

Sheffield Students' Surgical Society



NEWSLETTER

May 2008

Dear Members

You may have heard that we have a new committee. We have expanded the committee to enable us to organise a greater diversity of events for our members. This year we are hoping to bring you even more events and activities, which we will keep you up to date with via our newsletters and website.

Our first event as new committee was the plaster casts and basic fracture management workshop on 6th May, which was an interesting but messy evening! Our next event is the WinS evening, which will be held on 3rd June.

We realise that phase 1A & B exams are very close, and so we are organizing some anatomy revision lectures for you to help ease the stress! We will bring you more information on this soon...

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Suturing for Electives

We have had requests from students to go over suturing techniques before they travel off on their surgical electives. If you wish to learn for the first time, or just brush up on your skills, email us at:

surgsoc@sheffield.ac.uk

with "suturing" in subject box.

Events

WinS Evening (*Women In Surgery*)

Tuesday 3rd June, 6.30pm, MLT 3

WinS (formerly known as WIST) stands for Women in Surgery. It's an organisation that is part of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, which aims to encourage women to go into surgical training and support them when they do so.

We have managed to get some female surgeons to speak about their careers and give tips on how to make it as a female surgeon. Ms Birks, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, will be coming along, as will Ms Chandran, Consultant Breast Surgeon and a final speaker who is yet to be confirmed.

This evening will allow you to see surgery from a few different perspectives and hopefully inspire more female medical students to become surgeons!

There will be free wine and nibbles, so why not come along and find out what it's like to be a female surgeon.

For more information on WinS, visit:
<http://www.rcseng.ac.uk/career/wins>

Mr Iain Cameron

Consultant Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgeon

“From Hong Kong Phooey to Bilecelona... Life as a Hepatobiliary Surgeon”

Wednesday 5th March

Mr Cameron drew in his audience with his usual energy good nature. He gave us insight into his experiences of surgical training, including the time he spent training in Hong Kong before qualifying as a consultant and returning to take up his position at the Royal Hallamshire. He discussed the key procedures that form the majority of the workload in his specialty of hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, focusing on the growing role of liver resections in metastatic colorectal carcinoma, and talked about his role in initiating day-case laparoscopic cholecystectomies within the Foundation Trust.



Surgical Logbooks.....



A reminder that we still have a number of logbooks available to members in clinical years, that are free of charge. These are paper spiral-bound A5-sized Surgical Logbooks, which are designed to allow student members to record details of operations they have observed or assisted in, following a proforma adapted from that used in the Pan-Surgical Electronic Logbook.

We will be giving them out at our events, so please bring your membership cards along.

“FROM ACROSS THE POND”

PROFESSOR RICK NELSON

Consultant GI Surgeon



For those of you who missed the evening, you missed out on a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the ins and outs of colon and rectal surgery (if you may excuse the pun!)



Professor Nelson is an engaging speaker who took us on an interesting journey through different technical and historical aspects of his chosen speciality of lower GI surgery, sharing his vast knowledge and taking questions from the floor. An American citizen, he trained in the US, working for most of his adult life in Chicago where he became Head of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the University of Illinois. He gave an interesting account of his training and experiences in the US, as well as the tale of fate on a holiday to Japan that eventually brought him to work in the UK over 2 years ago.



Do you have anything to say? If you would like to add something to the next newsletter, please email us at surgsoc@sheffield.ac.uk

We will keep you updated with any further news or amendments by email.

**See you all at the next event
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