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# BIARGS XIII

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# W E L C O M E

Dear Friends,

It is our great pleasure and honour to welcome you to London to participate in the BIARGS 13th Annual Scientific Meeting at the prestigious The Royal Society of Medicine on the 24th and 25th of November 2023.

The local Organising Committee chaired by Mr Denis Tsepov and the BIARGS Council will be proud to host you in this beautiful venue in the centre of London.

The Primary objective of this meeting is to update you on the latest developments in robotic surgery in gynaecology, share the latest evidence, experience, techniques and opinions which would allow us to further raise the standards in surgical care for women.

Our scientific programme, delivered by experts in robotic surgery, will be relevant to any surgeon currently working in, or looking to explore, this new and exciting way of operating. We will focus on surgical outcomes, patient experience, surgical safety and on standardising robotic surgical approaches to complex oncological and benign gynaecological pathology. We will cover all aspects of training in robotic surgery and discuss ways to establish and maintain robotic programmes. This year, we have placed a special focus on the significance of multidisciplinary surgical practice.

There's a packed agenda with some great highlights, including an interactive surgical video delivered by robotics experts will aim to improve the technical knowledge of young robotics surgeons at various stages in their careers.

The meeting is sponsored by world-leading industry partners from across the field of medical robotics who will display their latest products and developments at the industry exhibition.

London, with its timeless allure, is always a beautiful city, but never more so than at Christmas. We look forward to seeing you for the conference and for the networking opportunities. Let's learn, teach, and work together so this will be the best BIARGS conference yet!

## DAY 1 - 24th November 2023

8.30am	Registration and coffee	
<b>OPENING / SESSION 1 (9.00am-9.20am)</b> Panel: Marielle Nobbenhius, Nahid Gul, Denis Tsepov, Manou Kaur, Corne Hurter, Nick Elkington		
9.00am	Welcome and opening remarks	Marielle Nobbenhius, BIARGS President
9.10am	Robotic programme in HCA Healthcare UK: History and perspectives	Corne Hurter
9.20am	History of BIARGS	Nick Elkington, London, UK
<b>SESSION 2: ROLE OF ROBOTIC SURGERY IN BENIGN GYNAECOLOGY (9.30am-11.00am)</b> Chairs: Nadine Di Donato, Denis Tsepov, Sujata Gupta		
9.30am	My rapid conversion to robotic surgery in deep endometriosis: reflection after 300 cases	Denis Tsepov, London, UK
9.50am	Robotic myomectomy and tips for tissue extraction	Tony Chalhoub, Newcastle, UK
10.10am	Robotic-assisted hysterectomy: Does size matter?	Nahid Gul, Manchester, UK
10.30am	Ultra Conservative Robotic Endometriosis Surgery	Jean Philippe Estrade, Marcelle, France
10.50am	Robotic Hysterectomy -standardising the operation during the learning curve	Manou Kaur, London UK
11.10am	DISCUSSION	
<b>SESSION 3: NEUROPELVEOLOGY &amp; MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM IN COMPLEX BENIGN GYNAECOLOGICAL SURGERY (11.20am-1.00pm)</b> Chairs: Nahid Gul, Daniel Wilby, Shaheen Khazaloi, Valerio Celentano		
11.20am	Pelvic nerves: How does the robot help when working in the tiger territory?	Shaheen Khazali, London, UK
11.40am	Diaphragmatic endometriosis: The role of the thoracic surgeon	Tom Rutledge, London UK
12.00pm	Reconstructive urology: An update for the gynaecologists	Rajesh Nair, London, UK
12.20pm	Robotic NOSE colorectal resection in endometriosis	Danilo Miscovic, London, UK
12.50pm	Multidisciplinary decision making in robotic endometriosis surgery	Denis Tsepov, London, UK
1.10pm	DISCUSSION	
1.20pm	LUNCH AND VISITING INDUSTRY	
<b>SESSION 4: INDUSTRY SPONSORED SESSION (2.00pm-2.30pm)</b>		
2.00pm	INTUITIVE speaker	Amer Raza, London, UK
2.15pm	Session details to be confirmed	

## DAY 1 - 24th November 2023 (continued)

<b>SESSION 4: GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY (2.30pm-3.50pm)</b> Chairs: Thomas Ind, Anil Taylor		
2.30pm	Boundaries for robotic surgery in gynae-oncology: Are there any?	Thomas Hebert, France
2.50pm	Role of robotic PA nodes: When and how?	Henrik Falconer, Sweden
3.10pm	Same day discharge after robotic hysterectomy	Adeola Olaitan, London, UK
3.30pm	Experience in robotic surgery for gynaecological cancer in Scotland	Rhona Lindsay, Glasgow, UK
3.50pm	COFFEE AND VISITING INDUSTRY	
<b>PARALLEL SESSION 4A: NURSES AND BED SIDE ASSISTANTS IN ROBOTIC SURGERY (2.30pm-3.45pm)</b> Chairs: Claudia So, Marie Taniacao		
2.30pm	How to run "Formula One" robotic theatre	Claudia So, London
2.45pm	Education pathways for Robotic bed site assistants – where are we now?	Marie Taniacao, London
3.00pm	BSA training in Norway	Mariia Miiros, Oslo
3.15pm	TBA	TBA
3.30pm	DISCUSSION	
<b>SESSION 5: VIDEO SESSION AND FREE COMMUNICATION (4.10pm-5.30pm)</b> Chairs: Shaheen Khazali, Gaby Moawad, Denis Tsepov, Jeffrey Ahmed		
4.10pm	Session details to be confirmed	
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5.20pm	DISCUSSION	
5.30pm - DAY CLOSURE		
5.30pm - AGM BIARGS		
7.00pm - BIARGS EVENT PARTY		

## DAY 2 - 25th November 2023

8.30am	Registration	
<b>SESSION 6: SURGICAL VIDEO TALK SHOW (9.00am-11.00am)</b> Moderators: Gaby Moawad, Shaheen Khazali, Denis Tsepov, Manou Kaur		
9.00am - 11.00am	Each speaker presents 2 x 10 min surgical video case presentations of robotic surgical cases	
9.00am	Robotic excision of peritoneal endometriosis, Robotic rectal shaving for deep endometriosis	Denis Tsepov, London, UK
9.20am	Robotic ureteric reimplantation, Robotic segmental bowel resection	Shaheen Khazali, London, UK
9.40am	Robotic hysterectomy for big patient, Robotic hysterectomy for big uterus	Tony Chalhoub, Newcastle, UK
10.20am	Robotic LN dissection / sentinel LN, Hysterectomy for endometrial cancer	Marielle Hobbenhuis, BIARGS President
10.40am	Robotic surgery with Versius platform	Surgeon TBA
<b>SESSION 7: UPDATES IN ROBOTIC GYNAE-ONCOLOGY (11.10am-1.00pm)</b> Chairs: Simon Butler Manuel, Marielle Nobbenhuis, Thomas Ind		
11.10am	The current state of lymph node mapping in patients with endometrial/cervical cancers: Anatomy and methodology	Jan Persson, Stockholm, Sweden
11.30am	Train the trainers in robotics education	Thomas Ind, London, UK
11.50am	Robotics in gynae cancer: The Guildford way	Hersha Patel, Guildford, UK
12.10pm	Use of advanced energy for malignant hysterectomies	Philippe Van Trappen, Bruges, Belgium
12.30pm	Machine learning in the optimisation of robotic surgery in gynaecological oncology	Mohammed Otify
12.50pm	DISCUSSION	
1.00pm	LUNCH AND VISITING INDUSTRY	
<b>SESSION 8: INDUSTRY SPONSORED SESSION</b> Chairs: Session details to be confirmed		
2.00pm	Panel discussion with presentations from Cardiff Hospital, Bangor Hospital and Milton Keynes Hospital	Mr Mark Slack and Ms Aarti Sharma, Mr Richard Peevor from Bangor, and Ms Nidhi Singh from Milton Keynes
2.20pm	Session details to be confirmed	

## DAY 2 - 25th November 2023 (continued)

SESSION 9: EDUCATION AND EFFICIENCY IN ROBOTIC SURGERY (Parallel) (2.30PM-3.45PM) Chairs: Nahid Gul, Uzma Mahmood, Tom Coia, Dina El Hamamsy		
2.30pm	RCOG BIARGS SITM: Robotic-assisted gynaecological surgery and getting Grandfather accreditation	Nahid Gul, Manchester, UK
2.50pm	Setting up robotic research	Miss Christina Uwins, UK
3.05pm	Supporting tools to optimise robotic surgery	Christoph Hemke, Germany
3.25pm	CMR robotic experience in a multidisciplinary centre	Kailash Nakade, Milton Keynes, UK
3.50pm-4.10pm	COFFEE AND VISITING INDUSTRY	
SESSION 10: COMPLEX BENIGN GYNAECOLOGY (4.10pm-5.30pm) Chairs: Denis Tsepov, Gaby Moawad		
4.10pm	Robotic surgery for deep endometriosis: What is the current evidence?	Zeiad Elgizawy, Manchester, UK
4.30pm	Robotic assisted pelvic floor repair consensus, results and thoughts	Tomaso Simoncini, Italy
4.50pm	Bladder and ureteric endometriosis: Joint robotic surgery job for two specialties	Daniel Wilby, UK
5.10pm	Robotic surgery for deep endometriosis: Standardisation of approach to achieve excellent outcomes	Gaby Moawad, USA
5.30pm	DISCUSSION AND CLOSING REMARKS	

### Helpful information for delegates

#### Accommodation

For local hotels please visit [www.bookings.com](http://www.bookings.com)

To keep to date with the latest information regarding the event please visit the BIARGS website [www.biargs.org.uk](http://www.biargs.org.uk)

If you have any questions please contact us at [biargslondon2023@gmail.com](mailto:biargslondon2023@gmail.com)

## BIARGS ROBOTICS COURSE

### Thursday 23rd November 2023 in Oxford

A practical course with lectures and hands-on robotic skills on da Vinci® Xi surgical robot. Course is limited to 12 delegates.

Course Director: Mr. Denis Tsepov, MRCOG

Consultant Gynaecologist, The Princess Grace Hospital, HCA Healthcare UK

Intuitive Labs, The Schrodinger Building, Oxford Science Park, Heatley Road, Oxford OX4 4GE

#### Registration and enquiries:

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8.00am	Registration	
8.30am	Robotics in complex benign gynaecology / endometriosis – what is the current evidence?	Mr Denis Tsepov, Consultant Gynaecologist, Princess Grace Hospital, London
9.00am	Urinary tract endometriosis and robotic ureteric re-implantation	Mr Dan Wilby, Consultant Urologist, Princess Grace Hospital, London
9.30am	MRI scan: The gold standard in pre-operative diagnosis and mapping of deep infiltrating endometriosis	Dr Priya Narayanan, Consultant Radiologist
10.00am	Robotic bowel resection for endometriosis: New trends and concepts	Mr Denis Tsepov, Consultant Gynaecologist, Princess Grace Hospital, London
10.30am	Robotic surgery safety and complication prevention	Ms. Marielle Nobbenhius, Consultant Gynae Oncologist, Royal Marsden Hospital, London
11.00am	How to set up an excellent robotic operating theatre	Claudia So, Robotic Theatre Coordinator
11.30am	COFFEE BREAK	
12.00pm	Robotic-assisted myomectomy and hysterectomy	Tony Chalhoub, Consultant Gynaecologist and robotic surgeon, Newcastle Upon Tyne
12.30pm	Robotic training curriculum	Nahid Gul, Consultant Gynaecologist
1.00pm	Pelvic nerves and deeper pelvic structures	Mr. Shaheen Khazali, Consultant Gynaecologist and Robotic Surgeon, Lister Hospital, London
1.30pm	LUNCH BREAK	
2.15pm	Overview of da Vinci® Xi robotic console	Intuitive surgical team and faculty members
3.00pm	Docking and port placement	Intuitive surgical team and faculty members
3.30pm	COFFEE BREAK	
4.00pm	Using the robot: Surgical lab exercises on da Vinci® Xi robotic console	Tony Chalhoub, Consultant Gynaecologist and robotic surgeon, Newcastle Upon Tyne
5.00pm	CLOSING REMARKS - FACULTY MEMBERS	

## BIARGS 2023 fees

### Early Bird rates – Available until 23rd September

BIARGS member	<b>£130.00</b> +£19.90 Eventbrite booking fee
Non-member	<b>£230.00</b> +£19.90 Eventbrite booking fee
Trainee and nurses (member)	<b>£30.00</b> +£3.22 Eventbrite booking fee
Trainee and nurses (non-member)	<b>£70.00</b> +£6.55 Eventbrite booking fee

### Rates from 24th September

BIARGS member	<b>£160.00</b> +£14.05 Eventbrite booking fee
Non-member	<b>£260.00</b> +£22.39 Eventbrite booking fee
Trainees and nurses (member)	<b>£60.00</b> +£5.71 Eventbrite booking fee
Trainee and nurses (non-member)	<b>£100.00</b> +£9.05 Eventbrite booking fee

### Networking event at The Kings Fund 24 Nov. 7.30pm

**£60.00** + Eventbrite booking fee

Partner tickets are also available for **£80.00** + Eventbrite booking fee

## Networking Evening Friday 24th November 2023

The King's Fund, 11 Cavendish Square W1G 0AN

Drinks, food and live music from 7.30pm

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London Bridge Hospital

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