

# ALRSGBI Scientific Programme 2026

Global Partnerships & Innovations  
in Digital Surgery & AI

Monday 7 December 2026  
8 CPD Points

**07:30–19:30**    **REGISTRATION DESK OPEN**  
**08:30–19:30**    **INDUSTRY EXHIBITION OPEN**  
Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor

## REFRESHMENT TIMES

07:30–09:00    Industry Engagement & Refreshments, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor  
10:25–10:55    Industry Engagement & Refreshments, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor  
13:00–14:00    Industry Engagement & Lunch, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor  
15:15–15:45    Industry Engagement & Refreshments, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor  
18:30–19:30    President's Drinks Reception, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor  
19:30–22:30    Conference Soirée, Ashes, The Point, 2nd Floor

**07:30–08:30**    **BREAKFAST MEETING**



**IAGES CONSULTANT CORNER** The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor

**Chairs:** Professor Kanagaraj Govindaraj (IAGES President);  
Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (Manchester)  
**Panel:** Miss Grace Bennett (Warrington); Mr Matthew Boal (Plymouth);  
Mr Rikesh Patel (Chester)

**08:30–17:00**    **LAPPASS® & ROBOPASS® PRACTICE**  
Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor

**09:00–13:00 &**    **LAPPASS® EXAMS & ROBOPASS® ASSESSMENTS**  
**14:00–18:00**    Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point

## THE ALRSGBI MISSION

- Advance education in surgery and in particular to raise and maintain standards in minimal access surgery.
- Provide a structure for training, to promote educational and academic objectives and advancing technologies.
- Promotion, carrying out and encouragement of medical research particularly in the disciplines of laparoscopy and minimal access surgery.

TIMETABLE	THE PROGRAMME SPEAKERS/PANELS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING FURTHER REVIEW
09:00–09:10	<p><b>ALRSGBI SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME – WELCOME</b> The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor</p> <p>Dr Neil Bayman, Executive Medical Director, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust Mr Rikesh Patel, ALRSGBI Congress President Professor Chelliah Selvasekar, ALRSGBI President Mr Roger Spencer, Chief Executive, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust</p>
09:10–10:25	<p><b>SESSION ONE</b></p> <p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> This session will cover innovative approaches to treatment of complex benign disease and training issues pertaining to adopting new techniques and use of novel technologies.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Jawad Ahmad (Coventry) <b>Panel:</b> Professor Tan Arulampalam (Colchester); Mr Hamzah Choudhry (Chelmsford); Mr Chetan Parmar (London)</p>
09:10–09:30	<p><b>MENTORSHIP &amp; PROCTORSHIP IN AN ERA OF EMERGING MINIMAL ACCESS SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIES</b> Mr Altaf Awan (Derby)</p>
09:30–09:45	<p><b>REFLECTIONS AS A ROBOTIC ABDOMINAL WALL &amp; COLORECTAL SURGEON &amp; PROCTOR</b> Mr Greg Simpson (Wirral)</p>
09:45–09:55	<p><b>BHS REGISTRY DEMONSTRATION</b> Mr Liam Horgan (Database &amp; Registries Lead, British Hernia Society)</p>
09:55–10:05	<p><b>HOW TO AVOID BILE DUCT INJURIES</b> Mr Krishna Singh (Brighton)</p>
10:05–10:15	<p><b>GALLSTONES &amp; THE ROLE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES MANAGEMENT OF DUCTAL CALCULI FOLLOWING BARIATRIC SURGERY</b> Mr Ashok Menon (Stockport)</p>
10:15–10:25	<p><b>QUESTION TIME</b> / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone</p>
10:25–10:55	<p><b>INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT &amp; REFRESHMENTS</b> Industry Exhibition, Boundary &amp; Century, The Point, 2nd Floor</p>
10:55–11:00	<p><b>PLATINUM PARTNER'S PRESENTATION</b> The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor <b>Chair:</b> Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (ALRSGBI President) <b>Cornerstone Robotics</b></p>



<b>11:00–12:40</b>	<p><b>SESSION TWO</b></p> <p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b> This session will cover principles of surgery and showcase adjunct technologies vital for operative safety. The emphasis will be on logistical and technical challenges with robotic surgery.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Andrew Day (Redhill)</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> Mr Chandra Cheruvu (Newcastle-under-Lyme); Mr Neil Keeling (Bury St Edmunds); Miss Tamsin Morrison (Chelmsford); Ms Shafaque Shaikh (Aberdeen)</p>
11:00–11:20	<p><b>TRAINING &amp; CERTIFICATION IN ROBOTIC SURGERY (ROBOPASS® &amp; ROBOTIC TRAIN THE TRAINERS)</b></p> <p>Professor Nader Francis (Yeovil)</p>
11:20–11:40	<p><b>DEVELOPING A ROBOTIC SERVICE WITHIN THE NHS IN THE ERA OF SEVERE NHS FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS - REFLECTIONS</b></p> <p>Mr Stuart Mercer (Portsmouth)</p>
11:40–12:00	<p><b>DELIVERING A ROBOTIC COLORECTAL SERVICE</b></p> <p>Mr Philip Varghese (Stoke-on-Trent)</p>
12:00–12:10	<p><b>QUESTION TIME</b> / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone</p> <hr/>
<b>12:10–12:40</b>	<p><b>FOCUSED EDITED VIDEO SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Subash Vasudevan (Colchester)</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> Ms Emilia Gagasa (London); Mr Andrew McCanny (Belfast)</p>
12:10–12:20	<p><b>VIDEO 1: ROBOTIC TRANSANAL MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY (TAMIS)</b></p> <p>Mr Veera Garimella (Stoke-on-Trent)</p>
12:20–12:30	<p><b>VIDEO 2: TRAINING IN THE ERA OF ROBOTIC SURGERY</b></p> <p>Mr Jawad Ahmad (Coventry)</p>
12:30–12:40	<p><b>QUESTION TIME</b> / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone</p> <hr/>
<b>12:40–13:00</b>	<p><b>ALRSGBI STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Mr Neil Keeling (Bury St Edmunds)</p> <hr/>
<b>13:00–14:00</b>	<p><b>INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT &amp; LUNCH</b></p> <p>Industry Exhibition, Boundary &amp; Century, The Point, 2nd Floor</p>
<b>14:00–14:25</b>	<p><b>TRAINING IN THE ERA OF SEVERE NHS PRESSURES</b></p> <p>The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor</p> <p>Mr Taner Shakir, Dukes Club President</p> <p><b>Chairs:</b> Miss Grace Bennett (Warrington)</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> Ms Nayaab Abdul Kader (Southend); Mr Anil Reddy (South Tees); Mr Graham Whiteley (Bangor)</p>
14:20–14:25	<p><b>QUESTION TIME</b> / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone</p> <hr/>

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**ALRSGBI ACADEMY SESSION**



**Chair:** Mr Matthew Boal (ALRSGBI Academy Chair)

**Panel:** Miss Eloise Dexter (ALRSGBI LapPass® Lead); Ms Dana Sochorova (Academy Webinar Lead)

14:25–14:35

**UPDATE FROM THE ACADEMY CHAIR**

Mr Matthew Boal (ALRSGBI Academy Chair)

14:35–14:45

**THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE MEDICAL WORLD & AN OVERVIEW OF USEFUL APPS**

Mr Javed Latif (ALRSGBI Academy Digital Education Lead);  
Miss Oon Hui Ng (ALRSGBI Social Media Representative)

14:45–15:05

**GLOBAL FOOTPRINT OF LAPPASS®**

Miss Grace Bennett (ALRSGBI Academy Deputy Chair); Professor Bijen Patel (London)

15:05–15:15

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15:15–15:45

**INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT & REFRESHMENTS**

Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor

15:45–17:15

**SESSION THREE** The Auditorium, Maiden, The Point, 2nd Floor

**Learning Outcomes:** Understanding the role of Minimal Access Surgery (MAS) in the management of an emergency situation.

**MINIMAL ACCESS EMERGENCY GENERAL SURGERY – TIME FOR CHANGE**

**Chair:** Mr Stuart Mercer (Portsmouth)

**Panel:** Miss Vivien Ngo (Liverpool); Miss Nina Patrick (Wirral); Mr Subash Vasudevan (Colchester)

15:45–16:05

**VIDEO 1: UPPER GI PERFORATIONS: MAS MANAGEMENT**

Mr Imran Bhatti (Derby)

16:05–16:25

**VIDEO 2: DIVERTICULAR PERFORATIONS: MAS MANAGEMENT**

Ms Shafaque Shaikh (Aberdeen)

16:25–16:45

**VIDEO 3: MANAGING COMPLICATIONS IN ROBOTIC SURGERY AND WHEN IS CONVERSION NECESSARY**

Mr Ahmed Elshaer (Bradford)

16:45–17:05

**VIDEO 4: PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT OF UROLOGICAL COMPLICATIONS**

Mr Manal Kumar (Wirral)

17:05–17:15

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<b>17:15–18:25</b>	<b>ROBOTIC SHOWCASE</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mr Imran Bhatti (Derby) <b>Panel:</b> Professor Nader Francis (Yeovil); Mr Guglielmo Piozzi (Portsmouth); Mr Krishna Singh (Brighton)
17:15–17:30	<b>VIDEO 1: USE OF DA VINCI SP (single port)</b> Miss Katherine Davies (Liverpool)
17:30–17:45	<b>VIDEO 2: CORNERSTONE ROBOTICS</b> Mr Gerald David (Portsmouth)
17:45–18:00	<b>VIDEO 3: ROBOTIC COMPANY</b> TBC
18:00–18:15	<b>VIDEO 4: ROBOTIC COMPANY</b> TBC
18:15–18:25	<b>QUESTION TIME</b> / Please line-up by static auditorium microphone
<b>18:25–18:30</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TOP 2 POSTERS FOR PRESENTATION &amp; PRESIDENT'S ROUND-UP OF THE DAY</b> <b>Chair:</b> Professor Chelliah Selvasekar (ALRSGBI President)
<b>18:30–19:30</b>	<b>PRESIDENT'S DRINKS RECEPTION</b> Industry Exhibition, Boundary & Century, The Point, 2nd Floor
<b>19:30–22:30</b>	<b>CONFERENCE SOIRÉE &amp; DINNER</b> Ashes, The Point, 2nd Floor Including IAGES Quiz & Special Guest Speaker Dr Samir Shah will give a captivating talk on the subject of Thinking under Pressure. Dinner provided by Sai Spice, Manchester