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An invitation from E-AHPBA

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As President of E-AHPBA, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 11th International Congress. E-AHPBA is delighted to be coming to Manchester and our Programme Committee, chaired by Professor Christos Dervenis, has worked closely with the Manchester Local Organising Committee to assemble an exciting programme, featuring state of the art talks by acknowledged world leaders in HPB, key symposia covering a range of important topics in HPB and a series of debates and updates from specialist symposia, such as the 2nd International Congress on Laparoscopic Liver Surgery. E-AHPBA has a special focus on the development and training of the next generation of surgeons and we look forward to receiving papers from surgeons in training.

We are particularly excited about the co-located meeting with the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and look forward to seeing you in Manchester.

Professor Claudio Bassi
President, E-AHPBA

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to attend the 11th International Congress of the European-African Hepato-Pancreateo-Biliary Association from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th April 2015. The E-AHPBA is Europe’s leading specialist HPB association and our biennial meeting draws experts and leaders in HPB from the UK, Europe and worldwide. This is the first time that the E-AHPBA has come to the UK, and we are particularly delighted to host this meeting in Manchester.

We are co-locating our meeting with the annual International Surgical Congress of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and in recognition of this, both our meetings have as their central theme ‘Patient-centred Care’. Both these great organisations put patient care at the heart of all that they do and our unique joint meeting will form “Manchester Surgical Week”.

Our meeting will have comprehensive, state of the art talks, symposia on key topics and will be a forum that bridges specialist HPB and generalist care. Please see pages 8 and 9 of this booklet for more information.

The E-AHPBA looks forward to welcoming you to this unique, exciting and informative meeting. Please visit www.eahpba2015.com for more information.

Ajith Siriwardena
Chairman, Local Organising Committee
I’m extremely pleased to invite you to attend the Association’s International Surgical Congress in Manchester, from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th April 2015, which will be held at Manchester Central. Often cited as the world’s first industrialised city, Manchester is the third most visited city in the UK after London and Edinburgh. In the words of the late Brian Redhead, “Manchester is the capital, in every sense, of the North of England, where the modern world was born”. Ian Brown of the Stone Roses has claimed that “Manchester has everything except a beach!” It therefore gives us great pleasure to return to Manchester after our last Congress there in 2007.

The theme of this year’s Congress is ‘Patient-centred Care’ and we aim to make it an even greater success than our 2014 meeting in Harrogate, which attracted almost 1,400 delegates over three days - our largest ever meeting. On this point, I would like to congratulate my predecessor, Professor John Primrose, for his leadership of ASGBI during his two years as President. During his tenure, the Association has continued to go from strength to strength. Once again, we are delighted to have the annual Association of Trauma & Military Surgery (ATMS) Conference running in parallel to ours. As in recent years, the Congress will host a number of other parallel events. In 2015, the Congress will be a particularly special event as we will be sharing the venue with the European-African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (E-AHPBA). With this event expected to be the largest we have ever organised, we have decided to call the overall meeting the “Manchester Surgical Week”.

As before, we will have the usual major scientific sessions and a plenary Moynihan Prize short paper session. In addition, there will be a number of invited lectures from some of the most influential surgeons in the UK and abroad. Symposia will cover key topics including ‘Surgeons and the Law’, ‘Abdominal Wall Failure and Reconstruction’ and ‘Setting Up an Acute Service’. We will also run the ever-popular ‘Bad Day on Call’ and ‘Meet the Experts’ sessions. There will be plenty of opportunities to debate many of the current medicopolitical issues that impact our working lives, as well as learn about the most recent innovations in surgical techniques.

In Harrogate this year, ASGBI held the first ever paperless surgical conference in the UK and Ireland. After the overwhelmingly positive delegate feedback, we have decided to continue with this format, so remember to bring your iPad or Android tablet with you. However, there will also be iPads to rent onsite.

Manchester Surgical Week should be a great educational and social experience, providing something for everyone. I would encourage you all to come with your team to this superb venue. Join us in Manchester, not just for the science and the surgery but also for the craic. It’s your chance to catch up with old friends, make new ones and talk about those who didn’t turn up.

Please submit your abstracts and DVDs by the closing date of midnight of Friday 2nd January 2015. We very much look forward to meeting you and members of your teams at the Congress and can assure you of a memorable event.

Finally, remember you can make big savings in registration costs by being a member of the Association and taking advantage of our Early Bird registration rate, so visit the Congress website at www.asgbi.org/manchester2015.

John Moorehead
Vice President
(President 2015 and 2016)
I am delighted to invite you to the annual Association of Trauma & Military Surgery (ATMS) Conference in Manchester, taking place on Wednesday 22nd April 2015. As usual, the meeting will be held in parallel with ASGBI’s Congress, and this year’s ATMS theme will be **UK Urban Violence**. ATMS continually aims to bring together experts in both civilian and military trauma care, to share best practice and forge networks for the future.

As well as inviting you to attend the 2015 Conference, I encourage you to submit an abstract for this prestigious event. You can submit your abstract via the ASGBI website, into the specific ATMS Trauma and Military Surgery category. I would remind military delegates to ensure that their abstracts have been authorised by the Medical Director, Joint Medical Command. The deadline for submissions is midnight on Friday 2nd January 2015.

The ATMS Organising Committee is currently working hard to put together a busy and inspiring programme for 2015, in which we will have the usual prestigious Guthrie Lecture, delivered by a world-class surgeon, plus many more symposia and sessions.

As always, there will be a formal conference dinner on Wednesday evening, and I am pleased to announce that in 2015, this will be held at Old Trafford football ground, the home of Manchester United. As always, delegates from all the co-located conferences are welcome to attend, with partners, colleagues and friends. I would advise you to book early for the event as we are sure the dinner will prove even more popular this year, due to this spectacular venue.

All those involved with ATMS look forward to welcoming you to the 2015 Trauma & Military Surgery Conference.

Mark Midwinter  
President, on behalf of ATMS Organising Committee
**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**
This is a three-day conference taking place at Manchester Central, from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th April 2015.

### Audio visual arrangements
All presentations throughout the Congress and parallel events will be delivered using PowerPoint format. Speakers will be sent detailed guidance notes on the audio-visual requirements and facilities in advance of the meeting.

### Electronic submission of abstracts
ASGBI operates a paperless electronic abstract submission system. The system enables the surgical community to upload abstracts (including tables and special scientific characters, but **not** figures or diagrams) into the abstract template provided, facilitating quick and easy abstract submission.

To submit an abstract visit [www.asgbi.org/manchester2015](http://www.asgbi.org/manchester2015)

Submission is open now, and will close at midnight on **Friday 2nd January 2015**.

### Topics for ASGBI abstract submission
- Audit and Outcomes Research
- Basic and Applied Clinical Science
- Breast/Endocrine
- Cancer/Surgical Oncology (GI)
- Cancer/Surgical Oncology (Other)
- Education and Training
- Emergency Surgery including Trauma (ASGBI)
- General
- Hernia/Soft Tissues
- Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Patient Safety
- Perioperative Care/Nutrition
- Surgical Complications
- Surgical Simulation
- Vascular and Transplant

### Topic for ATMS abstract submission (via ASGBI website)
- Trauma & Military Surgery (ATMS)

### Topics for E-AHPBA abstract submission (via E-AHPBA website)
- Benign HPB
- Biliary
- Liver
- Miscellaneous
- Pancreas Cancer
- Pancreatitis
- Transplant
- Trauma

### Guidelines for the submission of abstracts
- An abstract must be submitted to only **ONE** of the above conferences, via the relevant website.
- The abstract should relate to original, unpublished work and must not have been previously presented at any major meeting.
- Abstracts must consist of four paragraphs, entitled: Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions.
- Abstracts are to be submitted as text and tables only (i.e. no figures, graphs or diagrams).
- The maximum word count is 300.
- A maximum of five authors can be listed.
- As the abstract will be judged anonymously, the text must not reveal any institutional affiliation.
- The category which best describes the subject of your work, from the list above, should be indicated.

E-AHPBA and ASGBI takes a serious view of Research Governance. **Please ensure that the abstract has been seen and agreed by all of the named authors before submission.** All authors have a responsibility to ensure that the data submitted is accurate, is not extrapolated and fairly represents the presentation to be given at the Association’s International Surgical Congress.
E-AHPBA Postgraduate Course

There will be an E-AHPBA postgraduate course at the Manchester Central Congress venue on Tuesday the 21st April 2015. The postgraduate course has been a highly popular feature of previous E-AHPBA meetings. This course is aimed principally at HPB and General Surgery trainees and will cover key aspects of the care of patients with HPB problems. The course may also be of benefit to more senior, established surgeons looking for a concise refresher or update. The faculty will comprise recognised leaders in HPB and will include a mix of didactic lecture, question and answer and “how-to-do-it” videos covering the standard HPB operations. A separate fee of £250 (early bird fee of £200) is payable for registration for this course. Refreshments will be provided.

For 2015, the course will include a series of evidence-based talks covering key aspects of the management of common HPB conditions, including the following highlights:

- The early and late management of acute pancreatitis.
- The management of chronic pancreatitis – how to select patients for surgical intervention.
- Current management of patients with colorectal hepatic metastases.
- Staging and management of pancreatic neoplasia.

In addition, we will have technical “master” videos from experts in the field covering important aspects of both standard and newer HPB operative techniques including:

- Standard techniques in hepatectomy.
- The artery-first technique in pancreaticoduodenectomy.
- Portal vein resection in pancreaticoduodenectomy.

Key features of the E-AHPBA 2015 International Congress

The theme of the 2015 congress is Patient-centred Care, and the meeting is a great opportunity for clinicians and colleagues practising in HPB to access the latest information. Highlights include:

- The first European update from the 2nd International Laparoscopic Liver surgery consensus conference. This consensus conference is taking place in Tokyo in October 2014 and is an important meeting for all surgeons with an interest in the growing field of laparoscopic liver surgery. Professor Wakabayashi and his team have kindly agreed to take up the offer from E-AHPBA to use the meeting to disseminate the key findings of this consensus conference.
- There will be a chance to hear “living legends” such as Professor Dr Jacques Belghiti, sharing the experience gained over his long and distinguished career.
- An important talk delivered by Dr Christina Ferrone from the USA on the role of women in HPB.
- There are carefully selected “state of the art” talks on key aspects of HPB including:
  - Modern management of pancreatic cancer (Professor Neoptolemos, Liverpool, UK)
  - Colorectal cancer & synchronous liver metastases (Professor Rene Adam, Paris, France)
  - Peri-hilar cholangiocarcinoma (Dr William Jarnagin, Memorial Sloan Kettering, NY)
  - Management of pancreatic necrosis (Dr Marc Besselink, Amsterdam, NL).
- Key debates on important issues relating to HPB practice such as whether liver and pancreas surgery should be separate sub-specialties.
- We plan to close the conference by issuing a challenge in what promises to be a memorable lecture delivered by Professor Marcus Buchler from Heidelberg on possibly the greatest HPB oncological challenge that the Western world faces in the early twenty-first century – how to improve the outlook for our patients with pancreatic cancer.

Short Papers

There will be free paper sessions throughout the meeting. Submission is through the online abstract submission system. Please do not submit the same abstract to both ASGBI and E-AHPBA. To better integrate our two meetings, there will be no HPB abstract category at ASGBI in 2015. Thus, all HPB abstracts should be submitted to E-AHPBA. We welcome work in the categories of:

- Liver (benign, malignant, primary and secondary, clinical, basic science or mixed).
- Pancreas (benign or malignant, clinical, basic science or mixed).
- Biliary.
- Transplant.
- HPB trauma.
There will be a special “six of the best” E-AHPBA papers session immediately after the opening ceremony, with a prize for the best paper presented by a surgical trainee.

At E-AHPBA 2013 in Belgrade, there were 120 free papers, and we are very keen to have you share your work with colleagues in Manchester. Thus we strongly encourage you to submit your work to this meeting.

E-Posters
The ASGBI meeting in Harrogate in 2014 used large high-resolution TV monitors to display electronic posters. This saves the poster presenter the costs of preparing and transporting the poster and allows us to accept up to 400 posters.

We will be delighted to accept poster presentations in the same categories as the short papers. Abstracts not accepted for oral presentation may be selected as posters.

Videos
Video presentations are a popular component of E-AHPBA meetings and we welcome videos on HPB surgery including transplantation. There will be “master” video sessions where important HPB techniques are demonstrated by acknowledged experts in HPB.

Published Abstracts
All abstracts accepted for presentation at E-AHPBA’s International Congress with be published in an abstract issue of our journal *HPB*.

Travel Bursaries
E-AHPBA will offer up to 10 travel bursaries of €100 each to trainees who have work accepted for presentation at E-AHPBA 2015. Bursaries are open to trainees who have work accepted for either oral, e-poster or video presentation. In order to receive a travel bursary, the trainee will need to provide a letter of recommendation from their Programme Director or Consultant Trainer and must agree to register for and attend the entire Congress.

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