

# BASO~The Association for Cancer Surgery

## 2014 Conference

The 34<sup>th</sup> ESSO congress in partnership with the BASO 2014 annual scientific meeting will be held in Liverpool from 29 to 31 October this year. This unique event marks the long-standing relationship between ESSO and BASO, and will host around 1,200 surgeons and specialist nurses from around the globe, with topics including Breast, Colorectal, Oesophago-Gastric, HPB, Nursing, Head & Neck, Sarcoma, Melanoma and Pelvic cancer. All delegates *including nurses and trainees* are welcome, and need not be members of BASO or SOTA to attend.

Register online [www.ecco-org.eu/ESSO34Registration](http://www.ecco-org.eu/ESSO34Registration)

Early bird rates expire 9 June



## BASO in Cardiff

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June BASO is holding a training day together with Cardiff University at the University Hospital of Wales. The ten speakers include Prof. Robert Mansel, Prof. Howard Kynaston, Prof. Wyn Lewis and Mr Michael Stechman, and the wide range of topics is grouped into four symposia: Breast/Sarcoma, Upper GI, Colorectal and Miscellaneous.

Places can be booked online, and the event is open to anyone with an interest in surgical oncology including nurses, non-clinical scientists and students. For full programme and registration details visit: <http://www.baso.org.uk/news/cardiff-training-day-6-june-2014.aspx>

## MDT Training Day

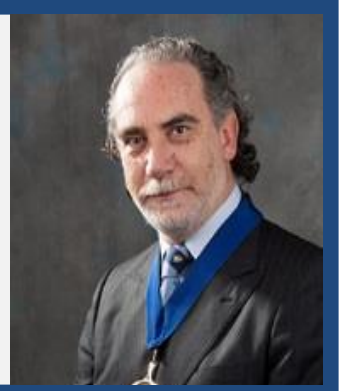
This is a one-day event to be held in Aintree on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014. Group booking is encouraged, but places are limited so don't leave it too late to register! For more information visit: <http://www.essoweb.org> or see the listings on the BASO website.

## BASO Sponsors Poster Prize at NCRI Conference

For the first time, BASO is offering a prize for the best poster with a surgical oncology theme at the NCRI's November conference. For more details visit the NCRI conference website: <http://conference.ncri.org.uk/>

*"We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be an outstanding educational event and mark another highly successful milestone in the fight against cancer at Liverpool on 29-31 October, 2014."*

**Prof. Riccardo A. Audisio**  
President, BASO



## Did you know?

- SOTA, the Surgical Oncology Trainee Association, now has over 200 members! To join them, go to <http://www.baso.org.uk/sota.aspx>
- There is an extensive and up to date listing of oncology-related courses, conferences and training events on the BASO website
- Webcasts of conference presentations from 2008 onwards are available to view at <http://www.baso.org.uk/baso~acs-conferences/past-conferences.aspx>
- BASO provides a range of Fellowships, Awards and prizes to encourage excellence in research
- BASO has been established for over 40 years, making it the second oldest national surgical oncology Association in the world
- Our journal, The European Journal of Surgical Oncology, is supplied to all members in paper format (or online), and welcomes articles for publication
- The News section of our website is updated almost daily, with links to surveys, articles, published papers and other items of interest to members

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## Questions? Problems? News?

Whether you have a question for the Association, a problem or concern that you would like to discuss, or news you want to share with other members, please get in touch! We will always do our best to help members, whether you are in a senior role or just starting out in your career. *Please also remember to let us know if you change address or contact details.*

## Ongoing trials?

If you are currently running a trial in the UK, or are involved in recruitment to a trial looking at any aspect of surgery for cancer, please let us know so that we can keep Association Members abreast of currently active surgical cancer-related trials to which they may wish to sign up their unit, or gain a better understanding of what your trial is about. This will also be of value to our trainee members who often need to know about current trials for their exams. Please forward information (or any queries) to [marciawoolf@baso.org.uk](mailto:marciawoolf@baso.org.uk) including the words "Surgical Trial" in the subject line of your email.

## Appeal to participate in Cancer Research UK Study

The study will evaluate the current state of and future opportunities for cancer services in England. The survey is intended for anybody who is involved in planning, delivering and/or improving cancer services. This includes secondary care doctors and GPs; nurses and allied health professionals; operational and senior managers; public health practitioners; policymakers; CCGs, CSUs and Area Teams; and those working for other relevant bodies including Strategic Clinical Networks and Clinical Senates. To take part, go to: [http://www.ghkint.com/surveys/Cancer\\_Research\\_UK/](http://www.ghkint.com/surveys/Cancer_Research_UK/)

## Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship

**Vincent Yip, awarded the Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship in 2012**, gives an excellent and detailed report of his visit which can be found on the BASO website. Vincent was a guest of the Department of Hepato-pancreato-biliary Surgery/Liver Transplantation, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong University. He notes that the Liver Living Donor Transplantation Programme is an impressive element in the QMH. Since the performance of the first live-related liver transplantation by Prof ST Fan back in the 90s, QMH has now performed more than 1,000 living donor liver transplantations, of which Vincent witnessed at least three, which is not an operation that a UK HPB trainee would see on a regular basis! He also witnessed and participated in some ultra major resections for HCC in cirrhotic livers, with combined portal venous or IVC resections. These cases would normally be considered as unresectable in the UK following the BCLC guidelines. For more information go to: <http://www.baso.org.uk/news/vincent-yip's-hong-kong-trip.aspx>



Vincent Yip: photo taken during high intensity focus ultrasound for ablation of HCC as either curative intent or bridging modality prior liver transplantation. Hong Kong QMH is one of the few centres, which applied this technology for the treatment of HCC in cirrhotic liver.



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