Transplantation Society and current Chair of the British Liver Transplant Group (BLTG). He is deputy chair of the NHSBT Liver Advisory Group and NHS England HPB CRG.



#### **Professor Richard Shaw**

is a consultant maxillofacial surgeon in Aintree and has a Chair at University of Liverpool having completed his



#### **Professor Derek Manas**

graduated from WITS University in Johannesburg 1980 and completed his surgical training in Cape Town. He

**Mr Edmund Leung**

# BASO Conference, Glasgow, 2018



**BASO-ACS Council** Left to right: (Front Row) Mr Jim Khan, Mr Zaed Hamady, Dr Afsana Elanko, Professor Robert Kirby, Professor Michael Douek (Back Row) Mr Edmund Leung, Mr John Whiting, Mr Mike Shackcloth, Mrs Rattandeep Jhita, Mr Nazar Kazzazi

Following the success of collaborative meeting with the NCRI Cancer Conference in 2016 and 2017, in 2018, BASO-ACS held the annual conference on a stand-alone day at a separate venue to the NCRI at the nostalgic building of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.



Our annual conference began with a full-day Trainees Meeting in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeon of Glasgow, on 3rd November. Much credit to Dr Elanko and Mr Hunter, who relentlessly put together a day of brilliance. The theme of the day focused on mainly non-technical skills, mentorship and fellowships. The session on mentorship, where trainees circulated around the hall and met with senior consultants who gave “speed-mentoring” advice on portfolio, leadership, and fellowship application; received most outstanding feedback from the trainees. The day ended with career advice, with particular reference to fellowship in surgical oncology. We were honoured to receive a fascinating speech from Professor Christobel Saunders, who flew all the way in from Western Australia. Professor Saunders

gave us all British trainees a balanced and objective overview of life as an Australian surgical oncology fellow.



The second, stand-alone, day showcased the best of surgical research and achievement, facilitated by a number of national and international experts in the field of cancer surgery: Professor Julio Mayol

from Madrid University, Professor Jayant Vaidya from University College London, Professor Sarah O’Dwyer from The Manchester Christie and Professor Maria Hawkins from Oxford Institute of radiation oncology. The afternoon was particularly entertaining. Following the plenary awards for Professor Williams and Professor Lord Ara Darzi, Dr Elanko from our National Committee put them on stage for a grilling interview! Her unique “in conversation” style of interview got us to see the individual and hear about their unique journeys. An experience a lot of the audience appreciated and commended.

On the final day, BASO delivered its sponsored surgical symposium in parallel with the NCRI Cancer Conference at the Scottish Exhibition Centre for an experience of interdisciplinary learning and the cross-fertilisation of ideas by bringing together delegates from all cancer disciplines. This reflects BASO’s successful engagement with the NCRI and continuing support to surgical oncological research.



BASO established the role of an “Education Director” in order to provide educational initiatives on behalf of BASO. The role includes working with external partners to help with educational matters at all levels including quality assurance and education events initiation. We have already seen an overwhelming change, which you can read about further in the newsletter.

**Mr Edmund Leung**

# Awards and Grants 2018

*BASO continues to award generously to those experts who have invested interests in cancer research and further their career in cancer subspecialisation; and recognise those whose work has made an earthshattering effect in the field of surgical oncology.*

## Senior BASO Awards

**The Ronald Raven Lifetime Achievement Award:** *Professor Norman Williams, University of London*

**The Uccio Querci della Rovere Award:** *Professor Christobel Saunders, Western Australia.*

**The Geoff Oates Award:** *Professor Ara Darzi, St Mary's Hospital, London*

**The Ernest Miles Award:** *Professor Paris Tekkis, Royal Marsden Hospital*



## Presentation prizes 2018

**The Ronald Raven Prize** – *Mr Stephen Dreyer, Glasgow University*

**The BJS Prize Paper** – *Miss Rachel Clifford, The Countess of Chester Hospital*

**The Alan Edwards Poster Prize** – *Dr Liz Baker, University Hospital of North Tees*

**BASO Trainees Oral Prize** – *Mr Daniel Ball, Imperial College NHS Trust*

**BASO Trainees Poster Prize** – *Mr Christian Teske, University Hospital Dresden*

## BASO – NIHR Research Grants for 2018

The standard of applications in 2018 was extremely high and from a wide range of specialisms. Each application was assessed by internal assessor and external peers to ensure that the grant is awarded to the highest ranking project. BASO Council consented to grant £2,000 each to the projects:

- **Mr Jim Khan** – Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust  
*“A prospective cohort study of Immunological and Functional outcomes after Robotic and laparoscopic total meso-rectal excision for rectal cancer.”*
- **Miss Sarah Daniels** – Specialty Trainee at University of Sheffield Medical School  
*“Optimising the Care and Treatment Pathways for Older Patients with colorectal cancer.”*
- **Miss Yan Mai Goh** – Clinical Research Fellow at Imperial College London  
*“A CARBONYL-BASED Non-Invasive test For Oesophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma.”*

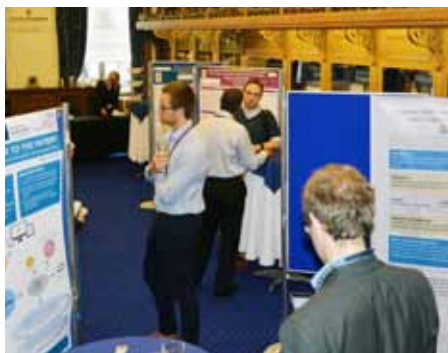
## BASO is proud to have awarded the 2018 Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowships to:

- **Gijsbert Isaac van Boxel**, Specialty Registrar General Surgery, Health Education Thames Valley, *‘Robotic Oesophagogastric Resectional Surgery’ at UMC Utrecht Cancer Center, Netherlands.*
- **Miss Jebet Beverly Cheserem**, Skull base Fellow, University Hospital Wales, *Visiting Clinical Observer at University of Pittsburgh Physicians.*
- **Kat Parmar**, Clinical Research Fellow in Cancer Research and Surgery, Manchester Cancer Research Centre, *Visiting Resident in Colo and Rectal Surgery at the Mayo Clinic Rochester.*
- **Miss Dalia Elfadi**, Surgical Specialist Registrar, Imperial College NHS Trust, *Visiting Monsieur Emmanuel Delay based in Lyon, France to learn Lipomodelling technique of breast reconstruction.*

# BASO Trainees Report

The BASO Trainees had another successful year with increased links with other trainees groups and provision of trainee prizes at national specialty meetings. Activities focused on research, the trainees' journey and skills required for a career in surgical oncology.

BASO Trainees meeting was held on the 3rd November 2018 in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, which helped reinforce links with trainees from the nations. The Chairs, Afsana Elanko and David Hunter, highlighted training opportunities available regionally/Nationally/Europe and the learning objectives of the day.



The trainees meeting was a multifaceted dynamic meeting that kept the trainees and speakers on their toes! Skills training featured heavily in the programme, with the morning dedicated to Human factor: non-technical skills for surgeons with workshop scenarios to apply the knowledge learned in the morning. We heard from Alison Lannigan about lifelong learning and evidence based surgery and Martha Quinn explored the area of Situation awareness and Decision making. Douglas Moran talked about communication and its

role in team working in addition to providing an overview of good team working skills. This proved very popular with the trainees and consultants; at times creating heated debate.

The innovative, inaugural "speed mentoring" session started with an introduction by Afsana Elanko providing an overview of the concept and tips of how to get the most out of the session. The session was busy and extremely popular with the trainees and we received overwhelming praise and comments about the session. The mentors felt they got a lot out of the session too; so a win-win for all concerned. In fact, since running the session we have had a lot of interest of how the session was ran so that it could be conducted by other organisations. By popular demand we will be include the BASO speed mentoring session in this years BASO 2019 conference, so keep an eye out for the registration. If you are a full member of BASO and want to be on the faculty for speed mentoring please contact the BASO office.

The BASO Trainees research prize proved to be popular again and we saw a set of good quality posters and heard excellent oral presentations. The BASO Trainees Research Prize winners were as follows:

## Oral Prize:

- 1st Prize awarded to **Mr Daniel Ball** (Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust), who spoke on the topic "Propensity Score-matched comparison of focal high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) to laproscopic radical prostatectomy (LRP) for clinically significant Localised Prostate cancer"
- Runner up prize awarded to **Stephen McSorely**, who presented on the topic "Normocytic anaemia is associated with systemic

inflammation and poorer survival in patients with colorectal cancer treated with curative intent"

## Poster prize:

- 1st Prize went to **Mr Christian Teske** (University Hospital Dresden, Germany), who's poster was on the topic of "Investigating the role of acid ceramidase (AC) on the radiotherapy response of colorectal cancer cells"
- Runner up prize went to **Dr Na Hyun Kim**, who presented poster on 'T-stage migration by routine pre-biopsy MRI staging may affect risk assessment with current risk classification systems'

The last session of the day was on funding and fellowships, where Colin Steele talked about how to source funding for higher degrees and Nigel Jamieson give tips of how to arrange your fellowship. We heard the results of the fellowship survey from Afsana Elanko. There was a very heated debate about the need for a post CCT fellowship necessary to take up a career in cancer surgery post in a tertiary hospital. The day ended with a brilliant presentation from Prof Christobel Saunders talking about fellowships and training in Australia followed by presentations to the prize winners.

We are looking forward to our next BASO Trainees/skills day due to take place on Saturday 16 November 2019 in London (please book your places ASAP to take advantage of the early bird offer). Please note some sessions like the speed mentoring may be limited to a first come basis, so register early!

Finally, we would like to thank BASO council and members for their continuing support.

*Afsana Elanko and  
David Hunter, 2019*

## Marketing and Membership News:

**BASO membership application online** - BASO membership application can now be applied online via BASO website ([www.baso.org.uk](http://www.baso.org.uk)). A special resolution was passed in the AGM last November to change the provision of two sponsorship from BASO Full Member to two references. The membership application can be supported by 2 Senior Consultants and the Head of Department to endorse the application.

**Reciprocal advertising** - we have developed and improved on relationships with other societies and organisations to have a greater presence for advertising our conference, awards and grants. If you have suggestions of other avenues for advertising and marketing our events please contact us on [admin@baso.org.uk](mailto:admin@baso.org.uk). Your help is instrumental in moving the society forward, we would be pleased to hear from you.

**Membership benefits** - we have tried to keep the fees as low as possible for our conference for BASO members and are looking at future offers of more benefits, so keep an eye out for the next newsletter. We already provide grants for members to involved with research and improvement in patient care.

**Affiliate membership** - we have this membership category for colleagues who work with us in the Multidisciplinary team and wider context. Why not make the conference a team building exercise and encourage all your team to come in November to BASO annual conference? We look forward to welcoming you all.

If you have suggestions regarding marketing and membership, please contact the BASO office [admin@baso.org.uk](mailto:admin@baso.org.uk) as we would like to hear your suggestions.

*Director of Marketing and Membership*

## EDUCATIONAL NEWS:

**NIHR** - BASO continues to be a successful non-commercial partner with the NIHR and awards annual research project grants.

**Supporting education** - Aside financial awards, BASO also sponsors, badges and support meetings both regionally and nationally. In 2018, BASO has supported and badged 13 meetings including the "Professor Heald lecture" and FRCS examination revision courses. Recognising our future generations of surgical oncologists, BASO council is supporting surgical undergraduate societies by offering sponsored sessions and even prizes!

### Experts in surgical oncology

- BASO, as a body of experts in Surgical oncology, is now actively engaged with NICE and other governing bodies such as Public Health England and Specialist Cancer CRGs.
- In 2017-18, BASO council has had representatives in NICE in support of the colorectal cancer guidelines update.
- The Cancer Services Committee have links with other specialist associations and BASO thrives on raising awareness of cancer surgery, reformation of MDTs and defining training structure.
- BASO lobbied successfully for the approval of the Gender Neutral Vaccine for HPV. BASO was also involved into the Independent Inquiry into the issues surrounding Paterson.
- BASO provided feedback on the GMC Credentialing framework

and feel we should be involved please let us know by contacting us on [admin@baso.org.uk](mailto:admin@baso.org.uk) We want to hear from you...remember....our views are stronger when we stand together!

### New prizes

There were two new prizes introduced as the theme this year for the annual scientific meeting is "Standing together for cancer surgery"; as such we wanted to recognise the role of our colleagues and quality of cancer patient care. I'm sure you will agree these are worthwhile initiatives and excellent additions to our portfolio.

### BASO Multidisciplinary Prize

<b>Oral presentation prize:</b>	<b>1st Prize – £100; Certificate</b>
	<b>Runner up – Certificate</b>
<b>Poster presentation prize:</b>	<b>1st Prize – £75; Certificate</b>
	<b>Runner up – Certificate</b>

Open to Non-Medical professionals (e.g. nurses, allied healthcare professionals, occupational therapists, Physiotherapists, dieticians, managers, theatre staff, educators, cancer services managers, complementary therapy practitioners, charity representatives) that are involved in the care/provision of cancer patients. The BASO Multidisciplinary Prize was established to recognise the work done by our colleagues in supporting cancer patients. The prize is open to any research, audit, quality improvement project, health service provision/development, cancer patient pathway study, cancer survivorship study.

As members you are important, so if you know of any reviews that are coming up or are being requested

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## BASO Trainees Audit/QIP Prize

<b>Oral presentation prize:</b>	<b>1st Prize: Book: Surgical Oncology; Certificate</b>
	<b>Runner up – Certificate</b>
<b>Poster presentation prize:</b>	<b>1st Prize: Book: Surgical Oncology; Certificate</b>
	<b>Runner up – Certificate</b>

Open to Medically qualified Trainees, the BASO Trainees Audit/Quality Improvement Prize(QIP) was established to support and encourage trainees to get involved with audit and quality improvement with a view of improving care to patients and especially to cancer patients. This prize is intended to highlight the work trainees do in relation to Audit/QIP in surgical specialities and especially in relation to Cancer patients.

BASO Trainees Audit/QIP prize is awarded for an audit/Quality improvement project undertaken during training.

## Educational events supported by BASO

- **ASiT 2019** – Again this year (March 2019) we sponsored two BASO prizes specifically aimed at trainees at the ASiT annual conference. We chaired the oral BASO prize session again this year. It has been a productive relationship working with ASiT to support the trainees and nurturing the next generation; something we look forward to supporting again in 2020.
- **Portsmouth Colorectal Symposiums** - First Complete Mesocolic Excision Symposium - BASO was extremely proud to sponsor the First CME Course in Portsmouth (May 2019). It was two whole days full of packed or training and discussions from experts Nationally and

internationally. Mr Jim Khan and colleagues provided live streams from the two theatres to the lecture room, where experts could discuss and explain what was happening. On the second day the faculty were involved in the hands on training for colleagues. It was a great way to support colleagues and represent BASO on a regional faculty.

- **UK Oncology Forum** - The UK Oncology Forum invited BASO to deliver a session and the meeting was free to attend for BASO members. We attended as a faculty on the 13-14th June 2019 through which we provided a Surgical Focus within the meeting. The session was chaired by Professor Robert Kirby and Professor Michael Douek. BASO provided the surgical cancer specialists' views on Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy followed by a lively debate between Mr Charlie Chan, Consultant Breast Surgeon and Prof Jayant Vaidya, Prof of Surgery and Oncology, UCL on the motion "Neoadjuvant should be preferred to adjuvant chemotherapy in early breast cancer". This was followed by talks by Professor Dion Morton on Neoadjuvant chemotherapy for bowel cancer and by Professor Tim Underwood on Neoadjuvant chemotherapy in oesophageal cancer. It was great to hear from the floor during the panel discussion. Professor Cornelis van de Velde, Professor of Surgical Oncology, Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands talked on "Surgery for cancer in the 21st century". He gave a very entertaining talk about prospects for the future, and shared his expertise in proteomics and biomarkers.

## BASO Sponsored Lecture by Professor Dr. Werner Hohenberger



Prof Werner Hohenberger presented the BASO~ACS sponsored lecture at the 1st Portsmouth CME Symposium on 24th May 2019.

Prof Hohenberger was invited to give a lecture on the "Evolution of CME surgery for colon cancer" as through his working life he developed the notion of complete mesocolic excision. Any simple search online would provide an

outline and details of the procedure; but it was great pleasure to hear in his own words the mesenteric-based approach to resection of the right colonic cancer. He provided the background to the procedure and the details and reasons for development of the surgical technique. After the lecture it was a pleasure to hear Prof Hohenberger talk about his work and development of various facets in the institutes to enable colleagues to perform surgery. He clearly is a passionate teacher and advocate for best practice for patient care. He eloquently described his working life and through this gave a clear description of how standardisation is important for patients and how evidence base must be integrated



within clinical practice. A phenomenal gentleman who makes time to encourage the next generation!

I would encourage members to keep an eye out for these sponsored lectures as they not only provide a wealth of experience but also an opportunity to talk to the speakers directly through the satellite networking events.

BASO course sponsorship aims to support Innovation (updates) and education (current practice and new practice). If you have suggestions regarding educational activities, please contact the BASO office, as we would like to hear your ideas.

**Director of Education**

### Silver Scalpel Winner



Mr Edmund Leung, a BASO Trustee was the winner of the Silver Scalpel prize 2019. There were so many positive descriptions by his colleagues and trainees. His trainees described him as a selfless trainer who is willing to dedicate time to all trainees, health professionals and fulfil his numerous clinical roles, as well as being a father and husband. Mr Leung sits on the National Advisory Committee for Surgical Oncology. He is leading the educational objectives of the committee in arranging MRCS/FRCS and cadaveric courses for all level of trainees. His knowledge and experience are evident in the Colorectal MDT discussions, where his decisions and/or arguments are evidence-based and always encompass a holistic patient approach. His colleagues value his opinion on challenging cases. Mr Leung is a recognised laparoscopic trainer. Under his stewardship, staff grade surgeons at the Hereford County Hospital have benefitted from intense laparoscopic colorectal surgery and endoscopy training.

Mr Leung's time commitment and dedication to junior colleagues is far superior than that demonstrated by his colleagues. He has also supported the personal development of the surgical department's first and only Physician's Associate, such that the Physician's Associate has been inspired to apply to medical school in the pursuit of a surgical career!

Mr Leung's dedication to training also extends to theatre staff and ward nurses. Mr Leung was described as an "approachable, down-to-earth individual who is admired by his medical and allied health professional colleagues". We look forward to Mr Leung using his skills in the delivery of the BASO educational activities.

**Director of Marketing  
and Membership**

### Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship: Experience gained through the support of BASO

Miss Cheserem spent between October and November 2018 at the Cranial Base Center at UPMC, the first cranial base centre in North America, and has pioneered in many microsurgical and endoscopic cranial approaches.

On average 350 skull-base procedures are undertaken at the cranial base centre per year. The centre is jointly headed by Dr Carl Snyderman (ENT) and Dr Paul Gardner (Neurosurgery). Miss Cheserem's trained mostly with Dr Gardner. On a clinic day, they would see up to 70 patients comprising of new and follow-ups. These patients were initially processed by the Physician Associate or Resident but all will be reviewed by the Lead Clinician. All patients, who were pending surgery, were discussed at the MDT.

Other days Miss Cheresem spent her time in theatres exposed to a variety of cases including chordomas, pituitary adenomas, skull-base metastasis, tegmental defect repairs, sino-nasal malignancies, craniopharyngiomas and pituitocytoma.

In particular, Miss Cheserem observed many endonasal approaches inclusive of extended clival approaches and transmaxillary transpterygoid approaches. It was the first time that Miss Cheserem saw extensive use of intravenous Indocyanine Green to assess location of the carotid arteries, tumour vascularity and flap vascularisation. Whilst, in Wales, there was a similar approach for raising a nasoseptal flap, she learnt about raising a reverse flap to protect the nasal cartilage. Cerebrospinal fluid leaks are a management challenge for any skull-base team and it was enlightening to see a wide variety of flaps raised for closure: inferior turbinate flap, free turbinate flaps and galeal flaps. Interestingly there were no sealants used and they had very low CSF leak rates post-operatively. There were various instruments of interest such as use of spiways® for turbinate deflection

to minimise intranasal trauma, peel-away catheters for peritoneal shunt siting and intraparenchymal ports for evacuating intracerebral haematomas. Vascular cases had on-table angiograms reported in real time by dual qualified neurovascular surgeons!

Management of inpatients comprised of a mixture of Nurse Practitioners and Junior Residents who often started their reviews at 04:30 and worked till 21:00. All Junior Residents presented their ward round results to one of the three Chief Residents at 6am before discussion with the Attending.

Wednesdays were academic days with a 7am presentation of mortality and morbidity meetings. Senior Attendings shared their clinical gems and there were robust discussions on how to improve future management with Chief Residents interrogated on the basis of their management decisions. At 4pm there was a 30minute resident presentation followed by an attending or visiting Scholar Lecture. The cranial base centre also has six visiting fellows from across the world, who spend a minimum of one year working in the cadaveric laboratory as well as observing in clinic and in theatre. The laboratory is well equipped with two endoscope and microscope stations. All had neuronavigation and a range of instruments to replicate any of the operative approaches the centre undertook or was developing. Most Friday afternoons the fellows held a research meeting where they had 3D presentations of their projects.

Apart from Cranial base centre, Miss Cheserem immersed herself in the culture and sights of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, has a rich history. Initially a trading and industrial hub it is now a modern information technology, health technology, research and education city. She had the opportunity to see the works of Andy Warhol in one of the

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largest art galleries dedicated to one artist. She also visited various institutions founded on Carnegie philanthropy including the Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Public Library, Carnegie Mellon University and Carnegie Museum of art. Phipps conservatory, with an amazing curation

of plants from around the world makes for a wonderful afternoon. The Heinz museum was fascinating with exhibitions that included the history of the Heinz brand, the history of many great Pittsburgh sports teams and personalities and a very poignant exhibition on the history of African

Americans in Pittsburgh through the centuries.

***This report was prepared by Miss Cheserem, who writes her gratitude to BASO for the generous support towards her travelling fellowship.***

**J.B. Cheserem**

## **BASO 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting 16th -18th November 2019**

The theme this year is "Standing together for cancer surgery" and as such the BASO Multidisciplinary Prize was opened for healthcare professionals working in the delivery of cancer patient care. We had great response to this prize and very much look forward to hearing the oral and poster presentations.

BASO is hosting its annual conference on at the prestigious 'Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London, a beautiful grade II listed building with many historic features such as the identical lions designed by Alfred Stevens, rescued from the British Museum and much more..

Registration is open visit [www.BASO.org.uk](http://www.BASO.org.uk) for more details. We will be hosting the BASO annual conference dinner on the Sunday 17th November 2019

### **PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

#### **BASO SKILLS/Trainees DAY – 16th November**

- Human factors
- Speed mentoring
- Coaching/presentation skills for interviews and media
- Debate session

#### **BASO Annual Scientific Meeting Day 1 – 17th November**

- Developments & future of Surgical Oncology
- Audience with the college presidents RCSEd RCSEd RCPSG
- Role of Surgical oncologists in Government & Society

#### **BASO Annual Scientific Meeting Day 2 – 18th November**

- In conversation with prestigious award recipients
- Poster and oral research presentations



### **Other BASO Upcoming Events:**

#### **Surgical Skills Course for FY1 and Medical students**

30th November 2019 at Nottingham City Hospital

#### **Symposium on Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Malignancy in the Elderly**

9th-10th December 2019

#### **6th Portsmouth Symposium: TME2020**

26th-28th March 2020

More details available on <https://baso.org.uk/education-training/conferences-courses.aspx>

*BASO offers substantial discounts for its members and we encourage the courses that we sponsor to reflect this.*



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