

BASO~The Association for Cancer Surgery

2014 Conference update

Planning for the 34th ESSO congress in partnership with the BASO 2014 annual scientific meeting is now well underway. Speakers are preparing to travel from as far afield as Argentina, Japan and South Korea, and an astonishing 486 Abstracts across 21 subject categories have been submitted, representing authors from a total of 49 countries. ESSO34 / BASO 2014 will be a truly international event: just don't leave it too late to register!

Register online www.ecco-org.eu/ESSO34Registration



New BASO Awards

BASO has this year inaugurated awards in memory of two outstanding surgical oncologists. The first, which we feel will be warmly welcomed by all who knew him personally as well as by reputation is the **Geoff Oates Award**. To be presented annually to a colorectal specialist, this marks the enormous contribution which Geoff Oates made to BASO and to the field of coloproctology.

The second new award is the **Uccio Querci della Rovere**, which will also be presented annually to recognize international achievement in the field of breast cancer surgery. For more information on both of these awards, visit the BASO website <http://www.baso.org.uk/news/baso-announces-two-new-awards.aspx>

A great day in Cardiff

On 6th June BASO held a very successful training day together with Cardiff University at the University Hospital of Wales. Speakers included Prof. Robert Mansel, Prof. Howard Kynaston, Prof. Wyn Lewis and Mr Neil Borley, and was followed by a congenial dinner in the historic surrounds of Cardiff Castle. Winner of the poster prize was Matthew Jefferies, with Ameet Gupta and Arfon Powell each being highly commended. We intend to roll out this format to other teaching centres in the UK, so watch this space!

"I am delighted to report that this year our membership subscription rates remain unchanged, for the fifth consecutive year.

BASO is committed to keeping our overheads to a minimum, and to finding new ways of improving the role we play in the professional lives of our members."

**Mr Robert Kirby,
Hon. Treasurer, BASO**



BASO seeks new Council Member

Any Full Member of the Association is eligible to nominate themselves for a vacant seat on the BASO Council. Nominations must be received by the closing date and must be seconded by one other Full Member. The formal Call for Nominations will be issued shortly, and full details posted on the website.

What's involved? Council members are also Trustees of the Association and so are registered as Directors with Companies House and the Charities Commission.

There are typically four meetings per annum, held in London at the RCS, in February, May, July and October each year, plus the AGM in November (this year on October 30th). You would also be asked to participate in one or more of the various sub-committees with tasks such as developing the scientific meeting programme or reviewing education & training issues.

The Council comprises 6 "Ordinary Members" and 6 "Officers" – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Meetings Secretary and EJSO Representative. Posts are held for either 2 or 3 years, with possible extensions for some roles. All posts are subject to formal election by the Membership at the AGM.

There is no financial remuneration but expenses are reimbursed.

The meetings are friendly and constructive, and provide the opportunity to help grow and steer your Association. If you would like to find out more, the Articles of Association are available on the BASO website (see under **About Us**), or call Marcia Woolf on 0207 869 6854 with any questions.

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Calling all Oncology Nurses

Together with the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) ESSO and BASO have developed a specialist nursing track for this year's ESSO34/ BASO 2014 conference. Topics to be covered include Effect of Pre-Operative Radiation and Chemotherapy on Wound Healing; Pain Management after Surgery; Nurse-led Endoscopy: expanding professional opportunities; Pre-Operative Laboratory Tests; Imagery used in Pre-operative Oncology Surgery decision making and Early Discharge - nursing interventions and follow-up for successful post-surgery management. Sessions take place on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October. For more details and registration visit: www.ecco-org.eu/ESSO34Registration

SOTA (Surgical Oncology Trainee Association)

This year SOTA and EYSAC (ESSO Young Surgeons and Alumni Club) will be holding a joint symposium at ESSO34/BASO 2014. Speakers will be comparing surgical oncology training across Europe, discussing the impact of social media on their work and describing their experiences of Fellowships. The symposium takes place on 30th October, and presenters from the UK include SOTA President Dara Lundon and joint holder of the 2013 Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship, Paul Sutton.

ACCEA (Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards) 2014

It's that time of year again! This year the submission date for applications was announced rather late, on 16th June, leaving those who wished to apply only a few short weeks to navigate the process in time for the closing date on 15th August.

For more information on the Awards and how to apply, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clinical-excellence-awards-2014-application-guidance>. **Existing award holders** should be aware that they are required to re-apply every five years in order to renew their award, even if they do not intend to apply for a higher level. For example, if you received your award in 1995, 2000, 2005 or 2010 you will need to reapply this year. Existing award holders to whom this applies should receive a reminder from ACCEA, but anyone who is unsure or who has relocated is advised to check, as ACCEA places the onus firmly on the award holder. You can find more information by following the link above.

Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship

The Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship was awarded jointly in 2013 to Daniel Leff and Paul Sutton. Reports on their overseas visits will appear shortly on the BASO website. In the meantime, **if you would like to apply for the Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship**, more information on how to apply can be found at: http://www.baso.org.uk/media/22005/ronald_raven_2014.pdf

The closing date for applications this year is 29 September.



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