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SARS Annual Meeting, Royal Society of Medicine, London 9th & 10th January 2013

This year the SARS Annual Meeting is a joint meeting with the RSM Section of Surgery and we hope to see many of our members at the meeting. The programme has been finalised and is attached for your information. You can [register on line](#) now for the meeting. Early bird discounted rates are available until 30 November, and as usual fees are further reduced for SARS members. We have also announced a bursary scheme for students and trainees who wish to attend the meeting, details of which are on the [website](#). The closing date for bursary applications is 16 November.

Payment of membership fees – Important information

As most members are aware, our membership management service has been overseen by ASGBI for the last few years for which SARS is most grateful. SARS Council feel, however, that the time is now right for us to connect more directly and immediately with our growing membership and has decided that the SARS secretariat will manage the membership, with effect from renewal in January/February 2013.

You will shortly receive an email asking you to update the information we currently hold on file, and to state your preferred method of membership payment. We are very pleased to be able to introduce two new methods of payment – Paypal and bank transfer, as well as the usual credit/debit card, direct debit or cheque, which we hope will prove more convenient.

We will then contact you again in December regarding your membership payment for 2013. All future communication regarding membership payments will come from Linda Slater or Sarah King.

We hope that this changeover will not inconvenience you in any way and would appreciate your help by returning the information update form promptly.

If you have any queries about this please contact [Linda Slater](#) or [Sarah King](#).

Finally, we would like to thank you for continuing to support SARS and the important role it plays in promoting research and teaching in surgery.