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SARS Annual Meeting, Nottingham 4th & 5th January 2012

The 60th Annual Meeting of SARS was held in Nottingham, at the University of Nottingham Medical School. It proved to be another extremely successful meeting, ensuring that SARS lived up to its reputation as the premier UK & Ireland society for academic surgical science. Once again we were pleased to be joined by our colleagues in BAUS, ASiT and BBA.

Around 300 delegates attended the meeting and over 150 papers were presented on a range of topics and specialties. All the abstracts presented are in the Society yearbook which can be [downloaded](#).

Fifteen authors were invited to present their abstracts in the prestigious Patey Prize sessions. The standard was extremely high, but the winner was Mekhola Mallik, with her presentation entitled Regulatory B Cells induce long-term allograft survival in a mouse model of chronic rejection. Mekhola is now invited to present her abstract at the meetings of our sister societies in Europe, South Africa and the USA.



Patey Prize winner, Mekhola Mallik and SARS President, Professor Andrew Bradley

This year, SARS was also pleased to award two new prizes: the Norman Williams prize for the best clinical paper and the Kevin Burnand prize for the best experimental/basic science paper. These prizes were won by:

Norman Williams Prize SA Hosgood for a contribution entitled Placebo controlled double blind randomised clinical trial of transversus abdominis plane block in live donor nephrectomy

Kevin Burnand Prize S Buczacki for a contribution entitled Characterisation of quiescent intestinal stem and cancer stem cells.

The President's Poster Prize was won by S Awad for a contribution entitled Preoperative oral carbohydrate loading in elective surgery: A meta-analysis.

The 2013 meeting will be a joint meeting with the Section of Surgery of the Royal Society of Medicine and is to be held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London, on 9th & 10th January.

Demitting Council members

SARS would like to say a big thank you to our Council members demitting office, who have served the Society so well:

- Professor Rob Sayers
- Professor Dion Morton
- Mr Frank Smith
- Mr Daryll Baker
- Professor John Reynolds

Elections

We are very pleased to welcome our five newly elected Council members:

- Professor Phil Drew
- Professor Charles Knowles
- Mr Bijan Modarai
- Professor Ajith Siriwardena
- Professor Steve White

We also welcome Mr Vimal Gokani, as the ASiT representative on Council.

Dates for your diary

3 & 4 March 2012	The National Undergraduate and Foundation General Surgery Conference , University College London
23-25 March 2012	ASiT Conference , Cardiff
9-11 May 2012	ASGBI Congress , Liverpool
9/10 January 2013	SARS Annual Meeting, Royal Society of Medicine, London

Payment of membership fees

Direct debit membership subscriptions are being taken during February. If you have not been contacted about yours please advise [Sarah King](#).

SARS TIES

SARS ties are available at a cost of £12.50 each or £25.00 for two. To purchase a tie please email [Sarah King](#).



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