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thurs 6th march

1800 - 2100	**RCSEng Pre-Conference Welcome Reception**	**Hilton Belfast**

fri 7th march

0800 - 0900	**Registration and networking**	
0900 – 1700	ASiT x AOT Core Skills in ENT Course	Meeting Room 1A
	ASiT x BNTA Core Skills in Neurosurgery Course	Meeting Room 2A
	ASiT x BOTA Core Skills in Orthopaedic Surgery Course	Hall 2B
	ASiT x BSoT Core Skills in Urology Course	Hall 1A
	ASiT x Dukes' Club Fundamentals in Coloproctology Course	Boardroom 2
	ASiT x Herrick Society Core Skills in Transplant Surgery	Meeting Room 1B
	ASiT x Mammary Fold Introduction to Breast Surgery Course	Meeting Room 3A
	ASiT x Moynihan Academy Basic Skills in Emergency General and Trauma Surgery Course	Hall 2A
	ASiT x OMFS FiT Maxillofacial Trauma Course	Studio
	ASiT x PLASTA Core Skills in Plastic Surgery Course	Meeting Room 2B
	ASiT x Rouleaux Club Core Skills in Vascular Surgery Course	Hall 2A
	ASiT x Roux UGI ST3+ Intermediate Laparoscopic Skills Course	Hall 2B
	ASiT x SCTS Core Skills in Cardiothoracic Surgery Course	Meeting Room 3B
	ASiT x TriPS Core Skills in Paediatric Surgery Course	Hall 1A
	ASiT Core Endoscopy Skills Course	Hall 1A
	ASiT Core Laparoscopic Skills Course	Hall 1A
	ASiT Idea to implementation Course: Championing surgical innovation using the IDEAL framework	Boardroom 3
	STARSurg Generating Student Recruiters for Randomised Trials (GRANULE)	Boardroom 1
1730 - 1800	**Opening Ceremony with Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor, Councillor Micky Murray**	**Hall 1B**

sat 8th march

0800 - 0900	**Registration and networking**	
0900 - 1000	**Main Session 1 – Meet the Presidents** Chairs: Ms Roberta Garau and Incoming President	
0900 - 0905	President's Welcome Ms Roberta Garau	Hall 1A
0905 - 1000	Meet the Royal College Presidents – Q&A Session Mr Timothy Mitchell, Prof. Rowan Parks, Prof. Deborah McNamara, Mr John Camilleri-Brennan (VP)	Hall 1A
1000 - 1010	**Break – networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1010 - 1120	**Main Session 2 – Overcoming Trauma** Chairs: Ms Lara Manley and Ms Emily Mills	
1010 - 1025	Surgery on the Frontline: Reflections from Syria Mr Murhaf Assaf	Hall 1A
1025 - 1040	Shattered but Unbroken: The Road to Reclaim My Dream Mr Samir Shamoon	Hall 1A
1040 - 1055	The Silent War: How Conflict-Related Trauma Is Destroying Children's Mental Health Around the World Ms Edna Fernandes	Hall 1A
1055 - 1110	(Title TBC) Prof. David Nott	Hall 1A
1110 - 1120	Q&A	Hall 1A
1120 - 1130	**Break – networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1130 - 1245	**Main Session 3 – Navigating Parenthood and Surgery** Chairs: Mr Michael El Boghdady	
1130 - 1150	Pregnancy loss and In/Fertility in the Workplace Dr Jemma Shanley	Hall 1A
1150 - 1210	Parenthood in Orthopaedic Surgery Ms Catrin Morgan	Hall 1A

1210 – 1230	(Title TBC) Mr Bil Kirmani	Hall 1A
1230 – 1245	Q&A	Hall 1A
1010 – 1245	**Prizes and Breakout Sessions (in parallel with Main Sessions 2 & 3)**	
1010 – 1115	STARSurg UK Medical Student Oral Prize Session Chairs: Mr Viraj Shah, Dr Edward Staniforth	Hall 2A
1010 – 1115	BJS Systematic Review Oral Prize Session Chair: Mr Matthew Lee	Meeting Room 1A
1010 – 1115	Taking an FY3 Chair: Ms Aqua Asif	Studio
1010 – 1245	Specialty Village	Hall 2B
1010 – 1245	Escape Room	Meeting Room 2A/B
1100 – 1140	BOTA Specialty Journal Club	Meeting Room 3A
1130 – 1300	RCSEd – How to fail in surgery (and thrive as a surgeon) Chairs: Mr Majid Rashid, Mr David Alderson	Meeting Room 1A
1140 – 1220	Roux Group Specialty Journal Club	Meeting Room 3A
1150 – 1255	ASGBI Short Paper Oral Prize Session Chairs: Ms Kellie Bateman, Mr Richard Mak	Boardroom 1
1220 – 1300	BSoT Specialty Journal Club	Meeting Room 3A
1230 – 1300	ASiT Medical Student Elective and Essay Prize Presentation Session Chair: Mr Viraj Shah	Hall 2A
1245 – 1345	**Lunch break – BBraun, educational session, networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1345 – 1435	**Main Session 4 – Behind the Scalpel** Chairs: Mr Nathan Walker and Mr Srinivas Cheruvu	
1345 – 1400	From Bone to Brushstroke: A Surgeon's Artistic Journey Mr Alastair Faulkner	Hall 1A
1400 – 1415	No Man is an Island Mr Mano Shanmuganathan	Hall 1A
1415 – 1430	Beyond Surgery: The Final Frontier Dr Nadia Karrim	Hall 1A
1430 – 1435	Q&A	Hall 1A

1435 - 1445	**Break – networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1445 - 1545	**Main Session 5 – Learning from Trainers** Chairs: Mr Raiyyan Aftab and Ms Anastasia Tzatzidou	
1445 - 1500	ASiT Silver Scalpel Winner 2024 Mr Mark Dilworth	Hall 1A
1500 - 1515	Meet the ASiT Silver Scalpel 2025 Nominees	Hall 1A
1515 - 1545	Behind the Knife	Hall 1A
1545 - 1555	**Break – networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1555 - 1655	**Main Session 6 – Learning from Patients** Chairs: Ms Valdone Kolaityte and Ms Aikaterina Gkorila	
1555 - 1610	The Impact of Surgery - A Patient Story Ms Abi Rimmer	Hall 1A
1610 - 1625	Patients are People Dr Liz O'Riordan	Hall 1A
1625 - 1655	Q&A	Hall 1A
1345 - 1655	**Prizes and Breakout Sessions (in parallel with Main Sessions 4, 5 & 6)**	
1345 - 1445	Spotlight Oral Poster Prize Session	Hall 1B
1345 - 1445	ASiT Innovation Oral Prize Session Chairs: Dr Kenneth McLean, Mr Matthew Harris	Boardroom 1
1345 - 1445	Women in Surgery (WinS) Breakout Session Chair: Ms Felicity Meyer	Hall 2A
1345 - 1445	Northen Ireland Trainees Session Chair: Mr Martin King	Meeting Room 1B
1345 - 1445	RCSEd – Don't Call it a Comeback: Returning to clinical work after OOPE/parental leave Chair: Mr Majid Rashid	Meeting Room 1A
1345 - 1425	Dukes' Club Specialty Journal Club	Meeting Room 3A
1345 - 1655	Escape Room	Meeting Room 2A/B
1345 - 1655	Specialty Village	Hall 2B
1425 - 1505	Rouleaux Club Specialty Journal Club	Meeting Room 3A

1445 - 1545	Equality and Diversity (Including WinS) Oral Prize Session Chair: Ms Felicity Meyer, Ms Emily Mills	Hall 2A
1445 - 1545	Prakash Sinha QI Oral Prize Session	Meeting Room 1B
1445 - 1545	Concentric Breakout Session	Meeting Room 1A
1505 - 1545	BNTA Specialty Journal Club	Meeting Room 3A
1555 - 1655	ASiT Robotics Oral Prize Session Chairs: Mr Aidan Bannon, Mr Matthew Harris	Meeting Room 1B
1555 - 1655	ESO Surgical Education and Training Oral Prize Session Chairs: Mr Michael El Boghdady	Boardroom 1
1555 - 1655	Innovation Skills Masterclass Chair: Dr Kenneth McLean	Meeting Room 1A
1555 - 1655	Meet your Quad Team	Hall 1B
1600 - 1640	Mammary Fold Specialty Journal Club	Meeting Room 3A
1655 - 1755	**ASiT Annual General Meeting – Members Only**	**Hall 1A**
1900 - Late	**ASiT Black Tie Charity Dinner – Ticketed Event**	

sun 9th march

0800 - 0900	**Registration and networking**	
0900 - 1050	**Main Session 7 – Ideas, Innovation and Impact** Chairs: Mr Viraj Shah, Dr Edward Staniforth, Mr Daryll Baker, Mr George Karagiannidis	
0900 – 1000	ASiT Battle of the Surgical Societies Chairs: Mr Viraj Shah, Dr Edward Staniforth	Hall 1A
1000 – 1050	SRS Academic Research Oral Prize Session Chairs: Mr Daryll Baker, Mr George Karagiannidis	Hall 1A
1050 - 1100	**Break – networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1100 - 1155	**Main Session 8 – Recovery of Services** Chairs: Mr Matthew Harris and Mr Michael El Boghdady	
1100 – 1110	The Doctor Knows Best: How Do We Recover The NHS? Ms Stella Vig	Hall 1A
1110 – 1120	"In arduis fidelis" : Recovery of Surgical Practice Prof. Mark Taylor	Hall 1A
1120 – 1130	BBraun	Hall 1A
1130 – 1140	The Joint Committee on Surgical Training (JCST) Ms Esther McLarty	Hall 1A
1140 – 1155	Q&A	Hall 1A
1155 - 1205	**Break – networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1205 - 1255	**Main Session 9 – Sustainability** Chairs: Ms Rose Ingleton and Ms Emily Mills	
1205 – 1215	(Title TBC) Mr Andrew Stevenson	Hall 1A
1215 – 1225	(Title TBC) Ms Nicole Fletcher	Hall 1A
1225 – 1240	Sustainable Surgery: Operating for a Greener Future Dr Kenneth Barker	Hall 1A

1240 - 1255	Q&A	Hall 1A
1100 - 1330	**Prizes and Breakout Sessions (in parallel with Main Sessions 8 & 9)**	
1100 - 1200	GASOC x ASiT Global Surgery Oral Prize Session Chair: Ms Jennifer Watt	Hall 2A
1100 - 1200	BASO Oral Paper Prize Session	Meeting Room 1B
1100 - 1200	British Hernia Society Oral Prize Session Chair: Mr Asim Abbas	Meeting Room 2A/B
1100 - 1200	CORESS Session Chair: Ms Harriet Corbett	Meeting Room 3A
1100 - 1300	Specialty Village	Hall 2B
1200 - 1300	LMIC Oral Prize Session	Meeting Room 1A
1200 - 1310	Navigating Neurodiversity in Surgery Chairs: Mr Richard Mak, Mr Thomas Badenoch	Boardroom 1
1215 - 1320	Spotlight Oral Poster Session	Meeting Room 3A
1215 - 1320	Surgical Simulation Oral Prize Session	Meeting Room 3A
1255 - 1400	**Lunch break – BBraun educational session, networking and sponsor exhibition**	
1400 - 1600	**Main Session 10 – Battle of the Minds** Chairs: Mr Martin King and Ms Manal Ahmad	
1400 - 1500	ASiT 2025 Debate: This house believes that the identity of a surgeon has been eroded with time Ms Iona Collins, Prof. Farah Bhatti	Hall 1A
1500 - 1600	ASiT Medal Prize Session	Hall 1A
1600 - 1700	**Main Session 11 – ASiT 2025 Awards** Chairs: Ms Roberta Garau, Ms Emily Mills and Incoming President	
1600 - 1620	ASiT 2024 Award Winners Presentation	Hall 1A
1620 - 1630	ASiT Activity Summary	Hall 1A
1630 - 1645	Prize-giving Ceremony	Hall 1A
1645 - 1700	Incoming President's Address	Hall 1A