

# Newsletter



## Welcome

Welcome to the SARS newsletter which contains important information concerning forthcoming SARS meetings and collaborations. As ever, please circulate this newsletter amongst your colleagues and junior staff and encourage them to join. Remember, membership is free for all Basic Surgical Trainees and Year 1 and 2 Higher Surgical trainees.

Copies are also available on the Society's website [www.surgicalresearch.org.uk](http://www.surgicalresearch.org.uk).

## Edinburgh, January 2006

The Society is extremely grateful to the efforts of the local organiser, Professor Steve Wigmore and his team, who helped make the meeting such a success. Feedback received indicated that perhaps the scientific programme had been 'too full', and that there was not enough time for reflection. This has been taken into account in planning the next meeting which is to be held in Cambridge, 10-12 January 2007. Please see below for more details.

**The Patey Prize** was awarded to S Liao from East Anglian Higher Surgical Training in General Surgery, Cambridge, UK and Department of Surgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA for his paper entitled: *Characterization of a novel mediator of malignant phenotype in pancreatic adenocarcinoma*.

**The President's Prize** awarded for the best poster went to L Devey from University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh and Institute of Biological Research, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK, for the poster entitled: *Targeted deletion of JNK-2 protects animals from hepatic ischaemia reperfusion injury*.

## SARS Council

There have been a number of new appointments and several changes within Council that came into force on 13 January 2006. Newly appointed are Professor Kevin Burnand as President Elect, to take office as President in January 2007, Professor Nick Cheshire as Membership Committee Chair, Mr Frank Smith as a Member-at-Large and Mr Paul Ridgway as Surgeon-in-Training. For more information on Council members please visit the website <http://www.surgicalresearch.org.uk/councilmembers.htm>.

Changes within Council include Professor Arnold Hill to Honorary Secretary, Mr Mike Wyatt to Editorial Secretary, Mr Daryll Baker to Honorary Treasurer and Professor Steve Wigmore to Member-at-Large.

The Society thanks those Council members who have demitted office, Professor Brian Rowlands, Professor Philip Drew and Professor Nigel Bundred for their contributions to the Society.

## SARS Secretariat

In January we sadly said goodbye to Sophie Mitchell who, after many years with us, has moved on to pursue a career in web design. We wish Sophie every success and welcome Linda Slater who has been appointed as her replacement.

## ASGBI May 2006

The ASGBI annual meeting was held in Edinburgh, 3-5 May 2006, and SARS was well represented in the programme with three symposia; An update on Randomised Clinical Trials, chaired by Professor Arnold Hill; Current Controversies in Surgical Education, chaired by Professor Irving Taylor and Angiogenesis for the Practising Surgeon, chaired by Professor Gordon Carlson. For more details please see [www.asgbi.org.uk/edinburgh](http://www.asgbi.org.uk/edinburgh).

## ACPGBI July 2006

A number of abstracts presented at the SARS Edinburgh meeting have been selected for presentation at the ACPGBI symposium on 5 July 2006. These include BS Reddy, Combined Gastroenterology Research Unit, Scarborough Hospital; G Mackay Department of Surgery, Western Infirmary, Glasgow; CF Healy, Department of



### ACPGBI July 2006 (continued)

Colorectal Surgery, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin; JA Conti, Cancer Science Division, University of Southampton; J Knowles, Department of Surgery, Royal Free & University College Medical School, London; M Hoper, Department of Surgery, Queen's University Belfast and G Harinath, Department of Surgery, Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil. For more details please see <http://www.acp2006.org.uk>.

## ASiT representative to attend SARS council meetings

At the SARS Council meeting in April it was agreed that it would be mutually beneficial to have a closer relationship with ASiT therefore their President, Mr Conor Marron was invited and has accepted observer status (i.e. speaking not voting) on SARS council to speak on behalf of ASiT. At the same time SARS and ASiT are working closely together to organise joint symposia and meetings.

## SARS Annual Meeting January 2007

Plans are well advanced for the 2007 meeting which will be held at Robinson College in Cambridge from 10-12 January 2007. The Local Organiser is Professor Andrew Bradley and the programme promises to both excite and educate. The Patey Prize will be competitive with only the best 16 papers selected for presentation. Selected poster authors will have the opportunity to present their work orally in 5 free poster presentation sessions, and to compete for the coveted President's Poster Prize.

We have organised symposia on 'Stem cells - applications for future surgical treatment', 'MRSA and the surgeon', 'SARS education symposium' and the not to be missed ASiT breakfast symposium 'Evidence Based Training and the ISCP: myths and realities of training to standards'. Guest lecturers at the meeting will include Professor Edward Whang, Harvard, Professor Thomas Lennard, Newcastle upon Tyne and Mr. Alberic Fiennes, St. George's, London. More details will be posted on the SARS website [www.surgicalresearch.org.uk](http://www.surgicalresearch.org.uk).

## Abstract Submission

Abstracts are now being accepted for the SARS Annual Meeting in Edinburgh. We are utilising the services of Narrowpoint and all submissions must be made electronically at [www.narrowpoint.com](http://www.narrowpoint.com). The deadline for submission is midnight 29 September 2006. Full details will be posted on the SARS website [www.surgicalresearch.org.uk](http://www.surgicalresearch.org.uk).

## SARS/ASiT Symposium - 'Progressing your surgical career - the role of research' 27 October 2006, RCS, London

This is a symposium for surgical SHOs and foundation trainees. The registration fee is £50 which also includes membership of SARS and ASiT for one year. More details will be posted on SARS website [www.surgicalresearch.org.uk](http://www.surgicalresearch.org.uk) and on the ASiT website <http://www.asit.org>.

## SARS/ASiT Symposium, 30 March - 1 April 2007, Waterfront Hall, Belfast

The call for abstracts begins 1 October 2006 and the deadline is 21 December 2006. More details will be posted on SARS website [www.surgicalresearch.org.uk](http://www.surgicalresearch.org.uk) and on the ASiT website <http://www.asit.org>.

## Dates for Your Diary

29 September 2006	Deadline for abstracts for SARS 2007 meeting
27 October 2006	SARS/ASiT symposium, RCS, London
10-12 January 2007	SARS Annual meeting at Robinson College, Cambridge
30 March - 1 April 2007	SARS/ASiT Symposium, Waterfront Hall, Belfast