

15th British Academic Conference in Otorhinolaryngology (BACO) 2015

REPORT

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The 15th British Academic Conference in Otorhinolaryngology (BACO), the UK's largest ENT conference proved for one more time to be a great success attracting 1238 participants from both the UK and overseas.

Keynote speakers included international authorities in Otorhinolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery (ORL-HNS) from all over the UK such as Profs Valerie Lund (London), John Watkinson (Birmingham), Gerry O'Donoghue (Nottingham), Vinidh Paleri (Newcastle), and Terry Jones (Liverpool) in addition to international guests such as Profs Anil Lalwani (USA), David Pothier (Canada), Daniel Simmen (Switzerland), Piero Nicolai (Italy), and Antonio Sitges-Serra (Spain), to mention only a few.

The congress covered all subspecialties of ORL-HNS, with a special emphasis on the importance of the multidisciplinary approach and inter-specialty collaboration when treating disorders of the head and neck.

Aside from decision making, novel surgical approaches, and new technologies in ORL-HNS, important topics covered included workforce planning and training in ORL-HNS in the UK, the debate around publishing individual surgeon outcomes, medico-legal aspects, and global health. Moreover, themed symposia for nurses and allied health professionals were included to re-iterate the importance of the multidisciplinary team.

Facial plastic surgery represented a strong theme of the conference with numerous sessions spread throughout three days. Mr Alwyn D'Souza chaired several of these sessions covering a broad variety of subjects including nasofacial reconstruction, facial rejuvenation surgery, botulinum toxin, fillers, and lasers.

Prof Daniel Simmen delivered a series of fantastic

"The conference proved of exceptional educational value and we very much look forward to the next BACO!"



(L-R) President of ENT Masterclass® Mr M Shahed Quraishi (Doncaster Royal Infirmary) with George Garas (Imperial College London).

presentations relating to rhinoplasty, nasal reconstruction and functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS). These were all well attended with a highlight being the Yearsley lecture he delivered titled "Personal Insights in Rhinoplasty: Lessons Learned".

Another session which proved very popular covered the interesting subject to Robotic Surgery. Chaired by Mr Neil Tolley and Prof Vinidh Paleri who gave outstanding lectures on robotic endocrine surgery and transoral robotic surgery (TORS) respectively, the session was complemented by an exceptional live surgery demonstration by Prof Georges Lawson (Belgium) who performed live via video link from Belgium a TORS partial supraglottic laryngectomy, another highlight of the conference!

Finally, numerous hands-on sessions were included for trainees. Examples included the Clinical Skills Centre (CSC) sessions where participants were not only taught on but also given the unique opportunity of practicing on live humans procedures such as transnasal oesophagoscopy (TNO) and thyroid ultrasound. Cadaveric dissections were also included to familiarise trainees with the surgical anatomy and techniques relating to all ORL-HNS subspecialties.



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11th South Zone and 14th Kerala State Conference of Association of Otolaryngologists of India

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The 11th South Zone and 14th Kerala State Conference of Association of Otolaryngologists of India, TRENDTCON THRISSUR, is being held at Thrissur, Kerala this year on 9- 11 October 2015. The venue is the fabulous Lulu International Convention Centre, only one of its kind in South India and one of the best in the country. Around 5000 ENT surgeons of the five southern states of India viz. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telengana, Andhra and Kerala will be participating in the event along with many members from northern states and from around the world.



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