Dundee National Surgical Conference 2017: Inspiring the Surgeons of Tomorrow

Dundee University Surgical Society (DUSS) was proud to welcome medical students, junior doctors, and anyone with an interest in surgery from across the UK to its inaugural conference entitled “Inspiring the Surgeons of Tomorrow”. World experts and surgical pioneers delivered insightful talks which provided wisdom and inspiration to those with even a slight inclination towards a career in surgery. There were workshops aimed at boosting CVs and improving technical skills. Furthermore, for those wishing to gain application points, there was the opportunity to take part in a poster competition with a generous prize.
Course Programme

0830 - 0900    Registration

0900 - 0920    Welcome by DUSS President A North and Sponsor Talk by Association of Surgeons in Training

0920 - 1020    Speaker 1: Professor Caroline MacEwen, President of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists. "Inspiring the Surgeons of Tomorrow".

1020 - 1120    Speaker 2: Mr Rodney Mountain, Consultant ENT surgeon. "Design-led Surgery: How to Realise the Scottish Chief Medical Officer's vision of 'Realistic Medicine'".

1125 - 1210    Workshop 1

1210 - 1300    Lunch and Poster Viewing

1300 - 1350    Workshop 2

1350 - 1440    Workshop 3

1440 - 1500    Afternoon Coffee Break and Poster Viewing

1500 - 1600    Speaker 3: Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri, Pioneer of laparoscopic surgery. "Chasing the Impossible Dream".

1610 - 1655    Workshop 4

1700    Close and poster prize presentation.
Faculty

Speakers

Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri MD, DSc, ChM, FRSE, FRCS, FACS, FIIBiol, FMed Sci
Chief Scientific Advisor
Institute of Medical Science and Technology (IMSaT)
University of Dundee

Professor Caroline ‘Carrie’ MacEwen MB ChB, MD, FRCS, FRCOphth, FFSEM
Consultant Ophthalmologist and Head of Department
Ophthalmology Department
NHS Tayside

Mr Rodney Mountain MBChB, FRCS ORL(Ed)
Consultant ENT Surgeon
ENT Department
NHS Tayside and University of Dundee

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Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the content of the conference?

- Excellent: 54%
- Good: 46%

How would you rate the general academic standard of the speaker?

- Excellent: 34%
- Good: 66%

Welcome by DUSS President: Alex North
Keynote speech by Professor Sir Alfred Cuschieri

- Excellent: 60%
- Good: 40%

Speaker 2: Speech by Professor Caroline MacEwen

- Excellent: 54%
- Good: 46%

Speaker 3: Speech by Mr Rodney Mountain

- Excellent: 60%
- Good: 40%

Speaker 4: Professor Sir A Cuschieri - "Chasing the Impossible Dream"

- Excellent: 36%
- Good: 64%
Overall Teaching Feedback

Surgical Workshops- Station 1: “Spice up your CV for National Surgical Selection!”
- Excellent: 74%
- Good: 26%

Surgical Workshops- Station 2: “Give a go at Laparoscopic surgery!”
- Excellent: 66%
- Good: 34%

Surgical Workshops- Station 3: “Can you perform a bowel anastomosis?”
- Excellent: 60%
- Good: 40%

Practical: Skin Flap-Reconstructions
- Excellent: 64%
- Good: 36%

How were the facilities and venue?
- Excellent: 48%
- Good: 52%

How were the refreshments and lunch?
- Excellent: 30%
- Good: 70%
Overall Teaching Feedback

How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?
- Very Friendly: 30%
- Friendly: 70%
- Neutral: 0%
- Not very friendly: 0%
- Can’t comment: 0%

Would you recommend this conference to a friend?
- Most certainly: 38%
- Certainly: 62%
- Probably: 0%
- Unlikely: 0%
- Not at all: 0%

Do you think that this conference provided good value for money?
- Most certainly: 50%
- Certainly: 50%
- Probably: 0%
- Unlikely: 0%
- Not at all: 0%
Individual Comments

I thought it was very informative and the professionalism of all those involved was excellent.

Miss Sarah Margaret Doran Wright  
*University of Dundee*

The course was overall well organised, educational and enjoyable.

Miss Isabel Gartner  
*University of Dundee*

Overall, it was carried out well.

Miss Jian Ying Quek  
*University of Dundee*

Well run day. Really enjoyed the workshops. I realise that there a few technical issues. Other than that, it was great day.

Miss Angela Karumbi  
*University of Dundee*

The speakers were very informative and supportive. Many tips on how to improve CV were given and it was very useful.

Miss Akila Subramanian  
*University of Dundee*

It was well organised and content was excellent.

Miss Tsz Man Li  
*University of Dundee*

I found it to be generally successful, as any event that exposes you to new information in a concise but thorough manner will be beneficial to anyone who attends it.

Ms Amirah Wani Binti Azhar  
*University of Dundee*

This course really inspired me and put me on the right track to start preparing to gain surgical experience.

Miss Hannah I. L. Prill  
*University of Dundee*

It was interesting and informative. Enjoyed the hands-on stations the most.

Miss Jia Yi Lim  
*University of Dundee*
Individual Comments

Overall a pretty successful conference - excellent speakers and good range of practical skills workshops.

Miss Rachel Elizabeth Lawrie
_University of Dundee_

Relevant.

Miss Qi Xun Lim
_University of Glasgow_

The lectures were interesting and provided an interesting perspective. The workshops were very enjoyable and provided a good chance to learn and practice surgical skills.

Mr Owain Lloyd Thomas
_University of Dundee_

Good.

Ms Chien Nee Gan
_University of Dundee_

Gained insights on the pathway of becoming a surgeon.

Ms Soo Min Yap
_University of Dundee_

Good conference overall, good value for money.

Mr Aaron Rennie Duff
_University of Dundee_

The laparoscopic skills station was very interesting.

Mr Omar Kouli
_University of Dundee_

I am a first-year medical student and so I do not have an upcoming exam. The conference was, however, very well organised, and provided excellent teaching in different surgical skills.

Mr Alexandru Paul
_Neagoie_ University of Dundee

Really enjoyed it and felt that I gained a lot of skills from the conference.

Mr Justin Zhi Jian Chiu
_University of Dundee_
Individual Comments

The conference was really helpful as means to gaining insight into surgery and how to prepare to become a surgeon. I'm a first year medical student and so I haven't done any exams yet.

Miss Ashwarya Verma  
*University of Dundee*

Very well organised and helpful for learning how to build up a medical CV.

Mr Imran Kibria  
*University of Dundee*

Practical stations were interesting, fun and broke up the day but the real highlight was the speakers who were all excellent. It was an honour to hear Prof Sir Cuschieri speak.

Mr Calum John Green  
*University of Dundee*

I thought this event went really well! The key speakers were really interesting - I was especially impressed by Sir Alfred Cushieri. Well organised and great variety of stations.

Miss Isabelle Hope Bough  
*University of Dundee*

Generally good impression.

Mr Jonas Ben Repkewitz  
*University of Dundee*

The conference provided an excellent insight into a career in surgery, giving us good opportunities to have some hands on experience and practice some surgical skills. The teaching and presentations were of a high standard, were informative and relevant. The whole day ran smoothly with all the talks and workshops taking place in a timely and efficient manner.

Miss Zahra Javid  
*University of Dundee*

Loved the hands-on workshops. Liked how we each had a set of tools to work with and groups were not too large. Only thing was a lot of the items on the agenda was "TBC". Would have been great to know beforehand, but well organised and I had fun! Speakers were good too.

Miss Samantha Yen Li Ng  
*University of Dundee*
Individual Comments

I have not done the exam but this was a good introduction to surgery and excellent inspiration to medical students. The workshops were well organised and great fun I enjoyed it throughout and didn't feel tired till the end of the conference! Well done!

Miss Jean Yu Choi
University of Dundee

It was good.

Mr Craig Ian Stout
University of Aberdeen

I would happily like to say that all of the organisation, relevance and most importantly, the teaching presentations were at a very high standard. Clear and concise information and instructions were expressed throughout the day. Great job.

Mr Orpheas Manos
University of Dundee

All was very good.

Mr Nikhil Agarwal
University of Aberdeen

Useful tips for applying to surgical training/awareness of what is involved! Nice to see an alternative perspective on surgery e.g. design & creativity by Mr Mountain.

Miss Mhairi Helen Mactier
University of Dundee

Good.

Mr Andy Chuang
University of Dundee

Overall, the conference was good.

Mr Aakash Gupta
University of Glasgow

Was very organised and interesting , All of the stations were engaging and interactive, Overall it was a really positive experience

Mr Andrew John Martin
University of Dundee
Individual Comments

Really good conference. A long but very good day.

Mr Ainslie Taylor
University of Dundee

Very wide variety of speakers ranging from the highly pragmatic (CV talk) to the academic (Ophthalmology) etc etc.

Mr Ferenc Kohsuke Ishikawa Gutai
University of Dundee

Very informative and motivating.

Miss Emily Edelsten
University of Dundee

The organisation was good, everyone was well prepared and it seemed to run smoothly, despite delays at the start. The teaching was very interesting, particularly the workshops. It was a very valuable experience for me.

Miss Sarah Ashburn
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- Structured Introduction to Surgical Skills

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- DOHNS: Intensive Revision & OSCE
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