PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME *
Wednesday, 25th November 2026

8.00-8.30: REGISTRATION

8.30-8.40: INTRODUCTION – Mr Sanjay Agrawal, Symposium Director

8.40-8.50: WELCOME ADDRESS - Ms Basirat Sadiq, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

8.50-10:30: SESSION: AM
08.50-08.55: *Welcome Note* – Mr Chetan Parmar, Scientific Committee Co-Chair

08.55-09.15: Platforms and ergonomics of robotic surgery (15 + 5 minutes for discussion)
Dr Raj Palaniappan (India)

09.15-09.30: Robotic surgery – avoidance of complications (12 + 3 minutes for discussion)
Mr Arun Prasad (India)

09.30-09.45: Robotic training – where are we in the UK? (12 + 3 minutes for discussion)
Mr Chelliah R Selvasekar (UK)

09.45-10.10: Tele-robotic surgery – Is this the future? (20 + 5 minutes for discussion)
Dr Mohit Bhandari (India)

10.10-10.30: Totally robotic bariatric surgery – Tips & tricks (15 + 5 minutes for discussion)
Dr Jordi Tarasco (Spain)

10.30-11.20: SESSION: Hernia Surgery
10.30-10.35: *Welcome Note* – Ms Arifa M. Siddika, Scientific Committee Co-Chair

10:35-10.50: Robotic abdominal wall reconstruction (AWR) – It's not what you do, it's how you do it? (12 + 3 minutes for discussion)

Mr Adnan Qureshi (UK)

10:50-11.05: Robotic eTEP repair: Expanding the horizons of minimally invasive hernia surgery (12 + 3 minutes for discussion)
Jonathan Douissard (Switzerland) (TBC)

11:05-11.20: Future of robotic surgery (12 + 3 minutes for discussion)
Ms Nuha Yassin (UK)

11.20-11.50: Tea/Coffee Break

11.50-13:15: SESSION: Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Surgery
11.50-11.55: *Welcome Note* – Mr N V Jayanthi, Scientific Committee Co-Chair

11.55-12.15 **Debate:**
Title: Robotic oesophagectomy – Essential evolution or expensive experiment?
(7min for each speaker + 6min for discussion)
PRO – Mr Arul Immanuel (UK) Vs AGAINST – Mr Nick Maynard (UK)

12.15-12.30: Robots in emergency general surgery & cholecystectomy – Gain or drain? (12 + 3 minutes for discussion)
Mr Stuart Mercer (UK)

12.30-13.15: **How I do it?**
(7min for each speaker + 6min for discussion at the end)
12.30-12.37: Robotic para-oesophageal hiatus hernia repair - Mr Dip Mukherji (UK)
12.38-12.45: Robotic Hellers cardiomyotomy - Mr N Venkatesh Jayanthi (UK)
12.46-12.53: Robotic cholecystectomy & CBD exploration - Mr Stuart Mercer (UK)
12.54-13.01: Robotic oesophagectomy – Dr Subramanyeshwara Rao (India)
13.02-13.15: Discussion

13.15-14.30: Lunch

14.30-16:10: SESSION: Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgery
14.30-14.35: *Welcome Note* – Mr Somaiah Aroori, Scientific Committee Co-Chair

14.35-14.55: **Debate:**
Title: Robotic cholecystectomy – Are we risking the bile duct?
(7min for each speaker + 6min for discussion)
PRO – Mr Hemant Sheth (UK) Vs AGAINST – Mr Richard Laing (UK)

14.55-15.15: **Debate:**
Title: Is there a place for robotic bile duct exploration?
(7min for each speaker + 6min for discussion)
PRO – Mr Altaf Awan (UK) Vs AGAINST – Mr Somaiah Aroori (UK)

15.15-15.30: **Debate:**
Title: Ideal and radical approach to distal pancreatectomy – is it robotic?
Mr Neil Bhardwaj (UK)

15.30-15.50: **Debate:**
Title: Robotic pancreatoduodenectomy – Can we give the same oncological benefit to patients?
(7min for each speaker + 6min for discussion)
PRO – Mr Ali Arshad (UK) Vs AGAINST – Mr Arjun Takhar (UK)

15.50-16.10: **Debate:**
Title: Best approach to major liver resection – Robot versus Human?
(7min for each speaker + 6min for discussion)
PRO – Dr Ricardo Memeo (Italy) Vs AGAINST – Mr Mark Taylor (UK)

16.10-16.40: Tea/Coffee Break

16.40-17.30: SESSION: ABSTRACT – SELECTED ORAL PRESENTATIONS
16.40-16.50: TBC
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17.10-17.20: TBC
17.20-17.30: TBC

17.30-18.00: SESSION: Robotic training – Trainee's perspective
17.30-17.40: Ms Emily Mills – ASiT President (UK)
17.40-17.50: Mr Riadh Salem – Roux President (UK)

17.50-18.00: ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER OF PRIZED ORAL PRESENTATION & CLOSING REMARKS

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