President’s Welcome

I look forward to welcoming you to the 88th Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons held in the exciting and exotic south-east Asian city of Bangkok, the capital and most populous city of Thailand.

The Congress theme is “The Complete Surgeon: Backing The Future” – a challenge that will open the contemporary and necessary debate between Generalism and Specialisation and how, looking to the future, we balance the need for equity of access and outcomes for all patients no matter where they reside.

Around the world, health systems are under pressure due to unsustainable growth in expenditures, ageing populations, an increasing burden of chronic non-communicable disease, unwarranted fragmentation and specialisation of care and persistent health inequities in rural and Indigenous populations.

The 2019 ASC organising committee, led by Nigel Willis and Craig MacKinnon from Wellington New Zealand, has assembled a diverse array of leading international and national visitors and is closely collaborating to include our south-east Asian colleagues into a thought-provoking program.

International visitors constantly tell us that our ASC is unique, in that it offers so many combined sessions as well as opportunities to learn from colleagues across many different specialties and surgical topics.

The ASC also offers an opportunity to re-connect with colleagues, make new friends and further develop a contact network in a collegiate atmosphere. There are section dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, a full social program of daily educational and social tours and I look forward to welcoming you all to the congress dinner on Thursday evening.

For information on how to download the ASC 2019 App and build your own personalised program please visit asc.surgeons.org

Finally, congratulations to Nigel, Craig and the 2019 ASC Bangkok organising committee. Together we look forward to welcoming you at Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre from 6 – 10 May 2019.

Warm Regards

John Batten FRACS
President
Conveners’ Welcome

Yes it’s Bangkok in 2019.

The Complete Surgeon: Backing The Future will be the theme for our ASC.

We are all moving towards that future and need to equip ourselves to provide the best possible care for our communities. The historical trend has been to increase subspecialisation which places that care at risk.

It is therefore critical that all surgeons maintain their ability to think and act within and across our specialties rather than only being proficient in a very narrow field. At the same time, we as surgeons, must understand the skills that other specialists can add to the care of our patients.

In this Congress, which is being convened by Wellington, New Zealand, we recognise that there is a need to embrace the broader skills set. This will be further enhanced by our understanding the benefits of diversity of all descriptions within our surgical fellowship.

We are closely collaborating with our south-east Asian colleagues, and look forward to also involving them into the program, again recognising the importance of diversity and inclusion.

The future, of course, requires us to embrace new, innovative, exciting and revolutionary treatments.

Together with the ASC 2019 Executive and the Section Conveners, we are excited to be assembling a program which will explore all of the above topics.

Bangkok, a vibrant south-east Asian destination is not to be missed. In addition to a dynamic thought provoking ASC program we will also be offering daily social and educational tours, as well as a range of exciting post tours to Cambodia, India, Laos, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

We look forward to you joining us at Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre from 6 – 10 May 2019. Save the date in your diary now.

Nigel Willis FRACS
ASC 2019 Convener

Craig MacKinnon FRACS
ASC 2019 Scientific Convener
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Developing a Career and skills in Academic Surgery (DCAS) course

Monday 6 May 2019, 7:15am - 4:00pm
Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre, Bangkok

Provisional Program

6:15am - 7:15am Registrations open
7:15am - 7:30am Welcome and introduction
7:30am - 9:30am Session 1: A Career in Academic Surgery
7:30am - 7:50am What is an academic surgeon
7:50am - 8:10am How to get research started
8:10am - 8:30am Research pathways: Outcomes, translational, educational, basic science – which one is right for you?
8:30am - 8:50am Tech options for data collection
8:50am - 9:10am How to keep academic balance - clinical work, research, teaching and leadership
9:10am - 9:30am Discussion
9:30am - 10:00am Morning tea
10:00am - 10:30am Hot topic in Academic Surgery: Big Data
10:30am - 12:30pm Session 2: Ensuring Academic Output
10:30am - 10:50am Writing an abstract
10:50am - 11:10am Writing and submitting a manuscript
11:10am - 11:30am Presenting at a scientific meeting
11:30am - 12:30pm Discussion
11:40am - 11:45am Keynote Presentation: Transforming health outcomes – how a surgeon can do it
12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm - 2:40pm Session 3: Concurrent Academic Workshops
Concurrent workshop 1: Early career development “What can I do to enhance my academic career?”
Student
Junior doctor
Registrar
Finding a mentor and being a mentee
Supporting yourself through fulltime research
2:40pm - 3:00pm Afternoon tea
3:00pm - 4:00pm Session 4: Thriving in Academic Surgery
Leadership, mentorship and sponsorship
Work life balance
Where are the gaps - future trends in research
Closing remarks

Concurrent workshop 2: Tools to help with research
Data storage
Understanding statistics for clinical research and trials
Navigating the ethics framework – human, ethics, animal and tissue banks
Building teams and collaborations

Concurrent workshop 3: Getting funded
Tips for successful grants
Beyond NHMRC - seeking support from non-Government sources
NHMRC and MRF - impact of a rapidly changing funding landscape
Industry funding / partnerships

DCAS course participation
Cost: $220.00 per person GST not applicable
Register online: www.tinyurl.com/DCAS2019

There are fifteen complimentary spaces available for interested medical students. Medical students should register their interest to attend by emailing dcas@surgeons.org

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CPO points will be awarded for attendance at the course with point allocation to be advised at a later date.
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General Surgery Trainees who attend the RACS Developing a Career and skills in Academic Surgery course during their SET Training may, upon proof of attendance submitted to board@generalsurgeons.com.au, count this course towards one of the four compulsory GSA Trainees’ Days.

Hot topic speaker:
Amir Ghaferi

Keynote speaker:
Christobel Saunders

Who should attend?
Surgical Trainees, research Fellows, early career academics and any surgeon who has ever considered involvement with publication or presentation of any academic work.

If you have been to a DCAS course before, the program is designed to provide previous attendees with something new and of interest each year.

2018 comments:
“Fantastic event that has reaffirmed my passion for academia in surgery. I can’t wait to be back next year”
“Outstanding course in every regard”
“This is a life changing course. It gives me new tools and goals as a medical student and for my future career”

Association for Academic Surgery invited speakers:
Karl Bilimoria - Illinois, USA
Amir Ghaferi - Michigan, USA
Fabian Johnston - Maryland, USA
Colin Martin - Alabama, USA
Caroline Reinke - North Carolina, USA
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Association for Academic Surgery invited speakers:
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Amir Ghaferi - Michigan, USA
Fabian Johnston - Maryland, USA
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Sunday 5 May  
**INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN SCALPEL GAMES®**  
Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
The International Golden Scalpel Games® will be a highlight at this year’s Annual Scientific Congress in Bangkok, coordinated by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) in collaboration with the Health Education and Training Institute’s (HETI) Clinical Surgical Training Council. Involving up to 16 teams of aspiring young surgeons that include Australia, New Zealand and Indigenous teams in addition to teams from other nations, this event will be one to look forward to. Six members per team will rotate between eight to 16 different surgical skills, observed and supported by members of Council and interested surgical educators including Trainees who will also provide supervision, assessment and feedback along the way. 

The Golden Scalpel Games®, which will be held on Sunday 5 May 2019, will give medical students, prevocational doctors and SET (advanced) surgical Trainees the chance to showcase their skills and to network with peers and key leaders in surgical training.

Reinforcing the importance of surgical skills training, building confidence, and reducing risk, the Games will improve knowledge by exploring new innovations in technology and the use of simulated surgical environments, as well as improve patient care. 

Clinical stations will be modelled on the RACS JDOCS and ASSET core competencies and incorporate professional and communication domains, including teamwork, judgement, clinical and critical decision making as well as teaching and learning. Teams will be presented with medals and certificates at the conclusion of the event with the winning team presented with the RACS/HETI Golden Scalpel Games® Perpetual Trophy. Please visit asc.surgeons.org for updates.

Monday 6 May  
**8TH WHO GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR EMERGENCY AND ESSENTIAL SURGICAL CARE (GIEESC) BIENNIAL MEETING**  
Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
The WHO Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (GIEESC) is a global forum that convenes multidisciplinary stakeholders representing health professionals, public health experts, health authorities and local and international organisations. Established in December 2005, the GIEESC has grown to include over 2300 members from 140 countries which collaborates to share knowledge, advise policy formation and develop educational resources to reduce the burden of death and disability from conditions that could be treated through surgery. The 8th WHO GIEESC Biennial Meeting is being held in conjunction with the RACS 88th Annual Scientific Congress in Bangkok on Monday 6 May 2019, to discuss progress, constraints, and opportunities related to surgery being an integral component of public health and health services for women. Please visit www.surgeons.org/globalsurgerymeeting for further information.

Workshop Program

Monday 6 May  
8:00am - 4:00pm  
**GSA TRAINEES’ DAY - UPPER GI/ENDOSCOPY**  
Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  

Breakfast Sessions  
Register for the breakfast sessions on the ASC registration form. Limit of one Breakfast Session / Masterclass per day.

Wednesday 8 May  
7.00am – 8.20am  
**CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (TICKETED EVENT)**  
Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Cost: $40.00 GST not applicable  
7.00am – 8.20am  
**INDIGENOUS HEALTH BREAKFAST (TICKETED EVENT)**  
Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Cost: $40.00 GST not applicable  
Indigenous health breakfast with presentation of travel and achievement awards

Thursday 9 May  
7.00am – 8.20am  
**WOMEN IN SURGERY SECTION BREAKFAST AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (TICKETED EVENT)**  
Venue: Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Cost: $40.00 GST not applicable
### Cross Discipline, Plenary Sessions & Named Lectures

#### Monday 6 May

- **5:00pm - 6:30pm**
  **CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION** *(TICKETED EVENT)*
  Doctoring in an age of data - The future for medical practice
  Professor Sir Malcolm Grant (London, UK)

- **6:30pm - 7:30pm**
  **WELCOME RECEIPT** *(TICKETED EVENT)*

#### Tuesday 7 May

- **8:30am - 10:00am**
  **OPENING PLENARY SESSION**
  **GENERALISM**
  The opening plenary will explore issues such as surgery in smaller centres, education for generalists (as compared to sub or super-specialised) practice and training surgeons to work across/with all centres and interconnected services.

- **12noon - 12:30pm**
  **THE JOHN MITCHELL CROUCH LECTURE**
  Computational modelling in neurosurgery: An exemplary paradigm shift
  Associate Professor Antonio Di Ieva (Sydney)

- **12noon - 12:30pm**
  **THE ROWAN NICKS LECTURE**

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  **THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS LECTURE**
  Surgeons, science and policy - Our roles as leaders in medicine
  Associate Professor Jayme Locke (Birmingham, USA)

#### Wednesday 8 May

- **10:30am - 12noon**
  **PLENARY SESSION**
  **GLOBAL HEALTH**
  The plenary themed ‘Global Health’ will focus on the emergency and essential emergency surgical care initiative and speakers include experts from WHO.

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  **THE SIR EDWARD ‘WEARY’ DUNLOP MEMORIAL LECTURE**
  Sir Edward ‘Weary’ Dunlop and Thai Surgery
  Lieutenant General Nopadol Wora-Urai (Bangkok, Thailand)

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  **THE TOM REEVE LECTURE**
  The Lecture will be delivered by Dr Swee Tan (Wellington)

#### Thursday 9 May

- **10:30am - 12noon**
  **PLENARY SESSION**
  **DIVERSITY**
  The plenary on ‘Diversity’ will explore issues such as gender, indigenous or other ethnic diversity, cultural competence and bias.

- **12noon - 12:30pm**
  **THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE**
  Beyond core competencies of surgical training – the STEPWISE approach
  Professor Paul Bo-San Lai (Hong Kong)

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  **THE JAMES PRYOR MEMORIAL LECTURE**

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  **THE HERBERT MORAN MEMORIAL LECTURE**
  Surgeon anatomists, individualism and specialisation in orthopaedic surgery
  Professor Sean Hughes (London, UK)

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  **THE MICHAEL WERTHEIMER MEMORIAL LECTURE**
  Hellfire, hope and medical innovation – A journey through pain, death and redemption
  Associate Professor Susan Neuhaus (Adelaide)

- **5:30pm - 6:30pm**
  **RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- **7:00pm - 11:30pm**
  **CONGRESS DINNER** *(TICKETED EVENT)*

#### Friday 10 May

- **10:30am - 12noon**
  **PLENARY SESSION**
  **FUTURE HORIZON**
  The session will discuss developments and research that could influence the direction of surgery.
  The BJS lecture to be delivered by Dr James Kirkland (Rochester, USA) is allocated in this plenary session.

- **12noon - 12:30pm**
  **THE PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL**

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  **THE HAMILTON RUSSELL MEMORIAL LECTURE**
  The future of surgical training
  Professor Oscar Traynor (Dublin, Ireland)
Masterclass Program

Register for the Masterclass program online at: asc.surgeons.org
Limit of one per day. Please refer to the ASC website for ‘Masterclass Program’ ticket prices.

Tuesday 7 May
7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC01): HAEMORRHOIDS (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Colorectal Surgery)
Proudly sponsored by: Johnson & Johnson

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC02): THE DIFFICULT PANCREAS (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by HPB Surgery)
Proudly sponsored by: Baxter

Wednesday 8 May
7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC03): NIPPLE PRESERVATION – FROM MOVING THE NIPPLE TO NIPPLE SPARING MASTECTOMY (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Breast Surgery)

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC04): FISTULA IN ANO (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Colorectal Surgery)

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC05): INTRAOPERATIVE CHALLENGES IN ENDOCRINE SURGERY (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Endocrine Surgery)
Proudly sponsored by: Baxter

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC06): THE DIFFICULT LIVER RESECTION (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by HPB Surgery)
Proudly sponsored by: Integra

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC07): OESOPHAGEAL ATRESIA (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Paediatric Surgery)

Thursday 9 May
7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC08): LIPOFILLING (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Breast Surgery)

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC09): HOW TO GET PUBLISHED (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Colorectal Surgery)

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC10): THE DIFFICULT GALLBLADDER / BILE DUCT (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by HPB Surgery)
Proudly sponsored by: Johnson & Johnson

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC11): CONSENT IN 2019 – CHANGING EXPECTATIONS AND HOW TO MANAGE THEM (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Medico-legal Program)

7:00am - 8:20am  MASTERCLASS (MC12): HYPOSPADIAS (TICKETED EVENT)  (Convened by Paediatric Surgery)
**Sessions of Interest for all Surgeons A - Z**

### GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAM

**CO-CONVENERS:**
- Jitoko Cama
- James Kong

**Monday 6 May**
- **8:30am - 3:30pm**
  - WHO GIEESC BIENNIAL MEETING
- **5:00pm - 6:30pm**
  - CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)
- **6:30pm - 7:30pm**
  - WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

**Tuesday 7 May**
- **8:30am - 10:00am**
  - OPENING PLENARY SESSION: GENERALISM
- **10:00am - 10:30am**
  - MORNING TEA - TUESDAY
- **10:30am - 12noon**
  - MANAGING YOUNG PATIENTS WITH VALVULAR HEART DISEASE
    (Combined with: Cardiothoracic Surgery)
- **12noon - 12:30pm**
  - INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: HELP OR HINDRANCE
    (Combined with: Cardiothoracic Surgery)
- **12noon - 12:30pm**
  - KEYNOTE LECTURE
    (Combined with: Cardiothoracic Surgery)
  - Choosing a heart valve - Lessons learned from registries
- **12noon - 12:30pm**
  - THE ROWAN NICKS LECTURE
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm**
  - LUNCH - TUESDAY
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**
  - KEYNOTE LECTURE
    Overseas exposure of International Medical Graduates - Institutional or RACS?
    Professor Hamish Ewing (Melbourne)
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm**
  - TRAINING IN CULTURAL COMPETENCE
    (Combined with: Surgical Education, Indigenous Health, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm**
  - AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY

**Wednesday 8 May**
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm**
  - THE SIR EDWARD ‘WEARY’ DUNLOP SCHOLARS PRESENTATION
    (Combined with: Military Surgery, Surgical History)
- **4:00pm - 5:30pm**
  - AMPUTATION
    (Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery, Military Surgery, Pain Medicine, Trauma Surgery)
- **4:00pm - 5:30pm**
  - THE SCOPE OF SUBSPECIALTY PRACTICE IN PROVINCIAL AND RURAL CENTRES
    (Combined with: Rural Surgery, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education)

**Thursday 9 May**
- **4:00pm - 5:30pm**
  - GLOBAL PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
    (Combined with: Paediatric Surgery)
- **5:30pm - 6:30pm**
  - RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- **7:00pm - 11:30pm**
  - CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
INDIGENOUS HEALTH

CONVENER:

Jonathan Koea

VISITOR:

Professor Papaarangi Reid
Auckland

Professor Papaarangi Reid is Tumuaki (Deputy Dean Māori) at the Facility of Medical and Health Sciences and Head of Te Kupenga Hauora Māori at the University of Auckland. She holds science and medical degrees from the University of Auckland and is a specialist in public health medicine. Her research interests include analysing disparities between indigenous and non-indigenous citizens as a means of monitoring government commitment to indigenous rights. She has tribal affiliations to Te Rarawa in the far North of Aotearoa and has been influential in Indigenous health education development.

Monday 6 May

2:00pm - 3:30pm ORGAN DONATION
(Combined with: Transplantation Surgery)

5:00pm - 6:30pm CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION
(TICKETED EVENT)

6:30pm - 7:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Tuesday 7 May

2:00pm - 3:30pm TRAINING IN CULTURAL COMPETENCE
(Combined with: Surgical Education, Global Health Program, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN CANCER
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Oncology)

Wednesday 8 May

7:00am - 8:20am INDIGENOUS HEALTH BREAKFAST SESSION
(TICKETED EVENT)
Indigenous health breakfast with presentation of travel and achievement awards

8:30am - 10:00am INDIGENOUS TRAINEE RESEARCH SESSION: HOW DO WE GET MORE INDIGENOUS TRAINEES TO UNDERTAKE SURGICAL RESEARCH
(Combined with: Surgical Education, Trainees Association)

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY

10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION
GLOBAL HEALTH

12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN IMPROVING CARE
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education, Younger Fellows)

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY

Thursday 9 May

8:30am - 10:00am QUALITY IN HPB SURGERY
(Combined with: HPB Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - THURSDAY

10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION
DIVERSITY

12noon - 12:30pm THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE

12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - THURSDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm SUPER THURSDAY - FACING CHALLENGES
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Medico-legal Program, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery, Surgical Education, Trainees Association)

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm SUPER THURSDAY - UNCONSCIOUS BIAS
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education, Rural Surgery, Trainees Association, Younger Fellows)

5:30pm - 6:30pm RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00pm - 11:30pm CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
**MEDICO-LEGAL PROGRAM**

**CONVENER:** Haemish Crawford

**VISITOR:** Professor Sir Malcolm Grant
London, UK

Sir Malcolm was appointed founding chairman of NHS England when it was set up as an independent body in 2011, and recently completed a 7 year term. He was previously the President and Provost of University College London (UCL) for 10 years, through a period that saw significant growth and a soaring international reputation, particularly in medical and life sciences: by the end of his term, UCL was ranked 5th in the world in the QS global university league tables. He is currently (honorary) Chancellor of the University of York, and had previously been Pro Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University. Sir Malcolm was born in Oamaru, New Zealand, and studied law at the University of Otago. He was a law professor successively at Southampton, UCL and Cambridge, specialising in environmental, planning and property law, with extensive publications in these specialties. He is a barrister and Bencher of Middle Temple. He is married to Chris, a medical doctor, and they have 3 children (one of them a director of Cancer Research UK) and 5 grandchildren. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and of Clare College Cambridge. He has chaired the Local Government Commission for England, the UK’s Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission on Genetic Modification, and the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities. He has served as a director of Genomics England Ltd, and is currently a trustee of Somerset House, President of the Campaign for At-Risk Academics (CARA) and an expert adviser to the governments of France and Russia, and to universities in the USA, UK and Australia, on higher education.

**Tuesday 6 May**
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm: CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm: WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

**Thursday 9 May**
- 7:00am - 8:20am: MASTERCLASS (MC11): CONSENT IN 2019 - CHANGING EXPECTATIONS AND HOW TO MANAGE THEM (TICKETED EVENT)
- 7:30am - 8:20am: MEDICO-LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING
- 8:30am - 10:00am: SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR SURGEONS FACED WITH MEDICO-LEGAL ISSUES
Dr Rhys Thomas graduated from The Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London in 1995. After house jobs in London and a year of training in Cairns Australia, he decided to train in Anaesthesia. After passing his primary FRCA a career in the Army became too attractive to turn down. He joined the Army in 1999, after officer Training in Royal Military Academy Sandhurst he volunteered for Airborne Forces and was deployed with the 1st Battalion the Parachute Regiment as their Regimental Medical Officer. After gruelling Operational tours in Sierra Leone on Op Barrass and Northern Ireland he returned to Anaesthesia to complete his Final FRCA. This was interrupted on numerous occasions by wars in the Middle East. Firstly in Afghanistan on Operation Enduring Freedom as medical support in the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, then to Iraq for Telic 1 in the war against Saddam Hussein, being one of the first across the border into Iraq with 16 Air Assault Brigade. He was then posted to Baltimore Shock Trauma, Maryland USA to complete a Trauma Anaesthesia Fellowship with the world-renowned Baltimore Shock Trauma Centre. Further deployments were to occur to Afghanistan to Bastion Role 3 Hospital as a Consultant Anaesthetist and on the MERT, CH47 rescue helicopter. He wrote the military’s original Damage Control Shock Resuscitation strategy and established this as the resuscitation of choice for the UK Trauma Centres. After 17 years with the military, an opportunity arose to establish a new Pre-Hospital Critical Care Service in Wales. With the help of his great friend Dr Dindi Gill they wrote and delivered the business case and established the new service in April 2015. After handing over as National Director he returned to research and completed a Medical Doctorate on the use of Erythropoietin in Blast & Trauma. He is now the Clinical Lead for Anaesthesia and Trauma for Hywel Dda University Health Board. When he is not running in the hills around Wales he is hard at work on his farm and has started to get involved in Welsh Politics.

Monday 6 May
5:00pm - 6:30pm CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)
6:30pm - 7:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Tuesday 7 May
5:30pm - 6:30pm MILITARY SURGERY SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday 8 May
8:30am - 9:00am KEYNOTE LECTURE
Medical lessons from 17 years of continuous conflict
Dr Rhys Thomas (Llandeilo, UK)

9:00am - 10:00am SCIENTIFIC SESSION

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY

10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION
GLOBAL HEALTH

12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - WEDNESDAY

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(Combined with: Surgical History)
Sir Edward ‘Weary’ Dunlop and Thai Surgery
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(Combined with: Global Health, Surgical History)

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm AMPUTATION
(Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery, Global Health Program, Pain Medicine, Trauma Surgery)

7:00pm - 10:30pm SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
(Combined with: Surgical History)

Thursday 9 May
8:30am - 10:00am PENETRATING NECK INJURIES
(Combined with: Trauma Surgery, Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - THURSDAY

10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION
DIVERSITY

12noon - 12:30pm THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE

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3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm SCIENTIFIC SESSION

5:30pm - 6:30pm RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00pm - 11:30pm CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
PAIN MEDICINE

**CONVENER:**

Chris Hoffman

**VISITOR:**

Professor Hamilton Hall
Markdale, Canada

Dr Hamilton Hall is a Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto and on the orthopaedic staff at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. He completed his medical degree at the University of Toronto then joined CARE and was stationed at a rural hospital in Malaysia. Dr. Hall returned to Toronto for his orthopaedic residency which concluded with a fellowship in medical education at the University of Dundee, Scotland. In 1974, because of his interest in patient education and rehabilitation, Dr Hall founded the Canadian Back Institute which expanded into the CBI Health Group, now, with over 13,000 employees, the largest rehabilitation company in Canada. Dr Hamilton Hall continues to serve as its Medical Director. Dr Hall is co-founder and Executive Director of the Canadian Spine Society and has served on the editorial boards of Spine, The Spine Journal and The BackLetter. Dr Hamilton Hall has received Outstanding Paper and Poster awards from the North American Spine Society and the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine. He is a recipient of the Best Undergraduate Clinical Lecturer Award from the University of Toronto, the NASS Henry Farfan Award for outstanding contributions to the field of spine care and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Spine Society. Dr Hall’s concept of a syndrome approach to classifying mechanical back pain is an essential component of several Canadian provincial initiatives to improve spine care. In addition to over 130 published articles and book chapters and over 1200 invited presentations, many as Visiting Professor, to universities in North America, Europe and Asia, he is author of the best-selling Back Doctor series of books for the lay public.

**Wednesday 8 May**

8:30am - 10:00am  **SORTING OUT ACUTE BACK PAIN**  (Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **PLENARY SESSION**

**GLOBAL HEALTH**

12noon - 12:30pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

The micro-anatomy of the disc and its modes of failure

Mr Peter Robertson (Auckland)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  **LUNCH - WEDNESDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Role of neuromodulation in ‘failed back’ and Workcover populations

Mr Andrew Zacest (Adelaide)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN**  (Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  **AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **AMPUTATION**  (Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery, Global Health Program, Military Surgery, Trauma Surgery)

7:00pm - 10:30pm  **SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**  (Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery, Trauma Surgery)

**Thursday 9 May**

7:30am - 8:20am  **PAIN MANAGEMENT AND SURGERY SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

8:30am - 10:00am  **HOW TO FIND WHO DOES WELL WITH SPINAL SURGERY**

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - THURSDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **PLENARY SESSION**

**DIVERSITY**

12noon - 12:30pm  **THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  **LUNCH - THURSDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Avoiding poor surgical outcomes in pain patients

Associate Professor Leigh Atkinson (Brisbane)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **HOW WELL DO WE DO? REPORTING OUTCOMES AND SPINE REGISTRIES**  (Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  **AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **RESEARCH PAPERS**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **PELVIC TRAUMA**  (Combined with: Trauma Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery)

5:30pm - 6:30pm  **RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7:00pm - 11:30pm  **CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**

**Monday 6 May**

5:00pm - 6:30pm  **CONVOCAITION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)**

6:30pm - 7:30pm  **WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**

**Tuesday 7 May**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **IMPROVING OUTCOMES IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY**

(Combined with: Cardiothoracic Surgery)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **HOW WELL DO WE DO? REPORTING OUTCOMES AND SPINE REGISTRIES**  (Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery)

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7:00pm - 11:30pm  **CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**
Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors

Co-Conveners:
Catherine Ferguson
Simon Bann

Visitors:
Professor Gerald Hickson
Nashville, USA

Gerald B. Hickson is the Senior Vice President of Quality, Safety and Risk Prevention and Joseph C. Ross Chair of Medical Education and Administration at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Dr Hickson joined the Department of Pediatrics in 1982 and served six years as Vice Chairman and Chief of Pediatric Outpatient Services for the Vanderbilt Clinic. In 2003, Dr Hickson was appointed Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Director of the Center for Patient and Professional Advocacy. In 2005, he was named Director of Clinical Risk and Loss Prevention and Chairman of the Self-Insurance Trust Committee. Since 1990, Dr Hickson’s research focused on why families choose to file suit, why certain physicians attract a disproportionate share of claims and how to identify and intervene with high-risk physicians. His work has resulted in over 150 peer review articles and chapters; educational initiatives to promote disclosure of medical errors and address behaviors that undermine a culture of safety; and the development of PARS (Patient Advocacy Reporting System), a program that uses unsolicited patient complaint data as the basis for tiered interventions on high-risk peer colleagues; it has been implemented in more than 70 hospitals and health systems nationwide. In 2013, Dr Hickson was appointed Senior Vice President of Quality, Safety, and Risk Prevention for Vanderbilt Health Systems to further support VUMC’s pursuit of high reliability and accountability. Through his expertise in identifying and addressing unreasonable variation in human performance, promoting human accountability, and advancing major organization-wide improvement, Dr Hickson continues to provide leadership in the conceptualization, development, implementation, and measurement of the Medical Center’s approach to quality, patient safety, and adverse event reduction. Dr Hickson serves as Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) and as Chair of the Board of Professionals in Patient Safety (CBPPS). He served as chair of the Quality Care Committee for the National Association of Children’s Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) and was a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Committee on Quality Improvement. Dr Hickson has been recognized by the Excellence in Research and Teaching award from the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, the National Healthcare Patient Advocacy award from the Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy and the Vanguard Award for the Advancement of Patient Safety from the Doctor’s Company Foundation. Dr Hickson received a BS from the University of Georgia and MD from Tulane University School of Medicine, and completed his pediatric residency and a fellowship in General Academic Pediatrics at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital.

Professor Charles Vincent
Oxford, UK

Charles Vincent trained as a Clinical Psychologist and worked in the British NHS for several years. Since 1985 he has carried out research on the causes of harm to patients, the consequences for patients and staff and methods of improving the safety of healthcare. He established the Clinical Risk Unit at University College in 1985 where he was Professor of Psychology before moving to the Department of Surgery and Cancer at Imperial College in 2002. He is the editor of Clinical Risk Management (BMJ Publications, 2nd edition, 2001), author of Patient Safety (2nd edition 2010) and author of many papers on medical error, risk and patient safety. From 1999 to 2003 he was a Commissioner on the UK Commission for Health Improvement and has advised on patient safety in many inquiries and committees including the recent Berwick Review. In 2007 he was appointed Director of the National Institute of Health Research Centre for Patient Safety & Service Quality at Imperial College Healthcare Trust. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and was recently reappointed as a National Institute of Health Research Senior Investigator. In 2014 he took up a new post as Health Foundation professorial fellow in the Department of Psychology, University of Oxford where he continues his work on safety in healthcare and led the Oxford Region NHS Patient Safety Collaborative. With Rene Amalberti he has recently published ‘Safer healthcare: strategies for the real world’ Springer, Open Access (2016). He has recently been appointed Director of Oxford Healthcare Improvement a centre based in Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Dr Karl Bilimoria
Chicago, USA

Dr Bilimoria is a surgical oncologist and a health services, quality improvement, and health policy researcher at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. He is the Vice President for Quality for the Northwestern Medicine system. He is also the Vice Chair for Quality in the Department of Surgery and the John B. Murphy Professor of Surgery. His clinical practice is focused on melanoma and sarcoma. Dr Bilimoria is the Director of the Surgical Outcomes and Quality Improvement Center of Northwestern University (SOQIC), a center of 35 faculty and staff focused on national, regional, and local quality improvement research and practical initiatives. He is the Director of the 56-hospital Illinois Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative (ISQIC) and Principal Investigator of the 151-hospital FIRST Trial. He is a Faculty Scholar at the American College of Surgeons. He has published more than 300 scientific articles, including numerous publications in JAMA and the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr Bilimoria’s research is funded by...
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SENIOR SURGEONS PROGRAM

CONVENER:

Allan Panting

VISITOR:

Professor David Watters
Geelong

David Watters is a Past President of RACS (May 2015-May 2016) who since 2000 has been Professor of Surgery for Barwon Health in Geelong, initially with Melbourne (2000-2010), and then Deakin University (2011-). He is a general surgeon with interests in general, colorectal and endocrine surgery. He is actively engaged in advocating for global surgery, having spent almost 20 years in developing countries including Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong, Zambia and South Africa. He is an Edinburgh University graduate, and in addition to the FRACS, a fellow of the Edinburgh, Hong Kong, and East Central and Southern Africa Colleges of Surgeons. His research interests include history of surgery, surgical audit and performance, colorectal outcomes, perioperative mortality and global health. He was an author of the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery and has over 150 peer reviewed publications and 6 books; four on clinical topics in low-middle income countries and two on surgical history - Stitches in Time - Two centuries of Surgery in Papua New Guinea (Xlibris, 2012) and Anzac Surgeons of Gallipoli (RACS, 2015). Deakin University appointed him the title of Alfred Deakin Professor (August 2016) and he was awarded Life Membership of the Medical Society of Papua New Guinea in September 2017. He is an honorary Member of Asian Surgical Association (2015) and in recognition of his contribution to surgery and surgical training in PNG he was awarded the OBE (Queen’s Birthday 2012), and Membership of the Order of Australia (AM, Queen’s Birthday 2018) for his contribution to endocrine and colorectal surgery and professional organisations. In PNG, he was awarded Rotary’s highest honour - a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2000 for his contribution to Rotary’s Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC). In September 2017, he gave the Guthrie Lecture to the British Society of the History of Medicine, on “Daring to Dream of Equal Opportunity in Medicine” which covered the history of the struggle for women to train as doctors and specialists and to be treated with equity in the medical profession.

Monday 6 May

5:00pm - 6:30pm CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)
6:30pm - 7:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Tuesday 7 May

8:30am - 10:00am OPENING PLENARY SESSION GENERALISM
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - TUESDAY
10:30am - 12noon GENERALISM
12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE - GENERALISM: QUALITY AND SAFETY
Quality and safety - How important is the caseload?
Dr Catherine Ferguson (Wellington)

12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - TUESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE - GLOBAL INITIATIVES
Global initiatives and RACS
Professor David Watters (Geelong)
2:00pm - 3:30pm GLOBAL INITIATIVES & FUTURE HORIZONS
3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm CHALLENGES OF PRIVATE PRACTICE
(Combined with: General Surgery)
7:00pm - 11:00pm SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
(Combined with: Younger Fellows, Trainees Association)

Wednesday 8 May

12noon - 12:30pm SENIOR SURGEONS SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
# SURGICAL EDUCATION

## Co-Conveners:

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**Visitor:**

**Professor Richard Murray**  
Townsville

Professor Richard Murray is the Dean of the College of Medicine and Dentistry at James Cook University and the President of Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand. His career focus has been in rural and remote medicine, Aboriginal health, public health, tropical medicine, medical and health professional education and the healthcare needs of underserved populations. He has a national and international profile in rural medical education and rural medicine and has held a range of leadership positions. Professor Murray is also a Director on the Board of the Mackay Hospital and Health Service and is a past President of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine. Prior to joining JCU as Planning Director of the Rural Clinical School in 2005, Professor Murray spent 14 years in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia, including 12 years as the Medical Director of the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council, a position in which he had broad-ranging clinical, population health, teaching, research and medical leadership and management roles.

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(Combined with: Indigenous Health, Trainees Association) |
| 8:30am - 10:00am | **Building/Leading a Change of Culture**  
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Younger Fellows) |
| 10:00am - 10:30am | **Morning Tea - Wednesday** |
| 10:30am - 12noon  | **PleNary Session**  
**Global Health** |
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**Resilience - is it a dirty word?**  
Professor Richard Turner (Hobart)  
Discussion |
| 3:30pm - 4:00pm  | **Afternoon Tea - Wednesday** |
| 4:00pm - 5:30pm  | **The Scope of Subspecialty Practice in Provincial and Rural Centres**  
(Combined with: Rural Surgery, Global Health Program, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors) |

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(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery, Trainees Association, Younger Fellows) |
| 10:00am - 10:30am | **Morning Tea - Thursday** |
| 10:30am - 12noon  | **PleNary Session**  
**Diversity** |
| 12noon - 12:30pm | **The President’s Lecture**  
**Lunch - Thursday** |
| 12:30pm - 1:30pm | **Super Thursday - Facing Challenges**  
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Indigenous Health, Medico-legal Program, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery, Trainees Association) |

### Schedule:

- **Monday 6 May**
  - 5:00pm - 6:30pm: Convocation Ceremony and Syme Oration (Ticketed Event)
  - 6:30pm - 7:30pm: Welcome Reception (Ticketed Event)

- **Tuesday 7 May**
  - 2:00pm - 3:30pm: Training in Cultural Competence  
(Combined with: Global Health Program, Indigenous Health, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery)
  - 3:30pm - 4:00pm: Afternoon Tea - Tuesday
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Friday 10 May
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(Combined with: Surgical History)
10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - FRIDAY
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12noon - 12:30pm  THE PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - FRIDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm  THE HAMILTON RUSSELL MEMORIAL LECTURE
How should we train the surgeons of tomorrow?
Professor Oscar Traynor (Dublin, Ireland)
2:00pm - 3:30pm  SURGICAL SIMULATION
3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - FRIDAY

SURGICAL HISTORY

CONVENER:
John Collins

VISITOR:
Professor Sean Hughes
London, UK

Sean Hughes is Emeritus Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Imperial College London. He trained in orthopaedics at The Middlesex and the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospitals in London and undertook research at the Mayo Clinic. He was Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Edinburgh and later at Imperial College London where he was also head of the division of Surgery Anaesthetics and Intensive Care. He has been Vice President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and President of the British Orthopaedic Research Society and has lectured extensively around the world. He continues as a reviewer for several journals notably the Bone and Joint Journal, for which he is also a primary editor. His clinical practice was in spinal surgery and musculoskeletal infections. His research interests were in the microcirculation of bone, fluid transfer and the pathogenesis of disc disease. He has been visiting professor to various countries including the Mayo Clinic and has published several books and over 230 articles. Since retirement from clinical practice he has pursued his interest in history, obtaining diplomas in the History of Medicine as well as in the Philosophy of Medicine from the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, London and he currently lectures on the DHMSA course. Recently he obtained a Masters in History of Science Technology and Medicine at Kings College London. He has also been able to develop his interest in John Keats, delivering the Keats Memorial Lecture in 2017.

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6:30pm - 7:30pm  WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Wednesday 8 May
8:30am - 9:00am  ASC VISITOR LECTURE
Clopton Havers and the relevance of the circulation in bone
Professor Sean Hughes (London, UK)
9:00am - 10:00am  RESEARCH PAPERS
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The schedule includes sessions on various topics such as Global Health, the history of surgery, research papers, and business meetings. There are also ticketed events for the section dinner and congress dinner. The final day includes a historical lecture and a presidential town hall meeting.
**SURGICAL ONCOLOGY**

**CO-CONVENERS:**

Kusal Wickremesekera  
Andrew Ing

**VISITOR:**

Dr Swee Tan  
Wellington

Dr Tan is the Founder and Executive Director of Gillies McIndoe Research Institute; and Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Hutt Hospital, Wellington, New Zealand. He completed medical training at Melbourne University in 1985 and plastic surgery training in New Zealand in 1992. Following craniofacial fellowships at Oxford and Boston he became Hutt Hospital’s Director of Plastic Surgery in 2000-2006 and Director of Surgery in 2007-2013. He founded the Centre for the Study & Treatment of Vascular Birthmarks in 1996. He received a PhD from Otago University in 2001 for his work in infantile haemangioma and was appointed Professor in 2008. In 2013 Dr Tan founded the Gillies McIndoe Research Institute, investigating the role of disease-specific stem cells and the renin-angiotensin system in cancer, vascular anomalies and fibrotic conditions. Discoveries by his team underscore the treatment of infantile haemangioma using anti-hypertensive medications. Building on this work, the team has demonstrated that cancer stem cells, the proposed origin of cancer, express the renin-angiotensin system in numerous types of cancer, leading to the development of a novel cancer treatment using low-cost commonly available medications. A clinical study is underway for glioblastoma patients. Dr Tan has received numerous honours and awards including the KEA World Class New Zealand Award, the Officer of New Zealand Order of Merit from the Queen, and the Fervent Global Love of Lives Medal. He is a holder of seven patents and an author of over 150 publications. He is a member of the editorial advisory board of JPRAS, and an editorial member of PRS, PRS Global Open, Frontiers in Surgery, and Translational Cancer Research.

**Monday 6 May**

5:00pm - 6:30pm  **CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)**

6:30pm - 7:30pm  **WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**

**Tuesday 7 May**

8:30am - 10:00am  **OPENING PLENARY SESSION GENERALISM**

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - TUESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **NEOADJUVANT CHEMO FOR OG CANCER (Combined with: Upper GI Surgery)**

12noon - 12:30pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  **LUNCH - TUESDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS/APPLICATIONS OF BASIC ONCOLOGICAL RESEARCH**

3:30pm - 4:00pm  **AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **PUSHING THE LIMITS IN ONCOLOGICAL SURGERY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN CANCER (Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Indigenous Health)**

7:00pm - 10:30pm  **SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**

**Wednesday 8 May**

8:30am - 10:00am  **CONTROVERSIES WITH COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASES (Combined with: HPB Surgery)**

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **PLENARY SESSION GLOBAL HEALTH**

12noon - 12:30pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  **LUNCH - WEDNESDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **THE TOM REEVE LECTURE**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE (Combined with: Cardiothoracic Surgery)**

Managing pulmonary metastatic disease  
Mr Siven Seevanayagam (Melbourne)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **RESEARCH PAPERS**

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **CURRENT ISSUES IN THORACIC SURGICAL ONCOLOGY (Combined with: Cardiothoracic Surgery)**

3:30pm - 4:00pm  **AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **CHALLENGES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ABDOMINAL SARCOMAS**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **OPTIMISING THE PATIENT JOURNEY IN UPPER GI CANCER RESECTION (Combined with: Upper GI Surgery)**

5:30pm - 6:30pm  **SURGICAL ONCOLOGY SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**
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**Convener:**

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TRAUMA SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:
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VISITOR:
Professor Kjetil Soreide
Bergen, Norway

Kjetil Soreide completed his medical training at the University of Freiburg in Germany before returning to his home country of Norway in 2003. After completing mandatory internships to obtain full medical licence in Norway he went into a 3-year full research position funded by the Norwegian Research Council, leading to a PhD degree at the University of Bergen, Norway with the focus on clinical and molecular factor sin colorectal neoplasia. Pursuing an interest in clinical medicine as well, he at the same time was involved in trauma and emergency surgery projects. At the Stavanger University Hospital he completed training in general surgery, then did a fellowship in gastrointestinal surgery before he took up the post as a consultant surgeon at the same hospital. He has pursued clinical and translational research, resulting in over 200 publications, several book chapters and numerous lectures. He has supervised or co-supervised 12 PhDs, post-docs and masters-students. In 2011, he was appointed professor at the Department of Clinical Medicine at University of Bergen, becoming the youngest professor of surgery ever appointed in Norway at the age of 34 years. From 2017/2018 he was a visiting professor and honorary consultant surgeon in the HPB unit at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, pursuing further hepatobiliary and pancreatic specialization under Professor James Garden. He has worked as an editor in the Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association and was one of the inaugural editors of the Scandinavian Journal of Trauma and Emergency Medicine where he was co-Editor-in-Chief for 11 years. He has been an Editor with the BJJS (Br J Surg) since 2010, a position he still holds. He is married to his wife Annbjorg and they currently live with their four boys in the city of Stavanger on the west-coast of southern Norway.

Tuesday 7 May
7:00am - 8:20am  ROAD TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30am - 10:00am  OPENING PLENARY SESSION  GENERALISM
10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - TUESDAY
10:30am - 12noon  CONTEMPORARY RESUSCITATION STRATEGIES
12:30pm - 1:30pm  TRAUMA VERIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - TUESDAY
2:00pm - 3:30pm  TIPS AND TRICKS IN HPB TRAUMA
(Combined with: HPB Surgery)
3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm  MILLENNIAL STRATEGIES FOR TRAUMA EDUCATION
5:30pm - 6:30pm  TRAUMA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 8 May
8:30am - 10:00am  THORACOTOMY - WHEN AND HOW
(Combined with: Cardiothoracic Surgery)
10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY
10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION  GLOBAL HEALTH
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - WEDNESDAY
3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm  AMPUTATION
(Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery, Global Health Program, Military Surgery, Pain Medicine)
5:30pm - 6:30pm  DSTC COURSE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
7:00pm - 10:30pm  SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
(Combined with: Orthopaedic Surgery, Pain Medicine)

Thursday 9 May
7:00am - 8:20am  TRAUMA COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30am - 10:00am  PENETRATING NECK INJURIES
(Combined with: Military Surgery, Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery)
10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - THURSDAY
10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION  DIVERSITY
12noon - 12:30pm  THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE
### Women in Surgery

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Dr Heather Logghe is a trailblazer in the use of social media at the intersection of patients, practitioners, research, and medicine. She is an internationally sought after speaker, collaborator, and social media correspondent on topics of gender parity, diversity, professionalism and strategic social media use. Heather Logghe completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She then spent a year at the frontlines of public health working with the World Trade Center Medical Monitoring Program for the rescue and recovery workers of September 11. Following this she bicycled from San Francisco to Washington DC with the inaugural Ride for World Health, raising funds and awareness of global health issues. She went on to earn her medical degree at the University of California, San Francisco. Following graduation, she worked with health tech startups in Silicon Valley, including Doximity, Agile MD, and Touch Surgery. She then completed two years of general surgery residency at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 2015 she founded the #ILookLikeASurgeon social media movement, which has united surgeons on issues of diversity, inclusion, and work-life-integration. To date, the hashtag has been tweeted 150,000 times by over 35,000 users, resulting in 1 billion impressions. She is currently a surgical research fellow at Thomas Jefferson University, examining the role of social media surgical education, research dissemination, and patient care. The goal of this research is to increase utilization of existing technologies to improve health care communication, patient experiences, and outcomes.
Ms Suzi McAlpine
Nelson

Suzi McAlpine is a Leadership Development Specialist and author of award-winning leadership blog, The Leader’s Digest. She writes and teaches about accomplished leadership, what magic emerges when it’s present, and how to ignite better leadership in individuals, teams and organisations. Suzi has been a leader and senior executive herself, working alongside CEOs and executive teams in many guises. Her experience has included being a head-hunter and executive coach, and a practice leader for a division at the world’s largest HR consulting firm. Suzi provides a range of services as a Leadership Development Specialist, including executive coaching, leadership workshops and leadership development programmes for CEOs, leadership teams and organisations throughout New Zealand. She has worked with IAG, Weta Workshop, The Department of Conservation, Contact Energy, Merchant (Overland) Footwear, BDO Accounting, and Nelson Airport to name a few. In 2012, Suzi started The Leader’s Digest, now an internationally acclaimed blog, which provides tips and insights to CEOs and executives around the globe. The blog has been named in CMOE’s Top 100 Socially-Shared Leadership Blogs, Serve To Lead’s Best 21st Century Leadership Blogs, Charles Specht’s Top 50 Global Leadership Bloggers, Hubworks Global Top 25 Leadership and Management Blogs and MP Star Financials’ global Top 25 Leadership Blogs for Small Business. In 2018, she launched an online leadership programme for emerging leaders, Elevate. The programme fills a void in the leadership arena, teaching leadership skills and providing support to people who are thrust into roles in which they must lead. The programme gives emerging leaders the necessary tools to succeed in their role. Suzi is also using her expertise in the leadership space to write a book on burnout and how leaders can create environments in which people, as well as profits, thrive. Suzi graduated from Massey University with a Bachelor of Business Studies (First Class Hons) in Management. She spent 10 years as an Associate Director and shareholder at OCG Consulting where she was part of the management team who led the business through double digit growth before selling the business to a multinational. She then spent four years as a Managing Consultant at Futurestep, a division of Korn Ferry, partner to over 93% of Fortune 100 companies, before starting her own business, McAlpine Coaching, in 2011. She lives with her husband and three children in Nelson, New Zealand, which means she is on a plane most weeks, but she doesn’t mind because Nelson is the sunniest city in New Zealand!

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Wednesday 8 May
5:30pm - 6:30pm WOMEN IN SURGERY NETWORKING FUNCTION

Thursday 9 May
7:00am - 8:20am WOMEN IN SURGERY SECTION BREAKFAST AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (TICKETED EVENT)
8:30am - 10:00am SOCIAL MEDIA
(Combined with: Colorectal Surgery, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery, Surgical Education, Trainees Association, Younger Fellows)
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - THURSDAY
10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION
DIVERSITY
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12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - THURSDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE
Promoting female leadership
Ms Suzi McAlpine (Nelson)
2:00pm - 3:30pm SUPER THURSDAY - FACING CHALLENGES
(Combined with: Indigenous Health, Medico-legal Program, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery, Surgical Education, Trainees Association)
3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm SUPER THURSDAY - UNCONSCIOUS BIAS
(Combined with: Indigenous Health, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education, Rural Surgery, Trainees Association, Younger Fellows)
5:30pm - 6:30pm RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:00pm - 11:30pm CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
YOUnger Fellows

Co-Conveners:
Sarah Usmar
Andrew MacCormick

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Convocation Ceremony and Syme Oration (Ticketed Event)

6:30pm - 7:30pm
Welcome Reception (Ticketed Event)

Tuesday 7 May
2:00pm - 3:30pm
Public Reporting of Surgical Outcomes
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors)

3:30pm - 4:00pm
Afternoon Tea - Tuesday

4:00pm - 5:30pm
Many Hats of a Surgeon

7:00pm - 11:00pm
Section Dinner (Ticketed Event)
(Combined with: Senior Surgeons Program, Trainees Association)

Wednesday 8 May
8:30am - 10:00am
Building/Leading a Change of Culture
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education)

10:00am - 10:30am
Morning Tea - Wednesday

10:30am - 12noon
Plenary Session
Global Health

12:30pm - 1:30pm
Lunch - Wednesday

1:30pm - 2:00pm
Keynote Lecture
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors)
Reflection on 25 years of patient safety
Professor Charles Vincent (Oxford, UK)

2:00pm - 3:30pm
Patient Involvement in Improving Care
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Indigenous Health, Surgical Education)

3:30pm - 4:00pm
Afternoon Tea - Friday

4:00pm - 5:30pm
Engaging Junior Doctors and Emerging Leaders
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors)

Thursday 9 May
8:30am - 10:00am
Social Media
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery, Surgical Education, Trainees Association)

10:00am - 10:30am
Morning Tea - Thursday

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Plenary Session
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12noon - 12:30pm
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Lunch - Thursday

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Afternoon Tea - Thursday

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Super Thursday - Unconscious Bias
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Indigenous Health, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education, Rural Surgery, Trainees Association)

5:30pm - 6:30pm
RACS Annual General Meeting

7:00pm - 11:30pm
Congress Dinner (Ticketed Event)
Specific Interest Scientific Programs A - Z

BARIATRIC SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:

Alexandra Gordon  Andrew MacCormick

VISITORS:

Professor Torsten Olbers
Gothenburg, Sweden

Torsten Olbers is a professor of surgery and consultant bariatric surgeon at University of Linkoping in Sweden. His focus is minimal invasive upper GI surgery with a specific focus on bariatric surgery. His national and international reputation stems from combining a busy clinical activity with continuous academic productivity. He has conducted several randomized controlled trials within bariatric surgery and is currently leading the Swedish Nationwide BEST (Bypass Equipoise Sleeve Trial) project (n=2100). He is the principal investigator for the Swedish research program for adolescents undergoing bariatric surgery- AMOS, and Professor Olbers is also one of the authors and main surgical contributors to the Swedish Obese Subject (SOS) study. Professor Olbers has performed several thousand laparoscopic bariatric surgical procedures (gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and lap BPD/ Duodenal switch, revisional bariatric surgery) and described and refined the double loop technique for performing laparoscopic gastric bypass together with Hans Lonroth, which is currently the dominating bariatric technique in the Scandinavian countries and many other places worldwide. As a regularly invited lecturer at international conferences, he has contributed to development of bariatric surgery worldwide.

Dr. Ghafari is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Business at the University of Michigan. He is currently the Surgeon-in-Chief of the University Hospital Operating Rooms and Founding Director of the Bariatric Surgery Program at the Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System. He is also the Director of the Michigan Bariatric Surgery Collaborative, a consortium of 40 hospitals and 80 surgeons focused on improving the safety and quality of bariatric surgery. He received his Bachelors degree from UCLA, his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and completed his surgical training at the University of Michigan. Dr. Ghafari also completed advanced training in health services research and obtained a Masters degree in Health and Healthcare Research from the University of Michigan. Dr. Ghafari’s research focuses on understanding the relationship of organizational systems and design to quality and efficiency, with the ultimate goal of designing interventions to improve care locally, regionally, and nationally. Dr. Ghafari receives research funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). His research has been published in prominent journals such as The New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Medical Care, and Annals of Surgery. Dr. Ghafari is an active member of several national societies (Association for Academic Surgery, Society of University Surgeons, AcademyHealth) and serves on, chairs, or co-chairs several national committees. He is currently the President of the Surgical Outcomes Club - the largest surgical health services research group in the world. He is also the Secretary of the Association for Academic Surgery - the largest academic surgical association in the US. Dr. Ghafari is passionate about inspiring and developing academic surgeons across the US and beyond. As such, since 2015 he has been the co-convener of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Developing a Career in Academic Surgery annual course (in association with the Section of Academic Surgery).

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GENERALISM
10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - TUESDAY
10:30am - 12noon  STARTING FROM SCRATCH - SETTING UP A NEW BARIATRIC SURGICAL PROGRAM
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - TUESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE
(Combined with: Upper GI Surgery)
New approaches to gastroesophageal reflux disease
Professor Mary Hawn (Stanford, USA)
2:00pm - 3:30pm  REFLEX DISEASE AND HIATUS HERNIA - NEW CHALLENGES  
(Combined with: Upper GI Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  RESEARCH PAPERS

Wednesday 8 May

8:30am - 10:00am  PREVENTING WEIGHT REGAIN AFTER BARIATRIC SURGERY

10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY

10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION  
GLOBAL HEALTH

12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - WEDNESDAY

1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Bariatric surgery in adolescence - the sooner the better?
  Professor Torsten Olbers (Gothenburg, Sweden)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  ADOLESCENT BARIATRIC SURGERY  
(Combined with: Paediatric Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  PUBLICLY FUNDED BARIATRIC SURGERY - THE FUTURE

5:30pm - 6:30pm  UPPER GI/HPB/OBESITY SURGERY SECTION  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
(Combined with: HPB Surgery, Upper GI Surgery)

7:00pm - 10:30pm  SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)  
(Combined with: HPB Surgery, Transplantation Surgery, Upper GI Surgery)

Thursday 9 May

8:30am - 10:00am  BODY CONTOURING AND THE BARIATRIC PATIENT  
(Combined with: Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery)

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10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION  
DIVERSITY

12noon - 12:30pm  THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE

12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - THURSDAY

1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE  
(Combined with: Upper GI Surgery)  
Understanding and preventing failure to rescue
  Associate Professor Amir Ghaferi  
(Ann Arbor, USA)

Friday 10 May

8:30am - 10:00am  REGISTRIES ROUND TABLE  
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, 
  Breast Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, HPB Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - FRIDAY

10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION  
FUTURE HORIZON

12noon - 12:30pm  THE PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL

12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - FRIDAY
BREAST SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:

Eletha Taylor

Ineke Meredith

VISITORS:

Professor Andrew Baildam
London, UK

Professor Andrew Baildam trained in surgical oncology and then additionally breast plastic and reconstructive surgery before appointment as Consultant Surgeon and Honorary Senior Lecturer in Surgical Oncology at The Christie Hospital in Manchester UK. Subsequently he was appointed to St Bartholomew's Hospital in London as the Professor of Breast and Oncoplastic Surgery to the Queen Mary University of London. During his training he took two years in London and Manchester to research the molecular biology of breast cancer, leading to a Doctoral Thesis. With a keen interest in the care of patients with genetic breast cancer and oncoplastic breast surgery, he is hugely experienced in risk reducing surgery and breast reconstruction. He has over 180 peer reviewed publications, abstracts and chapters, and has innovated a number of approaches to breast cancer surgery. He has also held several positions including being the past President of BASO-The Association of Cancer Surgery and the Chair of Royal College of Surgeons of England Cancer Surgery Committee. He is a member of BAPRAS, the Association of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. Of note, he set up the cross specialty breast surgery oncoplastic fellowships in the UK, leading to a better-structured oncoplastic programme for surgical trainees. He is enthusiastic and passionate both for the highest quality care for patients, and for inspiration of trainees, and has a high tertiary referral surgical practice in Manchester at the Alexandra Hospital and London at King Edward VII Hospital. He teaches and lectures widely and spends off-work time climbing mountains and enjoying music and art.

Professor Shelley Hwang
Durham, USA

Dr Shelley Hwang is Professor of Surgical Oncology and Radiology, Chief of Breast Surgery and Vice Chair of Research for the Duke Department of Surgery and the Duke University Comprehensive Cancer Center, where she co-leads the Women’s Cancer Program. Her national leadership roles include membership on the NCI Breast Cancer Steering Committee and the NCCN Screening Guidelines Committee and she has also participated on national guidelines panels for DCIS and node-positive breast cancer. Her research focus includes breast cancer prevention, identifying less invasive treatments for early stage breast cancers including DCIS, and understanding the genetic and stromal determinants of cancer progression. Her collaborations also include studies related to immune approaches to breast cancer treatment and her team has been funded to study PVSRIPO vaccine therapy for advanced breast cancer. Dr Hwang is an experienced clinical trialist with a 20-year interest in both the biology and treatment of early stage breast cancer and she is the national PI of a cooperative group study through the ALLIANCE, the COMET study, which evaluates the role of active surveillance compared to usual care for DCIS. She is coPI on the CRUK PRECISION Grand Challenge project, an international, multicenter collaboration around reducing overtreatment in early stage breast cancer. Her group has been selected for the Precancer Atlas U01 award, one of the Moonshot initiatives.

Monday 6 May

5:00pm - 6:30pm CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)

6:30pm - 7:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Tuesday 7 May

8:30am - 10:00am OPENING PLENARY SESSION

GENERALISM

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - TUESDAY

10:30am - 12noon THE MODERN BREAST SURGEON
(Combined with: General Surgery)

12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE
Developing a modern breast surgical training program

Professor Andrew Baildam (Alderley Edge, UK)

12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - TUESDAY

1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE
Modern management of DCIS

Professor Shelley Hwang (Durham, USA)

2:00pm - 3:30pm CONTROVERSIES IN MODERN BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm DIVISIVE MODERN DEBATES

5:30pm - 6:30pm BREASTSURG ANZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8 May

7:00am - 8:20am MASTERCLASS (MC03): NIPPLE PRESERVATION - FROM MOVING THE NIPPLE TO NIPPLE SPARING MASTECTOMY (TICKETED EVENT)

8:30am - 10:00am HOW OLD IS TOO OLD?

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY
10:30am - 12noon  
PLENARY SESSION  
GLOBAL HEALTH

12noon - 12:30pm  
KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Developments in localisation for breast surgery - the impalpable lesion, DCIS and the node  
Dr Rhea Liang (Gold Coast)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
LUNCH - WEDNESDAY

1:30pm - 2:00pm  
KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Reconstructive options in the smaller breasted Asian patient  
Dr Visnu Lohsiwarat (Bangkok, Thailand)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
QUALITY OF LIFE AFTER BREAST CANCER

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
CHALLENGING CASES FOR THE MDT

7:00pm - 10:30pm  
SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)  
(Combined with: Endocrine Surgery)

Thursday 9 May

7:00am - 8:20am  
MASTERCLASS (MC08): LIPOFILLING  
(TICKETED EVENT)

10:00am - 10:30am  
MORNING TEA - THURSDAY

10:30am - 12noon  
PLENARY SESSION  
DIVERSITY

12noon - 12:30pm  
LUNCH - THURSDAY

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
KEYNOTE LECTURE  
The Complete Surgeon: Backing the Future  
Dr Rhea Liang (Gold Coast)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
NON-COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASES - SHOULD WE RESECT?  
(Combined with: HPB Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
RESEARCH PAPERS, TRIALS AND UPDATES

5:30pm - 6:30pm  
RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00pm - 11:30pm  
CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

Friday 10 May

8:30am - 10:00am  
REGISTRIES ROUND TABLE  
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Bariatric Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, HPB Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am  
MORNING TEA - FRIDAY

10:30am - 12noon  
PLENARY SESSION  
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12:30pm - 1:30pm  
LUNCH - FRIDAY

CARDIO THORACIC SURGERY

CONVENER:

Sean Galvin

VISITOR:

Dr Joanna Chikwe  
New York, USA

Jo Chikwe MD, FRCS holds joint appointments as the Cheng Endowed Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at The State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York serving as Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Director of the Cardiovascular Institute; and as Professor in the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York joining in 2006, where she served as Program Director of the Integrated 6-Year Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency Program at Mount Sinai Hospital and Chair of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Hospital. Dr Chikwe’s areas of clinical interest are structural heart disease including mitral repair and aortic surgery, multi-arterial and hybrid myocardial revascularization, minimally invasive and emerging technologies. Dr Chikwe’s research focuses on comparative outcomes with recent publications in JAMA, NEJM, JTCVS and JACC. Author of three textbooks published by Oxford University Press, Dr Chikwe serves on the New York State Department of Health Cardiac Advisory Committee; as a Deputy Editor of Annals of Thoracic Surgery and on editorial boards including the Journal of the American College of Cardiology and the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Anesthesia. Dr Chikwe was instrumental in establishing the AATS Careers Course, and is Program Chair of the 2018 CREF Annual Symposium and Long Island Heart Conference. Recent honors include the Nina S. Braunwald Visiting Professor, Harvard Medical School in 2018; and the Alpha Omega Alpha Visiting Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2017. Dr Chikwe graduated in medicine from Oxford University and completed her cardiothoracic surgery residency and fellowship training in the United Kingdom, and was appointed Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 2006.

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Tuesday 7 May
8:30am - 10:00am OPENING PLENARY SESSION GENERALISM
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - TUESDAY
10:30am - 12noon MANAGING YOUNG PATIENTS WITH VALVULAR HEART DISEASE (Combined with: Global Health)
12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE (Combined with: Global Health)
Choosing a heart valve - Lessons learned from registries
12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - TUESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE
2:00pm - 3:30pm CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN VALVULAR HEART DISEASE
3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm IMPROVING OUTCOMES IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY (Combined with: Pain Medicine)

Wednesday 8 May
8:30am - 10:00am EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
8:30am - 10:00am THORACOTOMY - WHEN AND HOW (Combined with: Trauma Surgery)
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY
10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION GLOBAL HEALTH
12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - WEDNESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE (Combined with: Surgical Oncology)
Managing pulmonary metastatic disease
Mr Siven Seevanayagam (Melbourne)
2:00pm - 3:30pm CURRENT ISSUES IN THORACIC SURGICAL ONCOLOGY (Combined with: Surgical Oncology)
3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY
7:00pm - 10:30pm SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

Thursday 9 May
2:00pm - 3:30pm BLUNT AORTIC INJURY (Combined with: Trauma Surgery)

Friday 10 May
8:30am - 10:00am REGISTRIES ROUND TABLE
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Bariatric Surgery, Breast Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, HPB Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery)
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - FRIDAY
10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION FUTURE HORIZON
12noon - 12:30pm THE PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL
12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - FRIDAY

COLORECTAL SURGERY
CO-CONVENERS:
Elizabeth Dennett      Ali Shekouh
VISITORS:
Professor Ian Bissett
Auckland
Ian Bissett is Professor and Head of Surgery at the University of Auckland and Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at Auckland City Hospital. He graduated in 1979 from the University of Auckland and completed his FRACS in 1987 and then worked as a general surgeon in Pokhara, Nepal until 1997. He then undertook his MD research in the anatomy and radiology of rectal cancer. In 2001 he spent a year in the Colorectal Unit in Concord Hospital in Sydney, then returned to his present position. He served as President of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and NZ from 2011-2013 and is the chair of the National Bowel Cancer Working Group and the adult clinical director of the National Intestinal Failure Service in New Zealand. His particular interests include rectal cancer, the assessment and management of defaecatory disorders, gut motility and Global Surgery. He has over 100 publications in peer reviewed journals and 5 book chapters published. He continues to visit Nepal on a yearly basis to perform outreach surgical clinics and teach. He is married to Johanna and has 3 children and 2 grandchildren.
Dr Susan Galandiuk is Professor of Surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine in Kentucky, USA; she is also Director of the Price Institute of Surgical Research and of the Section of Colorectal Surgery. Dr Galandiuk is a native of New York State and attended medical school in Wuerzburg, Germany. Her general surgical training was at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio and Colorectal Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. She is a member of the American Surgical Association, the Society of University Surgeons, and the Southern Surgical Association. Dr Galandiuk has served as Honorary Professor of Translational Surgical Research at Queen Mary University. She is an Honorary Fellow of the German Surgical Society and a past president of the Society of Pelvic Surgeons. Dr Galandiuk is the author of numerous peer-reviewed research and clinical publications, book chapters, and books; and currently serves on the Editorial Boards of Annals of Surgery, Surgery, The American Journal of Surgery and Surgical Infections. She is Editor-in-Chief of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons’ professional journal, Diseases of the Colon & Rectum. Dr Galandiuk’s primary clinical interests are in inflammatory bowel disease and advanced and recurrent rectal cancer. Her basic research focuses upon the development of biomarkers for the early diagnosis of colorectal cancer.

Mr Paul Rooney
Liverpool, UK

Paul S. Rooney is a consultant colorectal surgeon working at Royal Liverpool University Hospital, a major teaching and research hospital located in England. Mr Rooney has 30 years in practice and a vast expertise in Rectal cancer treatment, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Ileal Anal Pouch Surgery. He leads on surgical treatment for intestinal failure and advanced pelvic cancer. He graduated from The University of Sheffield in 1984 and obtained a higher degree (DM) in 1993 from Nottingham in the field of cancer prevention. He completed fellowships at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto 1994 and was lecturer in surgery at Nottingham University 1994-96. Mr Rooney served as Colorectal Lead Chair of Cheshire & Merseyside Strategic Clinical Networks in Cheshire. He maintains a professional society membership with The Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland and is chair of the Clinical Governance Board of that organisation.

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5:00pm - 6:30pm CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)
6:30pm - 7:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Tuesday 7 May
7:00am - 8:20am MASTERCLASS (MC01): HAEMORRHOIDS (TICKETED EVENT)
8:30am - 10:00am OPENING PLENARY SESSION GENERALISM
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - TUESDAY
10:30am - 12noon RECTAL CANCER - ONGOING DEBATES
12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE (Combined with: General Surgery, HPB Surgery)
Treatment of Hepatic CRC metastases past, present and future
Mr John Chen (Adelaide)
12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - TUESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE Genetics and CRC
Mr John Keating (Wellington)
2:00pm - 3:30pm CRC - NEW FRONTIERS
3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm THE MARK KILLINGBACK RESEARCH PAPER PRIZE

Wednesday 8 May
7:00am - 8:20am MASTERCLASS (MC04): FISTULA IN ANO (TICKETED EVENT)
8:30am - 10:00am IBD - CAN WE SETTLE THE ARGUMENT
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY
10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION GLOBAL HEALTH
12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE Pouch: Dead or alive?
Mr Paul Rooney (Liverpool, UK)
12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE (Combined with: HPB Surgery)
Biomarkers of colorectal liver metastases
Professor Kjetil Soreide (Bergen, Norway)
12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - WEDNESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  Anal precancer: Screening, testing, treatment, and what the surgeon should do  Professor Richard Turner (Hobart)

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  (Combined with: HPB Surgery, General Surgery)  MDT and the management of metastatic colorectal cancer  Professor Graeme Poston (Liverpool, UK)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **THE DIFFICULT ABDOMEN**

3:30pm - 4:00pm  **AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **TRANSITIONING THE PAEDIATRIC PATIENT**  (Combined with: Paediatric Surgery)

5:30pm - 6:30pm  **COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

7:00pm - 10:30pm  **SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**

**Thursday 9 May**

7:00am - 8:20am  **MASTERCLASS (MC09): HOW TO GET PUBLISHED**  (TICKETED EVENT)

8:30am - 10:00am  **SOCIAL MEDIA**  (Combined with: Women in Surgery, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Rural Surgery, Surgical Education, Trainees Association, Younger Fellows)

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - THURSDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **PLENARY SESSION**  DIVERSITY

12noon - 12:30pm  **THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  **LUNCH - THURSDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  Can we develop national quality indicators?  Professor Ian Bissett (Auckland)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **RESEARCH PAPERS**

3:30pm - 4:00pm  **AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **COMPLEX EMERGENCIES**

5:30pm - 6:30pm  **RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7:00pm - 11:30pm  **CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**

**CRANIOamaxillofacial Surgery**

**CONVENER:**

Peter Anderson

**VISITOR:**

Associate Professor Quenten Schwarz  
Adelaide

Associate Professor Quenten Schwarz is a developmental biologist heading the Neurovascular Research Laboratory at the Centre for Cancer Biology in Adelaide. Following a PhD in Human Genetics he moved to University College London as an MRC Research Fellow to investigate the molecular control of neuronal and vascular development. He returned to Australia to establish his own laboratory in 2009 and now leads a team of 8 researchers investigating the complex cellular interactions governing craniofacial and cardiac morphogenesis. His team are primarily funded by grants through the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australian Research Council and the National Heart Foundation of Australia. Recent work from his laboratory in collaboration with groups throughout Europe and the USA feature in highly regarded journals within the developmental biology field, including Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, Molecular Psychiatry, Current Biology, Neuron and Development. He has recently been awarded the Bioinnovation SA Young achiever award in 2011, the AW Campbell award from the Australasian Neuroscience Society in 2014, and the Australian Society for Medical Research SA Leading Light award in 2015 for early career research excellence.

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5:00pm - 6:30pm  **CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION**  (TICKETED EVENT)

6:30pm - 7:30pm  **WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**

**Tuesday 7 May**

8:30am - 10:00am  **OPENING PLENARY SESSION**  GENERALISM

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - TUESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH**

12noon - 12:30pm  **THE JOHN MITCHELL CROUCH LECTURE**  Computational modelling in neurosurgery: An exemplar paradigm shift  
Associate Professor Antonio Di Ieva (Sydney)
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - TUESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE
    Encephaloceles in Thailand
    Dr Nond Rovachibanonda (Thailand)
2:00pm - 3:30pm  ENCEPHALOCELES
3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm  SKULLBASE AND OUTCOME
5:30pm - 6:30pm  ANZSCMFS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:00pm - 10:30pm SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
                  (Combined with: Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery)

Wednesday 8 May
8:30am - 10:00am  GENDER AFFIRMATION SURGERY - FACIAL FEMINISATION
                  (Combined with: Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery)
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY
10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION
                  GLOBAL HEALTH
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - WEDNESDAY

ENDOCRINE SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:
Simon Harper  Rajesh Patel

VISITORS:
Professor Deepak Abraham
Vellore, India

Professor Deepak Abraham is the current Professor and Head of the Department of Endocrine Surgery at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India. He graduated in Medicine from the Mahatma Gandhi University in Kerala, completed surgical residency in Oddanchatram with postgraduate surgical training in Vellore. He earned his PhD at the Kolling Institute of Medical Research, University of Sydney in 2010. Professor Abraham’s clinical practice involves a wide range of endocrine surgery procedures with particular interest in medullary thyroid cancer, neuroendocrine tumours, differentiated thyroid cancer, parathyroid and adrenal gland disorders and surgery for endocrine pancreatic tumours. He is a member of many Endocrine Surgery societies including the Indian Association of Endocrine Surgeons, the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons and the Australia and New Zealand Association of Endocrine Surgeons. The variety of his surgical training is notable having worked and trained at endocrine surgery units of international renown, contrastingly in a rural mission hospital setting and now as head, since 2011, of one of India’s foremost Endocrine Surgery units.

Professor Sally Carty
Pittsburgh, USA

Professor Sally E. Carty, is chief of the Division of Endocrine Surgery, a professor of surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, co-director of the UPMC/UPMC Hillman Cancer Center Multidisciplinary Thyroid Center, co-director of the UPMC Endocrine Genetics Clinic, and director of the Endocrine Surgery Fellowship Program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She received a medical degree at Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine, and completed a residency at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, both in Hershey, Pennsylvania. She completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. Professor Carty is widely published and a contributor to international guidelines on the management of thyroid cancer and parathyroid disease. Her current research interests are minimally invasive techniques for parathyroid...
and thyroid surgery, Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Syndromes and Immunohistochemical, allelic, and molecular predictors of endocrine malignancy. Dr. Carty is a past-President of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons and a member of many professional groups and organizations, including the American Surgical Association, American Thyroid Association, Association of Woman Surgeons, Society of Surgical Oncology, American College of Surgeons, Pennsylvania Medical Society, and American Association of Endocrine Surgeons.

Dr Lawrence Shirley
Columbus, USA

Lawrence Andrew “Drew” Shirley MD, MS is the Ward Family Professor of the Department of Surgery at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and is the Program Director of their Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship. Dr Shirley received his BA in English/Molecular Biology at Vanderbilt University and MD from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He went on to complete his General Surgery Residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, as well as a Surgical Oncology Fellowship at The Ohio State University. His clinical practice focuses on the surgical management of thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal diseases. His laboratory investigates novel biomarkers and treatment targets in the microenvironment of non-medullary thyroid cancers, and his research is funded via an NIH K award, a thyroid cancer research grant from the American Thyroid Association, and a research grant from ThyCa/American Association of Endocrine Surgeons (In association with the Section of Academic Surgery).
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - THURSDAY

1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE

Thyroid cancer: The world outside the tumour cell
Dr Lawrence “Drew” Shirley (Columbus, USA)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  INHERITED ENDOCRINE DISEASE

3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY

5:30pm - 6:30pm  RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00pm - 11:30pm  CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

Friday 10 May

8:30am - 10:00am  REGISTRIES ROUND TABLE

(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Bariatric Surgery, Breast Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, HPB Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - FRIDAY

10:30am - 12noon  PLENIARY SESSION

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GENERAL SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:

Hugh Cooke  Atul Dhabuwala

VISITORS:

Professor Fred Luchette
Maywood, USA

Professor Fred Luchette MD, MSc, FACS, FCCM is the Vice Chair, VA Affairs and Professor of Surgery at Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine Department of Surgery. He is also Chief of Surgical Services, Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Administration Department of Surgery in Hines, Illinois. He received his MD from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Kentucky and completed his General Surgery Residency at State University of New York, Buffalo Health Sciences Centre. In addition to being board certified in General Surgery, he is also certified in Surgical Critical Care and is an instructor for Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM) and Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET). Professor Luchette is the editor of the textbook Geriatric Trauma and Critical Care. He has also written over 40 book chapters, 150 peer reviewed journal articles and given numerous presentations on a wide range of topics in General Surgery, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care. He is currently on the editorial committee of “The American Surgeon”, “The Open Emergency Medicine Journal”, and “The Journal of Intensive Care Medicine”. Dr Luchette has served as a director of the American Board of Surgery. He is a current member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Review Committee for Surgery and serves on many other committees governing scientific research, surgical education, trauma, critical care and general surgery. He is actively involved in clinical and research fellowship training and his clinical practice includes abdominal wall reconstruction, hernia repair, biliary surgery, gastro-intestinal surgery and emergency surgery.

Assistant Professor Caroline Reinke
Charlotte, USA

Dr Reinke is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. She is an MIS-trained general surgeon with an elective and emergency general surgery practice. She is also an active researcher, with interests in surgical quality improvement and pragmatic clinical trials. Dr Reinke leads the Carolinas HealthCare System NSQIP Collaborative, a 15-hospital quality collaborative with
hospitals throughout North and South Carolina. She has received the Gordon P. Buzby Award for leadership and the Jonathan E. Rhoads Research Award from the University of Pennsylvania Department of Surgery. She earned her bachelor’s degree and medical degree from Duke University, her master’s degree in Public Health at the University of North Carolina, and her master’s degree in Health Policy Research at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her surgical training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and her MIS Fellowship at Duke University.

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- **8:00am - 4:00pm**: GSA Trainees’ Day - Upper GI/Endoscopy
- **5:00pm - 6:30pm**: Convocation Ceremony and Syme Oration (Ticketed Event)
- **6:30pm - 7:30pm**: Welcome Reception (Ticketed Event)

### Tuesday 7 May

- **8:30am - 10:00am**: Opening Plenary Session - Generalism
- **10:00am - 10:30am**: Morning Tea - Tuesday
- **10:30am - 12noon**: The Modern Breast Surgeon (Combined with: Breast Surgery)
- **10:30am - 12noon**: Site Placement in Training and Subsequent Career Choice (Combined with: Rural Surgery)
- **12noon - 12:30pm**: Keynote Lecture (Combined with: Rural Surgery)
  - Treatment of Hepatic CRC metastases past, present and future
  - Mr John Chen (Adelaide)
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm**: Lunch - Tuesday
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**: The American College of Surgeons Lecture - Surgeons, science and policy - Our roles as leaders in medicine
  - Associate Professor Jayme Locke (Birmingham, USA)
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm**: Abdominal Wall Hernia Repair (Combined with: Rural Surgery)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm**: Afternoon Tea - Tuesday
- **4:00pm - 5:30pm**: Challenges of Private Practice (Combined with: Senior Surgeons Program)
- **5:30pm - 6:30pm**: GSA Annual General Meeting

### Wednesday 8 May

- **7:30am - 8:20am**: GSA Board of Directors Meeting
- **8:30am - 10:00am**: Benign Thyroid Disease (Combined with: Endocrine Surgery, Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery)
- **8:30am - 10:00am**: Soft Tissue Infections (Combined with: Rural Surgery)
- **10:00am - 10:30am**: Morning Tea - Wednesday
- **10:30am - 12noon**: Plenary Session - Global Health
- **12noon - 12:30pm**: Keynote Lecture
  - Selective vs routine cholangiography
  - Professor Fred Luchette (Maywood, USA)
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm**: Upper GI Emergencies (Combined with: Upper GI Surgery)
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm**: Afternoon Tea - Wednesday
- **4:00pm - 5:30pm**: Biliary Challenges (Combined with: HPB Surgery)
- **7:00pm - 10:30pm**: Section Dinner (Ticketed Event) (Combined with: Rural Surgery)

### Thursday 9 May

- **8:30am - 10:00am**: Research Papers
- **10:00am - 10:30am**: Morning Tea - Thursday
- **10:30am - 12noon**: Plenary Session - Diversity
- **12noon - 12:30pm**: The President’s Lecture
- **12:30pm - 1:30pm**: Lunch - Thursday
- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**: Keynote Lecture
  - Futility and palliative care in emergency general surgery
  - Dr Caroline Reinke (Charlotte, USA)
- **2:00pm - 3:30pm**: Afternoon Tea - Thursday
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm**: Research Papers
**Friday 10 May**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **OBESITY AND THE GENERAL SURGEON**  
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery)

5:30pm - 6:30pm  **RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7:00pm - 11:30pm  **CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**

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**4:00pm - 5:30pm**

**VIDEO SESSION**

**HPB SURGERY**

**CONVENER:**

Todd Hore

**VISITORS:**

Professor Stephen Wigmore  
Edinburgh, UK

Steve Wigmore is an HPB and transplant surgeon who trained at King's College Hospital School of Medicine in London graduating with BSc first class honours in immunology and MBBS with distinction. He worked in London for a couple of years before moving to Edinburgh to work with Sir David Carter and Professor James Garden. He undertook his basic and higher surgical training in Edinburgh. His thesis on hepatic acute phase protein expression in cancer was followed by a visiting post doctoral scholarship at the University of California San Francisco, as a Yamagiwa Yoshida fellow of the UICC. On his return he was awarded an Advanced Fellowship by the Wellcome Trust and was appointed Senior Lecturer in Clinical Surgery and Honorary Consultant in HPB and Transplant Surgery. In 2005 he was appointed Professor of Transplantation Surgery at the Liver Unit in Birmingham University. He returned to Edinburgh in 2007 as the Chair of Transplantation Surgery. He is currently the acting Head of Department of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh. He is the Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland and is the Chair of the Research Committee of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He is the interim Editor in Chief of the journal HPB the official journal of the IHPBA. He is the Honorary Secretary of the James IV Association of Surgeons for the British Isles and Rest of the World Section. He is President of the British Transplantation Society.

**Associate Professor Fabian Johnston**  
Baltimore, USA

Fabian M. Johnston, M.D., M.H.S. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University where is also serves as the Director of the Peritoneal Surface Malignancy Program and Associate Program Director of the Complex General Surgical Oncology Program. Dr Johnston received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and medical degree from The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He completed residences between the Louisiana State University School of Medicine and Washington University in St. Louis. He completed his Complex General Surgical Oncology fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University. He also earned a Masters in Health
Sciences at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and a certificate in Patient Safety and Quality through the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality. Dr Johnston’s research interest include utilization of highly innovative and novel strategies for the implementation of patient-centered models of care to improve utilization of palliative care amongst patients with advanced gastrointestinal malignancies. Through this he hopes to advance effective palliative care to lessen suffering in vulnerable oncology patients and families, while simultaneously leading improvement of health care quality, costs, experiences and outcomes (In association with the Section of Academic Surgery).

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**Monday 6 May**

5:00pm - 6:30pm  
**CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION**  
(TICKETED EVENT)

6:30pm - 7:30pm  
**WELCOME RECEPTION**  
(TICKETED EVENT)

**Tuesday 7 May**

7:00am - 8:20am  
**MASTERCLASS (MC02): THE DIFFICULT PANCREAS**  
(TICKETED EVENT)

8:30am - 10:00am  
**OPENING PLENARY SESSION**  
GENERALISM

10:00am - 10:30am  
**MORNING TEA - TUESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  
**PLENARY SESSION**  
**COLORECTAL CANCER**

12noon - 12:30pm  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Biomarkers of colorectal liver metastases  
Professor Kjetil Soreide (Bergen, Norway)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
**LUNCH - TUESDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

MDTs and the management of metastatic colorectal cancer  
Professor Graeme Poston (Liverpool, UK)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
**RESEARCH UPDATES**

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
**AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
**BORDERLINE RESECTABLE/LOCALLY ADVANCED PANCREATIC CANCER**

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**Wednesday 8 May**

7:00am - 8:20am  
**MASTERCLASS (MC06): THE DIFFICULT LIVER RESECTION**  
(TICKETED EVENT)

8:30am - 10:00am  
**CONTROVERSIES WITH COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASES**  
(Combined with: Surgical Oncology)

10:00am - 10:30am  
**MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  
**PLENARY SESSION**  
**GLOBAL HEALTH**

12noon - 12:30pm  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

(Combined with: Colorectal Surgery)

Biomarkers of colorectal liver metastases  
Professor Kjetil Soreide (Bergen, Norway)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
**LUNCH - WEDNESDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

(Combined with: Colorectal Surgery, General Surgery)

MDTs and the management of metastatic colorectal cancer  
Professor Graeme Poston (Liverpool, UK)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
**RESEARCH UPDATES**

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
**AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
**BORDERLINE RESECTABLE/LOCALLY ADVANCED PANCREATIC CANCER**

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**Thursday 9 May**

7:00am - 8:20am  
**MASTERCLASS (MC10): THE DIFFICULT GALLBLADDER / BILE DUCT**  
(TICKETED EVENT)

8:30am - 10:00am  
**QUALITY IN HPB SURGERY**  
(Combined with: Indigenous Health)

10:00am - 10:30am  
**MORNING TEA - THURSDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  
**PLENARY SESSION**  
**DIVERSITY**

12noon - 12:30pm  
**THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
**LUNCH - THURSDAY**
1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE
Public disclosure of HPB surgeon outcomes
  Professor Stephen Wigmore (Edinburgh, UK)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  NON-COLORECTAL LIVER METASTASES - SHOULD WE RESECT?
(Combined with: Breast Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  COMPLICATIONS IN HPB SURGERY
5:30pm - 6:30pm  RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:00pm - 11:30pm  CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

Friday 10 May
8:30am - 10:00am  REGISTRIES ROUND TABLE
(Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors,
  Bariatric Surgery, Breast Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - FRIDAY
10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION
  FUTURE HORIZON
12noon - 1:30pm  THE PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - FRIDAY

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:

Robert Rowan  Fredrick Phillips

VISITOR:

Professor Peter Kay
Wigan, UK

Peter Kay is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon based at Wighton Hospital and Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Manchester University. He has been President of the British Orthopaedic Association (2011), British Hip Society (2008) and British Orthopaedics Trainees Association (1992). He currently serves on the Council of The Royal College of Surgeons of England and Council of the Medical Defence Union and has recently been appointed as the National Clinical Director for Musculoskeletal services for NHS England (“MSK Tsar”). Clinically, he specialises specifically in hip and knee replacement surgery, revision joint replacement surgery for loosening and infection and knee arthroscopy. Managerially he has been Director of Research, Clinical Director, Divisional Chairman for MSK and Associate Medical Director at Wighton, Wigan and Leigh NHS FT. He has 3 years experience as a full Trust Board Member up to a successful Foundation Trust application. He is the clinical lead for the Specialist Orthopaedic Hospital Alliance in the UK. He has produced over 900 research publications and presentations (scientific and popular) on orthopaedics and trauma and has presented on topics such as health service management, modernisation and medico-legal aspects of orthopaedics and trauma. He has served on a number of Department of Health Committees nationally including Patient Reported Outcome Measures Steering Group (PROMS), Enhanced Recovery Steering Group (ERP), Frailty Fracture Board, and significantly was the National Clinical Chair of the 18 Week Steering Group for Orthopaedics and MSK for 4 years (2008-2011). He was co-author of the first Musculoskeletal Framework Document from the DH (2008). He currently sits on the NICE Guideline Development Group for Osteoarthritis, and chairs the “Beyond Compliance” Steering Committee working to protect patients whilst supporting responsible innovation in orthopaedic implants. He has worked locally, nationally and internationally for safe, effective and equitable musculoskeletal services that are patient centred.

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6:30pm - 7:30pm  WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)
Tuesday 7 May

8:30am - 10:00am OPENING PLENARY SESSION GENERALISM

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - TUESDAY

10:30am - 12noon ARTHROPLASTY - INFECTION

12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - TUESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm ARTHROPLASTY

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm RESEARCH PAPERS

Wednesday 8 May

8:30am - 10:00am SORTING OUT ACUTE BACK PAIN (Combined with: Pain Medicine)

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY

10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION GLOBAL HEALTH

12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN (Combined with: Pain Medicine)

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm AMPUTATION (Combined with: Global Health Program, Military Surgery, Pain Medicine, Trauma Surgery)

7:00pm - 10:30pm SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT) (Combined with: Pain Medicine, Trauma Surgery)

Thursday 9 May

2:00pm - 3:30pm HOW WELL DO WE DO? REPORTING OUTCOMES AND SPINE REGISTRIES (Combined with: Pain Medicine)

3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm PELVIC TRAUMA (Combined with: Trauma Surgery, Pain Medicine)

5:30pm - 6:30pm RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00pm - 11:30pm CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

Friday 10 May

8:30am - 10:00am REGISTRIES ROUND TABLE (Combined with: Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Bariatric Surgery, Breast Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Endocrine Surgery, HPB Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - FRIDAY

OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD & NECK SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:

Philip Bird
Sam Greig

VISITORS:

Professor Robert Hart
Calgary, Canada

Dr Robert Hart was born and raised in New Brunswick, Canada. His undergraduate education was at the University of Kings College in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He went on to do both his medical school training and residency in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at Dalhousie University. He then attended the University of Alberta for a fellowship in advanced head and neck cancer/micorvascular reconstruction and surgical endocrinology. He was on staff at Dalhousie University (2006-2018), and was the divisional research director and head and neck fellowship director. He now practices at the University of Calgary Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary, Alberta. His clinical practice centers on advanced head and neck cancer resection and reconstruction but he also has a significant interest in endocrine surgery including all aspects of thyroid and parathyroid pathology. His research interests focus on head and neck squamous cell carcinoma treatment, reconstruction and oncogenesis. He also has a research stream looking at biomarkers and treatment of well differentiated thyroid cancer. He has over 100 peer-reviewed publications, several book chapters and has been the author of two books. He is heavily involved in resident education at the local and national level.

Associate Professor Thomas Somers
Antwerp, Belgium

Thomas Somers is a Belgian medical specialist in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology with special interests in Otology, Ear-reconstructive surgery, Neuro-Otology, Skull-Base Surgery. He is working at the European Institute for ORL in Antwerp (Head of Skull Base unit, ENT), and is associate professor at the University of Brussels (UCL), Belgium. After medical graduation in Leuven, he did one-year research on multichannel cochlear implantation at the Antwerp University Ear Lab. He followed a residency training (1984-1989) in Antwerp, Liverpool and additional training in London and Vancouver. He wrote a PhD thesis on tympanic wound-healing in 1997. He is Board member of the Belgian ENT association, Founding member and Treasurer of the European Academy of Otology-Neurotology and member of many international societies (Poltizer, UEMS, SFORL, ESBS, AAORL.). He has contributed to more than 150 peer-reviewed publications. He’s a regular teacher
in many post-graduate courses (yearly teacher in Antwerp, Nijmegen, Louvain, Paris, Bangkok). In Bangkok he is co-director of the annual course in temporal bone/ear surgery since 20 years. He’s is happily married, has 4 children and enjoys travelling, golf and art.

Professor Erin Wright
Edmonton, Canada

Dr Wright holds the rank of Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Alberta and is the director of the Alberta Sinus Centre. He has been a fellowship director since 2007 has trained 11 fellows in Rhinology/Endoscopic Sinus and Skull Base Surgery. His current leadership roles include faculty Chief of Surgery at the University of Alberta Hospital and Immediate-Past President of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. Dr Wright is a fellow of the American Rhinologic Society and an active fellow of the Triological Society from whom he received the prestigious Harris P. Mosher Award in 2007 for outstanding clinical research. He served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Otolaryngology-HNS from 2007-2017 and continues to serve on the editorial board of the International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology as well as American Journal of Rhinology. Dr Wright has published with over 70 peer-reviewed journal articles and 8 book chapters. His research interests include: outcomes research in rhinosinusitis, endoscopic management of sinonasal tumours and the study of underlying mechanisms of chronic rhinosinusitis. He was awarded a Fellowship Ad Hominem from the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 2018. He also has a significant interest in Medical Education, having obtained his Masters (MEd) from the University of Toronto in 2002. He is the Director for Postgraduate Surgical Education in the Department of Surgery at the University of Alberta (2011-present) and has served as residency program director at both University of Western Ontario and the University of Alberta. He also currently serves as the Region 1 representative to the RCPS Specialty Committee for Otolaryngology-HNS and has played a leading role in the development and implementation of the Competence by Design (CBD) paradigm of the RCPS.

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PAEDIATRIC SURGERY

CONVENER:

Toni-Maree Wilson

VISITOR:

Associate Professor Dave Lal
Milwaukee, USA

Dr Lal completed his undergraduate studies at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska graduating Cum Laude in 1994. He continued at Creighton University and received his medical degree followed by general surgery residency at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr Lal completed a pediatric surgery oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, followed by an advanced minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery fellowship at the University of Washington, Seattle and a pediatric surgery fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Dr Lal received a Masters Degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2012. Dr Lal joined the faculty in the Department of Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in 2007. He is currently a Professor of Surgery, an Associate Program Director for the General Surgery Residency Training Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin and the President-Elect of the Medical Staff at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Dr Lal was selected as one of the Best Doctors in America in 2007 and maintained this distinction every year since. Dr Lal has been elected and appointed to various committees within national and international organizations including the American Pediatric Surgery Association, International Pediatric Endosurgery Group, Association for Academic Surgery and the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons. Dr Lal is a founding member of the Midwest Pediatric Surgery Consortium which is a research network of 11 major academic medical centers in the United States. He is a fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics and has served as a board examiner for the American Board of Surgery Certifying exam. Dr Lal’s clinical and research interest include resident education, pediatric foregut disorders (including achalasia and esophageal atresia) and pediatric oncology.

Monday 6 May

5:00pm - 6:30pm CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)
6:30pm - 7:30pm WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Wednesday 8 May

7:00am - 8:20am MASTERCLASS (MC07): OESOPHAGEAL ATRESIA (TICKETED EVENT)
8:30am - 10:00am NEONATAL SURGERY
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY
10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION GLOBAL HEALTH
12noon - 12:30pm KEYNOTE LECTURE Cardiac development and anomalies Associate Professor Quenten Schwarz (Adelaide)
12:30pm - 1:30pm LUNCH - WEDNESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm KEYNOTE LECTURE Running multicentre collaborations Associate Professor Dave Lal (Milwaukee, USA)
2:00pm - 3:30pm ADOLESCENT BARIATRIC SURGERY (Combined with: Bariatric Surgery)
3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm TRANSITIONING THE PAEDIATRIC PATIENT (Combined with: Colorectal Surgery)
5:30pm - 6:30pm ANZAPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:00pm - 10:30pm SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

Thursday 9 May

7:00am - 8:20am MASTERCLASS (MC12): HYPOSPADIAS (TICKETED EVENT)
8:30am - 10:00am PAEDIATRIC UROLOGY
10:00am - 10:30am MORNING TEA - THURSDAY
10:30am - 12noon PLENARY SESSION DIVERSITY
12noon - 12:30pm THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - THURSDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE
Infantile Haemangiomata and their management
Professor Swee Tan (Wellington)
2:00pm - 3:30pm  RESEARCH PAPERS
3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm  GLOBAL PAEDIATRIC SURGERY
(Combined with: Global Health Program)
5:30pm - 6:30pm  RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:00pm - 11:30pm CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION
GLOBAL HEALTH
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - WEDNESDAY
1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE
Evolution of modern gender affirming surgeries
2:00pm - 3:30pm  GENDER AFFIRMING SURGERIES - GENITAL AND CHEST
3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm  TRUNK / UROGENITAL RECONSTRUCTION

PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:
Rita Yang   Jonathan Wheeler

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(Combined with: Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery)
6:30pm - 7:30pm  WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Tuesday 7 May
7:00pm - 10:30pm  SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
(Combined with: Cranio maxillofacial Surgery)

Wednesday 8 May
8:30am - 10:00am  GENDER AFFIRMATION SURGERY - FACIAL FEMINISATION
(Combined with: Cranio maxillofacial Surgery)
10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY

Thursday 9 May
8:30am - 10:00am  BODY CONTOURING AND THE BARIATRIC PATIENT
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery)
10:00am - 10:30am  MORNING TEA - THURSDAY
10:30am - 12noon  PLENARY SESSION
DIVERSITY
12noon - 12:30pm  THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE
12:30pm - 1:30pm  LUNCH - THURSDAY
2:00pm - 3:30pm  HEAD AND NECK RECONSTRUCTION
(Combined with: Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery)
3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY
4:00pm - 5:30pm  RESEARCH PAPERS
(Combined with: Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery)
5:30pm - 6:30pm  RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:00pm - 11:30pm CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)
RURAL SURGERY

CO-CONVENERS:

John Kyngdon  
John Lengyel

VISITOR:

Dr J. Patrick Walker  
Crockett, USA

Dr J. Patrick Walker is currently Professor and Vice Chair of Surgical Operations in the Department of Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). At UTMB, he participates on three Graduate Medical Education Committees, serves as Chief Medical Officer for the Angleton-Danbury Hospital and as Surgical Director of the OR for the Galveston and League City Hospitals. Dr Walker obtained his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, where he also completed his internship and general surgery residency training. Prior to joining the UTMB faculty, Dr Walker was in private practice at the Houston County Hospital in Crockett, Texas, where he trained Family Practice Residents from Texas A&M and Medical Students in rural surgery. He served as Chief of Surgery there and was a member of the Hospital Board for 25 years. Dr Walker is a Senior Director of the American Board of Surgery, a Governor of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Surgical Association, the Texas Surgical Society and a number of other professional organizations. While a Director of the American Board of Surgery he served as Chair of the Recertification Exam Committee and on the Credentials Committee. He recently served on the ‘Sprint Committee’ which created the new ‘ABS Continuing Certification Program’. Dr Walker’s special interests include surgical education, rural/community surgery, and acute care surgery. He has authored a number of papers, SESAP, and book chapters; most recently on “Venomous Bites and Stings.

Monday 6 May

5:00pm - 6:30pm  
CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)

6:30pm - 7:30pm  
WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)

Tuesday 7 May

8:30am - 10:00am  
OPENING PLENARY SESSION

GENERALISM

10:00am - 10:30am  
MORNING TEA - TUESDAY

10:30am - 12noon  
SITE PLACEMENT IN TRAINING AND SUBSEQUENT CAREER CHOICE

(Combined with: General Surgery)

12noon - 12:30pm  
KEYNOTE LECTURE

Training surgeons for rural practice

Dr J. Patrick Walker (Crockett, USA)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
LUNCH - TUESDAY

1:30pm - 2:00pm  
KEYNOTE LECTURE

Lightning Strikes a Football Team

Dr J. Patrick Walker (Crockett, USA)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
ABDOMINAL WALL HERNIA REPAIR

(Combined with: General Surgery)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
TRAINING IN CULTURAL COMPETENCE

(Combined with: Surgical Education, Global Health Program, Indigenous Health, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
RESEARCH PAPERS

5:30pm - 6:30pm  
RURAL SURGERY SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday 8 May

8:30am - 10:00am  
SOFT TISSUE INFECTIONS

(Combined with: General Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am  
MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY

10:30am - 12noon  
PLENARY SESSION

GLOBAL HEALTH

12noon - 12:30pm  
KEYNOTE LECTURE

The history of the American Board of Surgery - Vignettes from the certifying exam

Dr J. Patrick Walker (Crockett, USA)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
LUNCH - WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
SUBSPECIALIST ADVICE FOR THE ACUTE GENERAL/RURAL SURGEON

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
The scope of subspecialty practice in provincial and rural centres

(Combined with: Global Health Program, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education)

7:00pm - 10:30pm  
SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

(Combined with: General Surgery)
### Thursday 9 May

8:30am - 10:00am  **SOCIAL MEDIA**  
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education, Trainees Association, Younger Fellows)

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - THURSDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **PLENARY SESSION DIVERSITY**

12noon - 12:30pm  **THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  **LUNCH - THURSDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  **KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
Stop the bleed - A primer on bleeding control basics  
Dr J. Patrick Walker (Crockett, USA)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **SUPER THURSDAY - FACING CHALLENGES**  
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Indigenous Health, Medico-legal Program, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education, Trainees Association)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  **AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  **SUPER THURSDAY - UNCONSCIOUS BIAS**  
(Combined with: Women in Surgery, Indigenous Health, Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors, Surgical Education, Trainees Association, Younger Fellows)

5:30pm - 6:30pm  **RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7:00pm - 11:30pm  **CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**

### Friday 10 May

8:30am - 10:00am  **COLONOSCOPY AND BOWEL SCREENING**  
(Combined with: General Surgery)

10:00am - 10:30am  **MORNING TEA - FRIDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  **PLENARY SESSION FUTURE HORIZON**

12noon - 12:30pm  **THE PRESIDENT’S TOWN HALL**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  **LUNCH - FRIDAY**

### Friday 10 May

8:30am - 10:00am  **LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**

10:30am - 12noon  **RENAI TRANSPLANTATION**

2:00pm - 3:30pm  **ORGAN DONATION**  
(Combined with: Indigenous Health)

3:30pm - 4:30pm  **TRANSPLANT SURGERY SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

5:00pm - 6:30pm  **CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)**

6:30pm - 7:30pm  **WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**

### Wednesday 8 May

7:00pm - 10:30pm  **SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**  
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery, HPB Surgery, Upper GI Surgery)
**UPPER GI SURGERY**

**CO-CONVENERS:**

Alexandra Gordon  
Andrew MacCormick

**VISITOR:**

Professor Mary Hawn  
Stanford, USA

Dr Mary T. Hawn is the Stanford Medicine Professor of Surgery and Chair of the Department of Surgery at Stanford University. Dr Hawn, a native of Michigan, received her education and surgical training at the University of Michigan. Her clinical area of specialty is minimally invasive foregut surgery. Dr Hawn is a funded health services researcher and her projects focus on quality measurement and policy in surgical populations. She is a Director for the American Board of Surgery and serves on the editorial board of Annals of Surgery, Journal of the American College of Surgeons, Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery and the American Journal of Surgery. Dr Hawn has several leadership roles including Chair of the American College of Surgeons Scientific Forum Committee and as a Trustee for the Surgical Society of the Alimentary Tract. She serves as co-Editor of a new surgical textbook Operative Techniques in Surgery.

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6:30pm - 7:30pm  
**WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**

**Tuesday 7 May**

8:30am - 10:00am  
**OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

**GENERALISM**

10:00am - 10:30am  
**MORNING TEA - TUESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  
**ACHALASIA AND OESOPHAGEAL DYSMOTILITY - AN UPDATE**

10:30am - 12noon  
**NEOADJUVANT CHEMO FOR OG CANCER**  
(Combined with: Surgical Oncology)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
**LUNCH - TUESDAY**

1:30pm - 2:00pm  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery)  
New approaches to gastroesophageal reflux disease  
Professor Mary Hawn (Stanford, USA)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
**REFLUX DISEASE AND HIATUS HERNIA - NEW CHALLENGES**  
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
**AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
**MINIMALLY INVASIVE OG CANCER RESECTION (WITHOUT A ROBOT!)**

**Wednesday 8 May**

8:30am - 10:00am  
**NEOADJUVANT TREATMENTS FOR OESOPHAGEAL AND GASTRIC CANCER**

10:00am - 10:30am  
**MORNING TEA - WEDNESDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  
**PLENARY SESSION**

**GLOBAL HEALTH**

12noon - 12:30pm  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE**  
Surgical palliative care - quality of life for patients with advanced upper GI cancer  
Associate Professor Fabian Johnston (Baltimore, USA)

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
**LUNCH - WEDNESDAY**

2:00pm - 3:30pm  
**UPPER GI EMERGENCIES**  
(Combined with: General Surgery)

3:30pm - 4:00pm  
**AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY**

4:00pm - 5:30pm  
**OPTIMISING THE PATIENT JOURNEY IN UPPER GI CANCER RESECTION**  
(Combined with: Surgical Oncology)

5:30pm - 6:30pm  
**UPPER GI/HPB/OBESITY SURGERY SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery, HPB Surgery, Transplantation Surgery)

**Thursday 9 May**

8:30am - 10:00am  
**QUALITY OF LIFE AFTER OESOPHAGECTOMY AND GASTRECTOMY**  
(Combined with: Surgical Oncology)

10:00am - 10:30am  
**MORNING TEA - THURSDAY**

10:30am - 12noon  
**PLENARY SESSION**

**DIVERSITY**

12noon - 12:30pm  
**THE PRESIDENT’S LECTURE**

12:30pm - 1:30pm  
**LUNCH - THURSDAY**
1:30pm - 2:00pm  KEYNOTE LECTURE
(Combined with: Bariatric Surgery)
Understanding and preventing failure to rescue
Professor Amir Ghaferi (Ann Arbor, USA)

2:00pm - 3:30pm  WHEN IT ALL GOES WRONG - MANAGING COMPLICATIONS IN UPPER GI SURGERY

3:30pm - 4:00pm  AFTERNOON TEA - THURSDAY

4:00pm - 5:30pm  RESEARCH PAPERS

5:30pm - 6:30pm  RACS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00pm - 11:30pm  CONGRESS DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)

MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY
THE KEY TO UNLOCK BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES

POWERFUL BENEFITS

Section Dinners

Dinner bookings close on Sunday 21 April 2019.
Ensure you book prior to this date as no new bookings will be accepted on-site at the registration desk.
Please refer to asc.surgeons.org for further information and ticket prices.

TUESDAY 7 MAY 2019

Craniomaxillofacial / Plastic & Reconstructive Dinner

Quality & Safety / Surgical Directors / Surgical Education Dinner

Younger Fellows / Senior Surgeons / Trainees Dinner

Surgical Oncology Dinner

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2019

Bariatric / HPB / Transplantation / Upper GI Dinner  Gold Sponsor: Johnson & Johnson

Breast / Endocrine Dinner

Cardiothoracic Dinner  Bronze Sponsor: Johnson & Johnson

Colorectal Dinner  Silver Sponsor: Johnson & Johnson

General / Rural Dinner  Bronze Sponsors: Johnson & Johnson

Military / Surgical History Dinner

Orthopaedic / Pain Medicine / Trauma Dinner

Paediatric Dinner
## Business Meetings

This is a provisional list of meetings (subject to change) as at time of publication. Please email Ally Chen at ally.chen@surgeons.org to arrange any other meetings.

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**Social Program**

To secure your place, bookings must be received by **Friday 5 April 2019**. Any bookings after this date are subject to availability and refunds will not be offered unless the ticket is re-sold.

All tours are subject to cancellation unless minimum numbers are met. In the event that a tour is cancelled you will be contacted by RACS Conferences & Events Management and offered an alternative should one be available. If an alternative is not available, a full refund will be processed.

Please advise any dietary requirements when registering.

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**Monday 6 May 2019**

**Jim Thompson House**

Commences: 8:30am – At Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Concludes: 1:30pm – At Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Duration: 5 hours  
Cost: $99.00 GST not applicable  
Inclusions:  
- Return transfers  
- Admission fee to Jim Thompson House  
- English speaking tour guide  
- Water and cold towel  
- Lunch at Methawalai Restaurant (set menu and choice of soft drink / juice / tea or coffee – additional beverages at own cost)  
Bring: Spending money for Jim Thompson Silk Store  
Clothing: Smart casual

Jim Thompson came to Thailand at the end of World War II and revitalized the Thai silk industry. Jim Thompson House is a historical museum, filled with Asian antiques and is housed in six old teak houses built by Jim Thompson himself. After an enjoyable authentic Thai cuisine at Methawalai Restaurant, view a variety of gorgeous Thai silk products at Jim Thompson Silk Store.

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**Tuesday 7 May 2019**

**Best of Bangkok**

Commences: 8:30am – At Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Concludes: 1:30pm – At Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Duration: 5 hours  
Cost: $130.00 GST not applicable  
Inclusions:  
- Return transfers  
- Admission fee to the Grand Palace  
- English speaking tour guide  
- Water and cold towel  
- Tuk Tuk transfer to the Old Town for sightseeing  
- Lunch at Supatra River House (set menu and choice of soft drink / juice / tea or coffee – additional beverages at own cost)  
Bring: Sunglasses and hat  
Clothing: Comfortable clothes and footwear

Visit the iconic Damnoen Saduak Floating Market in the Ratchaburi Province, located 100km away from Bangkok. A quick stop will be made at a local farmhouse to see the preparation of coconut sugar. You will then explore Damnoen Saduak in a boat, passing vendors selling fruits, food and other commercial wares. After visiting the Floating Market, enjoy a buffet style lunch at Sampran Restaurant in the beautiful garden resort of Sampran Riverside.

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**Wednesday 8 May 2019**

**Damnoen Saduak Floating Market**

Commences: 7:30am – At Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Concludes: 2:30pm – At Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre  
Duration: 7 hours  
Cost: $110.00 GST not applicable  
Inclusions:  
- Return transfers  
- English speaking tour guide  
- Water and cold towel  
- Lunch at Sampran Restaurant (buffet lunch and choice of soft drink / juice / tea or coffee – additional beverages at own cost)  
Bring: Sunglasses, hat and spending money for floating market  
Clothing: Comfortable clothes and footwear

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Social Program (cont’d)

Thursday 9 May 2019

Temple Delight & Chinatown

Street Food

Commences: 9:00am – At Centara Grand &
Bangkok Convention Centre

Concludes: 1:30pm – At Centara Grand &
Bangkok Convention Centre

Duration: 4.5 hours

Cost: $110.00 GST not applicable

Inclusions:
- Return transfers
- Street food tasting along China Town
- Admission fee to Wat Traimit
- English speaking tour guide
- Water and cold towel
- Lunch at Mango Tree Restaurant (set menu
  and choice of soft drink / juice / tea or coffee –
  additional beverages at own cost)

Bring: Sunglasses, hat and spending money
for souvenirs

Clothing: Comfortable clothes and footwear.
For religious reasons, knees and shoulders
are to be covered.

This is truly a wonderful introduction to
Bangkok, where you will experience some of
the most famous landmarks in this bustling
city. The tour begins with a drive through the
historic sites around Rattanakosin Island,
followed by a visit to Bangkok’s Chinatown
where you will be given the opportunity to
try some street food along the way. At the
end of the tour, you will visit Wat Traimit, also
known as the Golden Buddha Temple. It is the
largest Golden Buddha image in the world and
a truly valuable treasure of Thailand and of
Buddhism.

Friday 10 May 2019

Bangkok Jungle on Two Wheels

Commences: 8:00am – At Centara Grand &
Bangkok Convention Centre

Concludes: 1:30pm – At Centara Grand &
Bangkok Convention Centre

Duration: 5.5 hours

Cost: $140.00 GST not applicable

Inclusions:
- Return transfers
- English speaking tour guide
- Rental bicycle and safety helmet
- Water and cold towel
- Lunch at Savoey Restaurant (set menu and
  choice of soft drink / juice / tea or coffee –
  additional beverages at own cost)

Bring: Sunglasses and hat

Clothing: Enclosed shoes and comfortable
clothes for riding

Take an adventure into the wilderness of
Bangkok and visit the inner city oasis of
Bang Krachao. Best reached by boat, this
island is often referred to as the “green lung”
of Bangkok and incredibly, has been left
untouched by city developers. Ride through
local communities and discover tropical fruits
and flowers along the way as the trail leads to
an ancient temple. The total ride is about 20
kilometres starting in the city before crossing
the river. From there it’s a combination of
minor roads and elevated pathways, through
temple gardens and tropical jungle with no
hills. The elevated canal pathways may not be
suitable for those afraid of heights.
Post Congress Tours

LAOS/CAMBODIA

Saturday 11 – Thursday 16 May 2019

Cost: $4,400.00 per person (GST not applicable)

Inclusions: Five nights’ accommodation with breakfast, five lunches and dinners, visa (Laos and Cambodia), English speaking tour guide, admission fees where applicable, transfers, bottled water and cold towels.

Laos, the “Land of a million elephants” offers a refreshing change from the modern world. This landlocked mountainous nation offers beautiful French colonial towns and golden glittering Buddhist stupas. The tour begins in Bangkok, from where you fly to Luang Prabang. Over the next two days, explore and discover priceless monuments around the old city, now under UNESCO protection as a World Heritage Site. Take a cruise with stunning scenery along the Mekong River on a private boat. Delight in a hands-on experience at The Living Land Farm where you will have the opportunity to experience the life of a Lao farmer. Enjoy lunch in Luang Prabang before flying to Siem Reap. Siem Reap is a fantastic destination offering magnificent ancient heritage and picture perfect rural landscapes. The following morning visit Angkor Wat and the Bayon. After lunch, take a walking tour of the city through the Old French Quarter with its colonial buildings, boutique shops and restaurants. Stroll through the Psar Chas (the ‘Old Market’) and explore the labyrinth of market stalls. The city tour ends with a transfer to Wat Thmei for an optional Monk blessing. On the last full day in Siem Reap, depart by Army Jeep and travel through the thriving countryside, past rice paddy fields and local villages. Arrive at the local village of San- Day and enjoy a range of activities before departing the next day for Bangkok.

MYANMAR

Friday 10 – Wednesday 15 May 2019

Cost: $3,535.00 per person single occupancy
$3,071.00 per person double/twin occupancy (GST not applicable)

Inclusions: Five nights’ accommodation with breakfast, five lunches and dinners, English speaking tour guide, admission fees where applicable, transfers and bottled water.

The tour begins in Yangon, a dynamic and bustling city, where you will be greeted by Myanmar women wearing traditional costumes. After check in, the group will visit Shwedagon Pagoda at sunset. Shwedagon Pagoda is the most important site in Myanmar for Buddhists and is said to hold strands of Buddha’s hair and other relics. Explore Yangon via a heritage walk through the former capital city and delve into its intriguing history. After lunch fly to Bagan. Bagan is an important archaeological site that once held more than 10,000 Buddhist temples, pagodas and monasteries. You will explore some of the last of the remaining temples and watch a magnificent sunset over the wondrous landscape from atop of Shwesandaw Pagoda. The following day you will take a flight to Heho and then transfer onto Nyaungshwe. Delight in a boat ride across the lake towards Indein, admiring the floating gardens filled with fruits and vegetables along the way. Wander along beautiful paths through the forest towards the magnificent stupas of Indein. Many of these 16th century stupas have been untouched for centuries, left to the overgrown jungle. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay at the Sofitel Inle Lake Myat Min. Check out of your hotel and head to Nyaungshwe, where you will cycle through the landscape before heading to Red Mountain Winery for lunch. Inle Lake is located 1,000 metres above sea level and offers perfect conditions for winemaking in tropical Myanmar. You will have the opportunity to observe the production of various wines and even enjoy some tastings. Say farewell to Yangon with a rickshaw ride downtown and stop at Scott Market before departing for Bangkok.

All post tours exclude: travel insurance, international flights and optional visits/meals outside of the itinerary. Please refer to the ASC website for tour terms and conditions.

To book your post tours for Laos/Cambodia and Myanmar please contact:
Corporated Blue
T: +61 3 9578 6555
E: racs@corporateblue.com.au
Post Congress Tours (cont’d)

INDIA
Royal Rajasthan

Friday 10 – Saturday 18 May 2019
Tour Leader: Paul Wait
Cost: $3,654.00 per person single occupancy
    $2,958.00 per person double/twin occupancy
    (GST not applicable)
Inclusions: Eight nights’ accommodation, all transport services (including internal flights), breakfast and dinner daily, admission fees where applicable, water and tips, English speaking national guide.
Tour Summary: Experience the grandeur of North India’s princely state of Rajasthan. Wander through old and new Delhi before driving to Agra to see one of the world’s most beautiful manmade structures - the Taj Mahal. Travel to Jaipur via the ancient abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri and visit Amber Fort, see the Palace of the Winds and browse Jaipur’s famous bazaars. Fly to elegant Udaipur - the “Venice of the East” and enjoy this lovely city’s gardens, lake and palaces.

SRI LANKA
The Isle of Serendipity

Friday 10 – Saturday 18 May 2019
Tour Leader: Annette Holian
Cost: $3,560.00 per person single occupancy
    $2,780.00 per person double/twin occupancy
    (GST not applicable)
Extension: Galle Beach (please contact Jon Baines for further information)
Inclusions: Eight nights’ accommodation, transport, breakfast and dinner daily, admission fees where applicable, water and tips, English speaking national guide.
Tour Summary: The small island of Sri Lanka is crammed full of treasures. Travel from the colonial capital of Colombo to the ancient cultural heartland of the island. Climb the spectacular sky citadel of Sigiriya, see the largest wild herds of elephants in the world and explore the island’s medieval capital. Drive to a lovely beach resort and continue to Kandy, the former royal capital, to visit spice plantations, temples, gem markets and botanical gardens.

All post tours exclude: travel insurance, international flights and optional visits/meals outside of the itinerary. Please refer to the ASC website for tour terms and conditions.

To book your post tours for India and Sri Lanka please visit:
India: www.jonbainestours.com/racsindia
Jon Baines Tours
T: +61 3 9343 6367
E: info@jonbainestours.com.au
**Accommodation Options**

To book your accommodation for the Congress please visit asc.surgeons.org

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**CENTARA GRAND & BANGKOK CONVENTION CENTRE AT CENTRALWORLD**

1. Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld
2. Holiday Inn Bangkok
3. InterContinental Bangkok
4. Renaissance Bangkok Ratchaprasong Hotel
5. Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok

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**HOLIDAY INN BANGKOK**

- Deluxe Room
  - THB4000++ single occupancy
  - THB4500++ double occupancy

- Premium World Room
  - THB6600++ single occupancy
  - THB7000++ double occupancy

- World Club Executive Room
  - THB7825++ single occupancy
  - THB8225++ double occupancy

(++) TAXES ON TOP OF THE ROOM RATE

Room rates include WiFi and breakfast.

Terms and conditions
All room rates are per room per night in Thai Baht (THB). Accommodation is subject to availability at time of booking. Please note that Thailand taxes are charged in addition to these room rates (service charge tax of 10% will be added as well as VAT of 7%). Taxes are subject to change in accordance with government policy.

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**INTERCONTINENTAL BANGKOK**

- Grande Deluxe Room
  - THB6100++ single occupancy
  - THB6600++ double occupancy

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Accommodation Options (cont’d)

**RENAISSANCE BANGKOK RATCHAPRASONG HOTEL**

518/8 Ploenchit Road, Lumphini, Bangkok
10330, Thailand


10 minute walk to Convention Centre

Check in: 2:00pm
Check out: 12noon

**Luxury Room**
THB5000++ single occupancy
THB5500++ double occupancy

**Studio Suite Room**
THB6000++ single occupancy
THB6500++ double occupancy

(++) TAXES ON TOP OF THE ROOM RATE

Room rates include WIFI and breakfast.

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**SIAM KEMPINSKI HOTEL BANGKOK**

991/9 Rama 1 Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok
10330, Thailand


6 minute walk to the Convention Centre

Check in: 3:00pm
Check out: 12noon

**Superior or Deluxe Room**
THB7150++ single occupancy
THB7650++ double occupancy

**Premier Room**
THB7750++ single occupancy
THB8250++ double occupancy

(++) TAXES ON TOP OF THE ROOM RATE

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General Information

VENUE
The 2019 RACS Annual Scientific Congress (ASC) will be held at Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, starting on Monday 6 May and finishing on Friday 10 May 2019.
For further information visit www.centarahotelsresorts.com/centaragrand/cgcw/meeting/

CONVOCATION AND SYME ORATION
Monday 6 May 2019
5:00pm – 6:30pm
Convention Centre A2, Level 23
A rehearsal will be held for members sitting in the front row of the stage party.

WELCOME RECEPTION
Monday 6 May 2019
6:30pm – 7:30pm
Pre-Function Area, Level 23
The welcome reception will follow the Convocation and Syme oration. The evening will include light refreshments and canapes. This function is complimentary however it is mandatory to indicate your attendance when completing your Congress registration.

CONGRESS DINNER
Thursday 9 May 2019
7:00pm – 11:30pm
Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre
$200.00 GST not applicable
To register, please visit the ASC website.

PARENTS’ ROOM
A parents’ room will be available onsite at Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre. Facilities include a change table, heating amenities and a comfortable area for breastfeeding.

CHILD MINDING
Arrangements have been made for an accredited childcare provider to be available onsite for delegates attending the RACS 2019 ASC in Bangkok. For booking details and further information including charges please visit the ASC website.
Childcare places will be limited and delegates will need to pre-book via the link provided on the ASC website prior to attending the ASC.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS
To submit an abstract please visit asc.surgeons.org and click on ‘Abstract Submissions’.
The closing date for all scientific paper abstracts submissions is Sunday 27 January 2019.
Please note that paper or facsimile copies will not be accepted, nor will abstracts be submitted by RACS staff on behalf of authors. If there are any difficulties regarding this process please contact Binh Nguyen for assistance.
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IMPORTANT DATES
Abstract Submission opens October 2018
Closure of Abstracts Sunday 27 January 2019
Closure of Early Registration Sunday 17 March 2019
Registration Information

REGISTRATION METHODS
Delegates can register online by visiting asc.surgeons.org or request a registration form by emailing asc.registration@surgeons.org

PAYMENT METHODS
Visa, MasterCard and AMEX are accepted when registering online. Credit cards, PayPal and cheques are acceptable when registering. All prices quoted are in Australian dollars and are exclusive of GST.

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

FULL / SURGEON REGISTRATION CATEGORY
Includes convocation and Syme oration, welcome reception, scientific program, morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas served in the industry exhibition. Delegates may also participate in workshops, masterclasses, breakfast sessions, social program and dinners at the advertised cost. This financial classification applies to all delegates except those listed below.

RETIRED SURGEON REGISTRATION CATEGORY (REDUCED FEE)
Includes all benefits outlined in the full / surgeon registration category above. This category only applies to delegates who have received confirmation from RACS that their Fellowship status has been changed from ‘active’ to ‘retired’.

To discuss your status further please contact the Fellowship Officer.
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SURGICAL TRAINEE / IMG CATEGORY (REDUCED FEE FOR ALL SURGICAL TRAINEES / IMGS)
Includes all benefits outlined in the full / surgeon registration category.

OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY (REDUCED FEE)
Includes all benefits outlined in the full / surgeon registration category.

MEDICAL STUDENT CATEGORY (REDUCED FEE)
Includes all benefits outlined in the full / surgeon registration category.

ACCOMPANYING PERSON CATEGORY
Non medical accompanying persons only. Mandatory if attending the Congress / social programs. Includes convocation and Syme oration, welcome reception, plenaries, named lectures, morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas served in the industry exhibition. Accompanying persons may also participate in the social program and dinners at the advertised cost.

CONVOCATING FELLOWS
RACS Fellows may convocate at the convocation ceremony on Monday 6 May commencing at 5:00pm in Bangkok Convention Centre A2. Convocating Fellows receive complimentary registration at the 2019 ASC. If you have received your Fellowship within the last 5 years, and have not previously convocated, you may do so in Bangkok. Ensure you indicate that you wish to convocate by ticking the box when completing your Congress registration. Once your registration is received further information will be sent to you regarding the ceremony. Full details can be found on the website: asc.surgeons.org

INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES REGISTRATION
Includes entry to the industry exhibition, morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas (on registered days). Industry representatives are welcome to attend scientific sessions if seating is available but are requested not to actively participate. Please note access to section dinners, workshops, masterclasses, breakfast sessions and the Congress dinner is strictly limited to representatives of companies who are specifically sponsoring these activities. Please note registration excludes all ticketed activities. Industry representatives must register on the sponsorship / exhibition registration form in the sponsorship prospectus. Limited registrations are also available for non-exhibiting sponsor representatives.

Industry representatives who are non-sponsors / non-exhibitors may not register to attend as delegates.

For further information or to receive a copy of the sponsorship prospectus, please email asc.sponsorship@surgeons.org

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION
An automatic registration confirmation will be generated upon the completion of all successful online registrations. Alternatively if registration is submitted using the downloaded registration form, a registration confirmation will be provided by email. Please check all details and advise RACS Conferences and Events Management of any changes. All changes must be made in writing to asc.registration@surgeons.org

CANCELLATION
Cancellation must be notified in writing to:
E: asc.registration@surgeons.org

A cancellation fee of 20% of the appropriate registration fee will be charged. Please note there will be no refunds after Sunday 17 March 2019.

Registration enquires should be directed to RACS Conferences & Events Management.
T: +61 3 9249 1117
E: asc.registration@surgeons.org

To view the registration fees for the 2019 RACS ASC please visit asc.surgeons.org
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