



Exeter Global Surgery Conference



Feedback - April 2023

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The Exeter Global Surgery Conference was hosted by The University of Exeter Surgical Society at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. The aim of the conference was to bring delegates from the student community together and provide inspiration with regard to the different fields of surgery and a role in global surgery. The event sought to give insight into some of the issues around Global surgery including inequities, ethics, advocacy, partnership working, and sustainability. In addition the event highlighted some of the emerging technologies and innovations which will guide the future of surgery in the global context.

The conference provided a platform for sharing and discussing challenges and opportunities in the field and building collaborations among individuals and organisations working in global surgery. A number of surgical workshops provided delegates with an opportunity for practical teaching.

The event sought to provoke discussion about the future of surgery in the Global context, whilst providing an exciting and interactive day for delegates.

Course Information

Course Date:	29th April 2023
Venue:	RILD lecture theatre, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital
Attendance:	74 Delegates
Aimed at:	Medical students and Foundation year doctors 1 and 2
Conference Fee:	£6.00



Programme

08.30 – 09.00 Registration and refreshments

09.00 – 09.45 Welcome and introduction - Professor Vikram Devaraj

09.45 – 10.30 Speaker - Global Surgery Advocacy and Challenges of Surgical Care in Conflict -
Dr Hanna Kaade

10.30 – 11.00 Speaker - Operating at St John's Eye Hospital, Jerusalem - A Survival Guide –
Mr Peter Simcock

11.00 – 11.15

Break

11.15 – 12.00 Speaker - Global Inequities in Trauma Surgery - Mr Christoph McAllen

12.00 – 12.45 Speaker - Virtual Reality in Global Surgery - Professor Jag Dhanda

12.45 – 13.30

Lunch and Poster Presentations

13.30 – 14.30 Workshops: Suturing Techniques and Hand Tying

14.30 – 14.40

Break

14.40 – 15.10 Speaker - General Surgery in Zambia- Mr Rob Bethune

15.15 – 15.45 Careers in Surgery - Dr Joao Valverde

15.45 – 16.45 Speaker - Humanitarian Surgery and Working For MSF - Miss Rebekka Troller

16.45 – 17.00 Poster Presentation Prizes and close - Professor Vikram Devaraj

Faculty

Speakers

Professor Jag Dhanda, BSc(hons), BDS, MFDSRCS (Eng), MBBS, MRCS(Eng), PhD, FRCS(OMFS)

Founder of Virtual Reality in Medicine and Surgery (VRiMS). Oral and Maxillofacial/Head and Neck Surgeon at Queen Victoria Hospital

Miss Rebekka Troller, MD, FMH

General Surgeon at Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) and Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at Medway NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Hanna Kaade, MD

General Surgery and Emergency Medicine Specialist. Health Advisor at German Red Cross

Professor Vikram Devaraj, MBChB, FRCS(Eng), FRCS (Plast Surg), PG Dip (Clin Ed), SFHEA

Associate Professor at the University of Exeter. Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon at Nuffield Hospital, Exeter

Mr Christoph McAllen, MBChB, FRCS, BOA

Consultant Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust. Lead Surgeon, Trauma team at Future Health Africa.

Mr Peter Simcock, MBChB, DO, FRCP, FRCS, FRCOphth

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon at Royal Devon University Healthcare Foundation Trust

Dr Joao Valverde, MD

Core Surgical Trainee at Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital

Mr Rob Bethune, MA (Cantab), MBBS (hons), MSc, FRCS

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon at Royal Devon University Healthcare Foundation Trust

Workshop Tutors

Professor Vikram Devaraj MB ChB, FRCS (Eng), FRCS (Plast Surg), PG Dip (Clin Ed), SFHEA

Mr Benjamin Rossi, MBChB, MClined, MRCS

Dr Joao Valverde, MD

Dr Emily Jane O'Malley, MBBS

Dr Aye Myintmo, MBBS

Dr Haider Merchant, BMBS, MSc

Dr Miriam Beattie, BMBS

Dr Taona Nyamapfene, BMBS

Faculty

Organisers

Miss Eleanor Priestnall

Conference Co-Lead

Miss Maria Coelho

Conference Co-Lead

Mr Harry True

Workshop Lead

Miss Lara Hogan

Exeter Surgical Society Co-President

Miss Maria Fernandese

Exeter Surgical Society Co-President

Miss Eden Leaper

Workshop Secretary

Miss Brigith Benny

Conference Co-Secretary

Mr George True

Conference Co-Secretary

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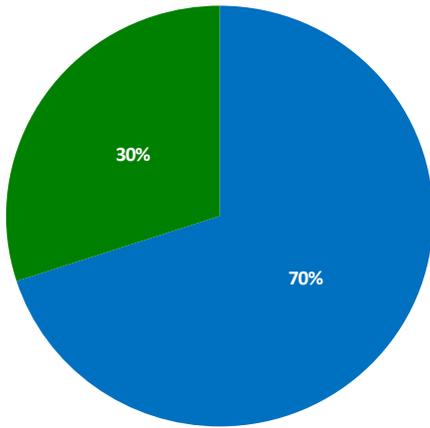
Treasurer

Miss Naabil Khan

Talks Officer

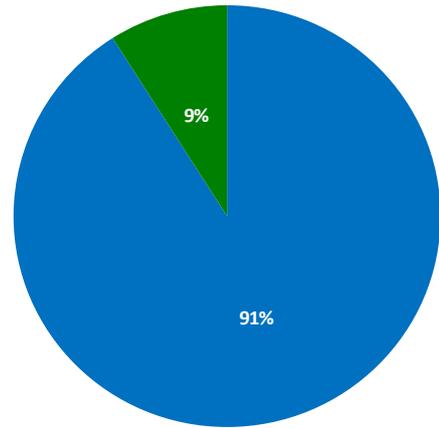
Overall Feedback

How was the content of the conference?



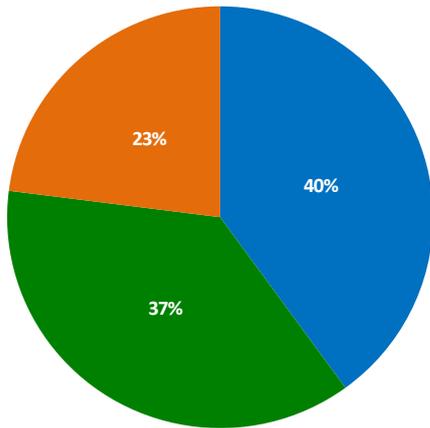
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the speakers?



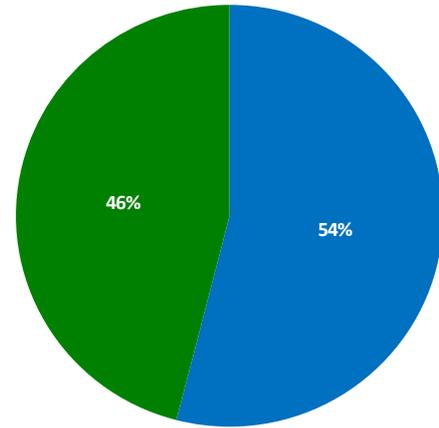
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Do you feel the poster presentations were beneficial?



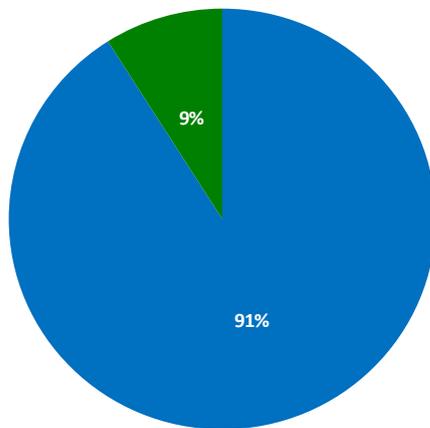
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Speaker - Global Surgery Advocacy and Challenges of Surgical Care in Conflict - Dr Hanna Kaade



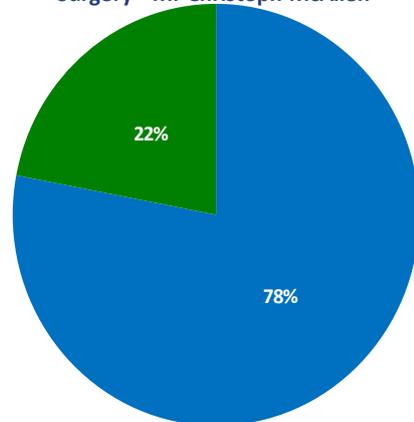
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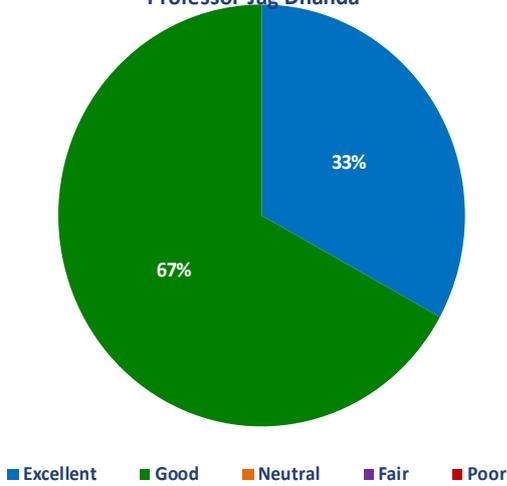
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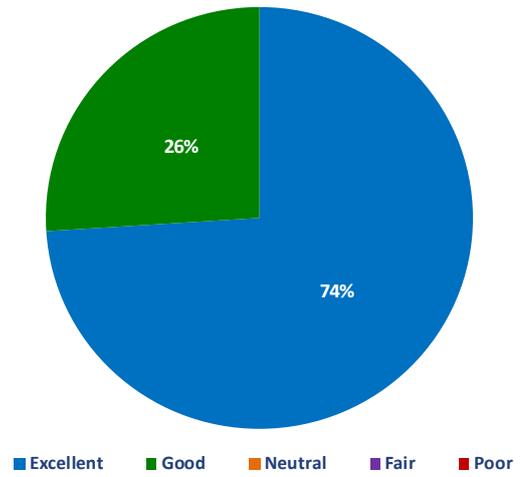
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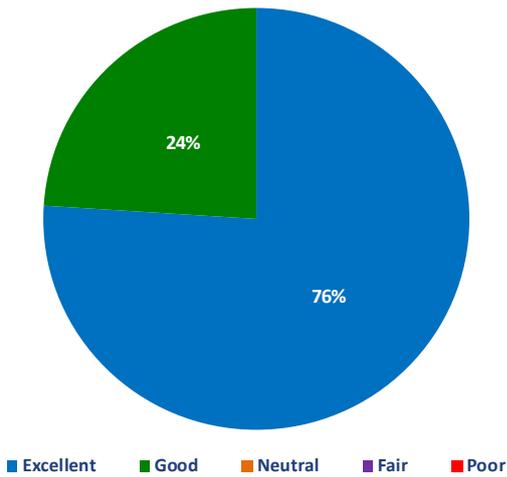
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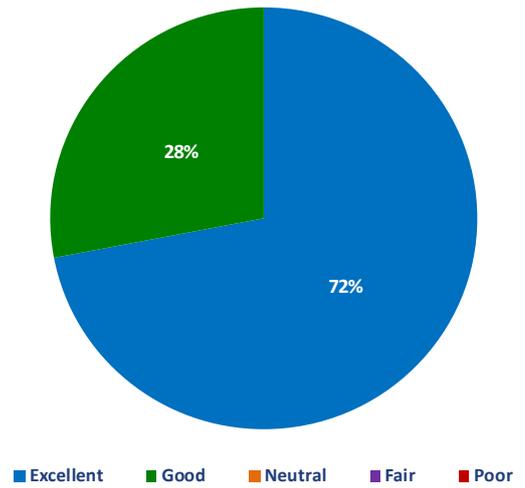
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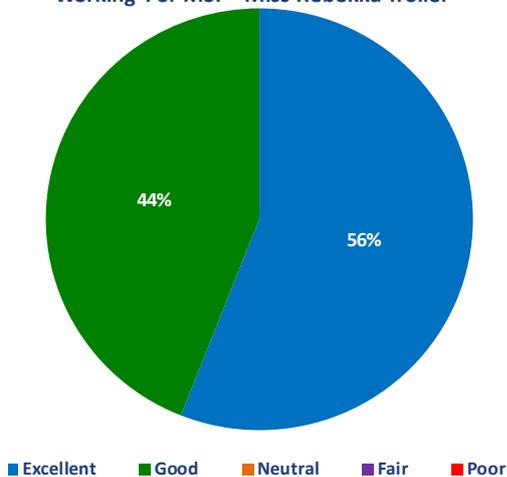
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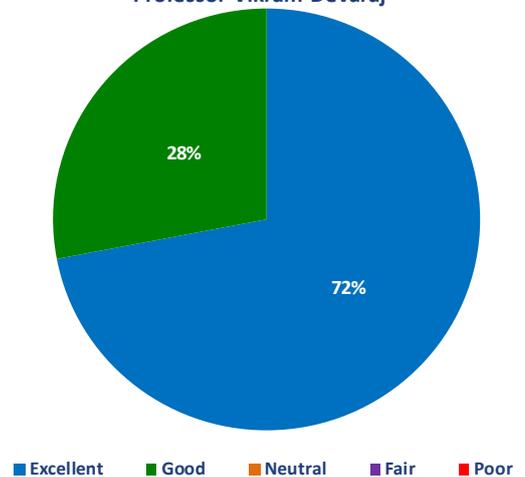
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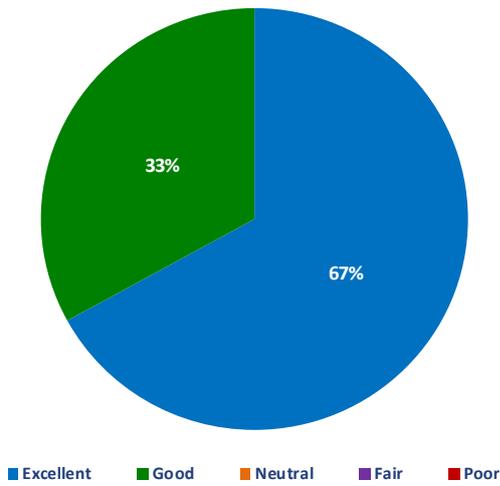


Poster Presentation Prizes and close - Professor Vikram Devaraj

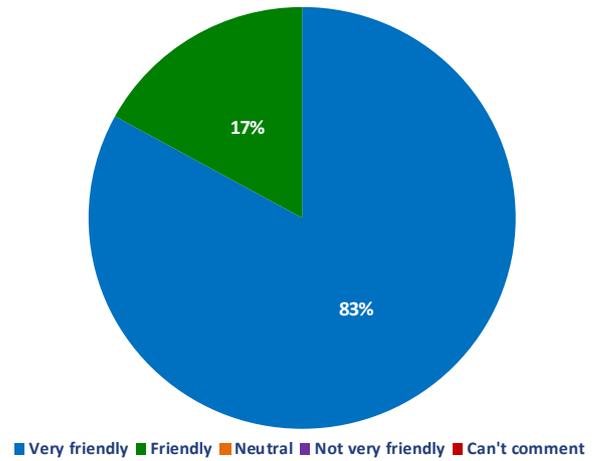


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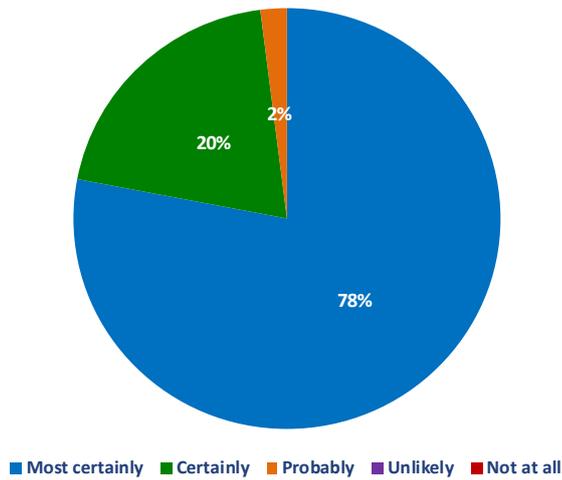
How were the facilities and venue?



How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



Would you recommend this conference to a friend?



Individual Comments

Enjoyed the conference very much.

TD
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

I found the conference very informative and I especially enjoyed the workshops.

JM
University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

Good.

DW
Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, Plymouth, UK

Very inspirational.

SS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

I really enjoyed the talk from the core surgical trainees about applying to surgery.

CP
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Great teaching, very good learning experience and great insight into surgery and global surgery.

LB
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

I intend on going into surgery, so this conference was incredibly useful in helping me to understand surgery across the globe and how it differs, and what the most important aspects are. If I end up deciding to work in a different country for any period of time I'll be much more open to what the experience may be like as a result of this conference. All of the teaching and presentations were done to a very high standard, and I feel like I learnt a huge amount about global surgery.

AT
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Great.

AS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

I thoroughly enjoyed it, particularly the workshops.

MR
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

It was a very informative and useful day to help see what global surgery is all about and how we can get involved later in our careers.

WS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Individual Comments

Very well organised and structured. Provided a holistic view of global surgery. Included excellent and experienced speakers.

JL
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Excellent.

OH
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Thoroughly enjoyed the day and the lectures.

EM
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Thought it was well-run and had great speakers however some parts were rather repetitive.

RJ
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Very professional and useful talks provided by renowned doctors, and fantastic medical students.

RM
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Very good speakers, I learnt a lot, and the workshops were very fun!

NF
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

I enjoyed learning about humanitarian surgery.

NS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Interesting speaker presentations made relevant to medical students.

ST
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

An enjoyable day that helped inform me on global surgery and the opportunities on where I can take my career in future. Overall very well organised.

AS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Great conference overall.

JM
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Conférence not relevant at present but nonetheless I thoroughly enjoyed it.

ED
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Individual Comments

I preferred the in person sessions to the online ones as they were more engaging.

NW
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

The conference was great. The speakers were very engaging and the content was very interesting and informative.

SP
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

I want to become an ophthalmologist therefore Mr Simcock and careers in surgery are the most relevant to me.

TC
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Well organised sand very relevant.

TF
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Enjoyable.

EF
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Really useful and interesting.

NK
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Very well structured and beneficial.

SM
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

The conference was very well organised with great speakers who had inspiring stories. Well presented and relevant to my future goals as a surgeon.

GP
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

It was great.

TO
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Well organised, teaching was very interesting and speakers had enormous amounts of experience.

EH
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

I thought it was interesting seeing the variety of possibilities in global surgery. I think it was extremely relevant because we're at a stage where we're considering future options and which paths to aim for.

DS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Individual Comments

It was a really motivational conference.

SS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Well organised and engaging.

FM
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Was great to hear from so many different surgeons and doctors about their time working abroad and how vastly different each experience was. definitely useful to hear about the options to do something similar in the future.

SS
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

The conference was informative and I enjoyed it. I thought it provided a very realistic view of global surgery.

RR
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

Very Impressed: Please can i have a receipt of my Certificate Adnan Ahmad.

AA
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK

All of the presentations were really interesting and of a very high standard. The provision of tea and sandwiches was brilliant. The talks online were not as engaging as those in person.

EK
University of Exeter Medical School, Exeter, UK



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