



BASO Annual Scientific Meeting

PROVISIONAL

PROGRAMME

88th BASO~ACS Conference • 5th - 6th October 2026



Theme: Scalpel to Software - an Evolution
Shaping the future of surgical oncology

Venue: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

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Scalpel to Software – An Evolution

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5-6 October 2026
The Law Society, London

We are delighted to welcome you to the 88th BASO Scientific Meeting, a landmark gathering that celebrates innovation at the intersection of surgical expertise and technological advancement. As cancer surgery continues to evolve, so does our commitment to harnessing data, digital tools, and global collaboration to improve outcomes worldwide. We look forward to hosting you on 5-6 October at The Law Society in London for a dynamic two day programme.

Cancer surgery is entering a transformative era—one in which human skill is augmented by digital intelligence, and where the scalpel is increasingly guided, enhanced, and informed by software. The 88th BASO Annual Scientific Meeting invites you to explore this evolution alongside leading experts, innovators, and international partners who are shaping the future of surgical oncology.

This year's theme, **Scalpel to Software – An Evolution**, reflects the profound technological shift underway in our field. AI assisted diagnostics, data driven surgical planning, precision modelling, robotics, and digital decision support systems are redefining how we diagnose disease, plan operations, train surgeons, and deliver personalised cancer care.

Join us at the prestigious Law Society for two days of cutting edge science, global perspectives, and practical insights designed for consultants, trainees, allied health professionals, researchers, and medical students. The 2026 programme brings together worldclass speakers, pioneering research, and interactive sessions that showcase the technologies and techniques shaping tomorrow's surgical landscape.

We look forward to welcoming you to an inspiring and forward thinking meeting that continues BASO's long tradition of excellence in advancing cancer surgery.

EVENT REGISTRATION IS VIA AN ONLINE SYSTEM

Visit **www.baso.org.uk** to register for the meeting
or **scan the QR Code**



BASO 2026 PLENARY AWARD RECIPIENTS

BASO~ACS is dedicated to driving innovation, advancing research, and celebrating excellence in surgical oncology. We proudly recognise surgeons whose achievements have shaped cancer surgery and contributed meaningfully to research, education, and patient care.

BASO~ACS proudly announces the **2026 BASO Plenary Award Recipients**

These distinguished individuals have made outstanding contributions to research, clinical practice, and innovation in surgical oncology.

Join us in celebrating excellence in the field at the 2026 BASO Annual Scientific Meeting. Meet the experts, explore their ground-breaking work, and be inspired by the future of cancer surgery.



BASO Raven Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor John Primrose
Professor of Surgery, Southampton General Hospital



Geoff Oates Award

Miss Nicola Fearnhead
*Past President ACPGBI
Consultant Colorectal Surgeon,
Cambridge University Hospitals*



Uccio Querci della Rovere Award

Professor Michael Baum
*Professor Emeritus of Surgery
& Visiting Professor of Medical
Humanities, University College
London*



BASO KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We are delighted to welcome our esteemed keynote speakers, whose depth of knowledge and commitment to advancing cancer surgery will enhance every aspect of this year's programme. Their insights and perspectives promise to inform, challenge, and inspire.



STATE OF THE ART LECTURE

AI and Detection of Breast Disease

Professor Mark Halling-Brown

Head of Scientific Computing, Royal Surrey County Hospital



KEYNOTE SESSION:

Rare Cancer Bill

Dr Scott Arthur

MP for Edinburgh South West



STATE OF THE ART LECTURE

Beyond Risk Scores: Machine Learning for Surgical Outcome Prediction

Dr Ganesh Vigneswaran

A/Professor of Interventional Radiology and Medical AI, Consultant Interventional Radiologist (UHD), AI lead for the Innovation for Translation Research Group, Cancer Sciences / Faculty of Medicine / University of Southampton



BASO KEYNOTE LECTURE

Smarter Scalpel: Building Learning Systems for Future Surgical Oncology

Professor Tony Young OBE

*National Clinical Director for Innovation
Consultant Urological Surgeon
Southend University Hospital NHS FT*



STATE OF THE ART LECTURE

Engineering Precision in Surgical Oncology: Digital Surgery, AI and Human Expertise

Professor Alberto Arezzo

*Distinguished Full Professor of Surgery
University of Torino, Italy*



STATE OF THE ART LECTURE

Digital Transformation in Cancer Surgery: What UK Policy Needs Next

Dr Zubir Ahmed

Ex-Minister of Health Innovation and Safety, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS Transplant Surgeon, Glasgow, UK

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026

08:20	REGISTRATION OPENS
08:50 - 09:00	BASO Presidential Address
09:00 - 10:00	SESSION: Ronald Raven Proffered papers Abstracts Presenters will be confirmed shortly
10:00 - 11:00	SESSION: STATE OF THE ART LECTURE - How AI and data science are engineering a more efficient surgical future
10:00 - 10:20	TALK: AI and detection of breast disease Professor Mark Halling-Brown <i>Head of Scientific Computing, Royal Surrey County Hospital</i>
10:20 - 10:40	TALK: Engineering Precision in Surgical Oncology: Digital Surgery, AI and Human Expertise Professor Alberto Arezzo <i>Distinguished Full Professor of Surgery, University of Torino, Torino, Italy</i>
10:40 - 11:00	Q&A
11:00 - 11:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK + Poster Viewing + Exhibitors
11:30 - 12:30	SESSION: Precision before Incision: 3D Modelling, AI and Personalised Surgical Planning
11:30 - 11:50	TALK: Anatomical modelling for precision surgery Mr Jordan Fletcher <i>Colorectal General Surgery Specialist Trainee, Yorkshire and Humber</i>
11:50 - 12:10	TALK: Precision in surgical oncology: from scan to scalpel Dr Marcel den Dulk <i>Assistant Professor HPB Surgery, Maastricht University Medical Center +, The Netherlands</i>
12:10 - 12:30	TALK: Precision before incision: 3D modelling, surgical planning and reconstruction Professor Anastasios Kanatas <i>Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Leeds Teaching Hospital</i>
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch Poster Viewing Exhibitors
13:00 - 14:15	Parallel Session: BASO Trainees Networking Session
13:00 - 14:00	BASO Annual General Meeting (AGM) for BASO Members only
14:00 - 14:30	SESSION: Rare Cancer Bill
14:00 - 14:20	Dr Scott Arthur, MP for Edinburgh South West
14:20 - 14:30	Questions from the floor
14:35 - 14:45	New Randomised Data on young women with breast cancer Professor Jayant Vaidya <i>Professor of Surgery and Oncology, University College London</i>
14:45 - 15:45	SESSION: BASO~AC PLENARY AWARDS & ORATIONS
14:45 - 15:05	BASO Raven Lifetime Achievement Award Professor John Primrose <i>Professor of Surgery, Southampton General Hospital BASO~ACS Honorary Member</i>
15:05 - 15:25	Geoff Oates Achievement Award Miss Nicola Fearnhead <i>Past President ACPGBI Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Cambridge University Hospitals</i>
15:25 - 15:45	Uccio Querci della Rovere Award Professor Michael Baum <i>Professor Emeritus of Surgery & Visiting Professor of Medical Humanities, University College London BASO~ACS Honorary Member</i>

15:45 – 16:15	TEA/COFFEE BREAK + Poster Viewing + Exhibitors
16:15 – 16:45	SESSION: BASO Trainees Paper Presentation Session Abstracts Presenters will be confirmed shortly.
16:45 – 16:55	Presentation on- Cancer Clinicians with Cancer
	Miss Leena Chagla <i>Consultant Surgeon and Head of Breast Services MWL Immediate Past President, ABS Council member RCSEd</i>
16:55 – 17:40	SESSION: Scalpel meets machine: Data-enhanced performance in surgical training
16:55 – 17:10	TALK: Automated skill metrics in robotic surgery: How AI is changing the way we train Mr Nicholas Raison <i>Clinical Senior Lecturer Consultant Urological Surgeon, King's College Hospital</i>
17:10 – 17:25	TALK: Credentialling the Future Surgeon: What UK Trainees Need from Robotics Training Pathways Mr Aidan Bannon <i>Robotics Lead, ASiT General Surgery Registrar, Manchester</i>
17:25 – 17:40	TALK: Precision Surgery and Digital DecisionSupport: The Next Frontier in Surgical Training Professor Niki Rashidian <i>Professor of Innovative Computer-Assisted Surgery, Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgeon, Ghent University Hospital, Belgium</i>
19:00 onwards	BASO ANNUAL DINNER <i>Please also book your annual dinner ticket when registering for the conference.</i>

DAY 2 – TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

08:20	REGISTRATION OPENS
08:30 – 09:30	BASO Trainees Session: Speed mentoring
09:30 – 10:30	SESSION: BASO~ACS Proffered papers Abstracts Presenters will be confirmed shortly.
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break (DEMO TBC)
11:00 – 11:40	SESSION: Seeing Trouble Early: Trustworthy Machine Learning for Surgical Risk and Complications
11:00 – 11:20	TALK 1: Beyond risk scores: machine learning for surgical outcome prediction Dr Ganesh Vigneswaran <i>AI/Professor of Interventional Radiology and Medical AI Consultant Interventional Radiologist (UHD) AI lead for the Innovation for Translation Research Group Cancer Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Southampton</i>
11:20 – 11:40	TALK 2: Digital Transformation in Cancer Surgery: What UK Policy Needs Next Dr Zubir Ahmed <i>Ex Minister for Health Innovation and Safety, Department of Health and Social Care NHS Transplant Surgeon, Glasgow</i>
11:40 – 12:30	SESSION: The New Diagnostic Alliance: Radiomics, Digital Pathology and AI Integration in Surgical Oncology
11:40 – 12:00	TALK 1: Impact of AI in Surgical Oncology Mr Hassan Malik <i>Consultant Hepatobiliary Surgeon and Clinical Lead for Digestive Surgery, University Hospital Aintree Past-President BASO~ACS and Incoming President ESSO</i>
12:00 – 12:20	TALK 2: AI for Early Breast Cancer Detection: Lessons from Validation in the NHS Professor Fiona Gilbert <i>Professor of Radiology Head of Department of Radiology, The University of Cambridge</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Q&A
12:30 – 11:30	Lunch – BASO Trainees AGM Poster viewing

13:30 – 14:00	BASO Keynote Lecture - Smarter Scalpel: Building Learning Systems for Future Surgical Oncology	
	Professor Tony Young OBE <i>National Clinical Director for Innovation Consultant Urological Surgeon Southend University Hospital NHS FT</i>	
14:00 – 14:30	SESSION: BASO Medical Students Paper Presentation Session	
	Abstracts Presenters will be confirmed shortly.	
14:30 – 15:00	EJSO - BASO Session: EJSO in the AI Era: Guiding the Evolution of Surgical Oncology Publishing	
14:30 – 14:40	Introduction on EJSO	
	Speaker: EJSO Editor in Chief	
14:40 – 14:45	EJSO and AI	
	Speaker: Dr Pietro Mascagni	
14:45 – 14:50	Discussion - Inside the Paper: Strengths, Weaknesses, and What the Methods Reveal	
	Dr Pietro Mascagni + EJSO Editor in Chief	
14:50 – 15:00	Questions from the floor	
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee Break	
15:30 – 15:50	SESSION: BASO ROSETREES Grants – REPORTS + 2026 Awards	
15:50 – 16:30	SESSION: Personalised Surgery in the Digital Era: From Selection to Recovery	
15:50 – 16:05	TALK 1: AI and Cancer MDTs	
	Mr Shazad Ashraf <i>Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, University of Birmingham</i>	
16:05 – 16:20	TALK 2: title TBC	
	Dr Saladin Sawan <i>Consultant Surgeon, Gynaecology Oncology and Robotics, St Mary's Hospital Vice-Chair on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London</i>	
16:20 – 16:30	Announcing of Prizes and CLOSING of the MEETING	



ASGBI has awarded 10 CPD points to the programme.

BASO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1pm on Monday 5th October 2026

We invite our full members and senior members to join this meeting.

More information to follow. Mark your diary.

To be held at: The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL

BASO ANNUAL GALA DINNER

An Evening at the Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall

Join us for a memorable Gala Dinner at the Athenaeum Club—an iconic London institution dating back to 1830. Once part of the Carlton House estate and among the first buildings in the capital to be lit by gas and electricity, the Club is celebrated for its beautifully preserved interiors, original mahogany furnishings, and renowned 70,000 volume library. It promises an exceptional setting for an evening of conversation and celebration.

Date: Monday, 05 October 2025

Drinks Reception: from 6.30pm onwards

Dinner: 7.00pm

Carriages: 10.30pm

Dress Code: Formal

Limited places are available. Please ensure you reserve your dinner ticket when completing your meeting registration.



2026 BASO CONFERENCE DELEGATE FEES

Non-Members - join BASO now to take advantage of the members rate.

Members of **BASO Partner Affiliate Societies** receive a **10% discount** on standard non-member fees. Please contact the BASO office for details.

CATEGORY	BASO MEMBERS			NON-BASO MEMBERS		
	Early Bird	Standard	Annual Dinner	Early Bird	Standard	Annual Dinner
Upper Rate (Professors, Senior Lecturers, Consultants, Associates, Staff Grades and Post CCT Doctors)	£360	£450	£100	£490	£595	£115
Senior Retired	£260	£310	£90	£325	£425	£110
Lower Rate (Trainees, Residents, FYPs)	£180	£205	£50	£290	£320	£75
Medical Students and AHP (Includes CNS & Non Medical Researcher)	£90	£110	£50	£100	£120	£50

Early Bird Deadline: 1st September 2026

Save when you register during the Early Bird period

Annual Dinner Tickets are optional and can be added at checkout

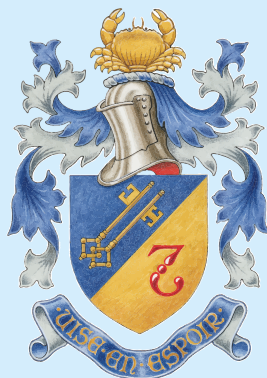
Secure Registration: All payments are secure, quick easy and protected

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SCAN TO REGISTER

Become a BASO member and be a part of growing community of cancer surgeons, clinicians, trainees, nurses, AHPs and medical students engaged in supporting advancement in cancer care.



Membership benefits include:

- ✓ **DISCOUNTED** rates for BASO conferences and educational courses.
- ✓ **COMPLIMENTARY** affiliate membership to ESSO & access to their courses.
- ✓ **COMPLIMENTARY** subscription to EJSO
- ✓ Access to Research Grants and Travelling Fellowship
- ✓ Global Network of surgical oncologists
- ✓ Support with professional development
- ✓ Opportunity to become a Council member

BASO is committed to giving its members real value for their subscriptions and part of this includes good discounts on the annual meeting

BASO ANNUAL FEES ARE:

£190 per annum for Professors, Senior Lecturers, Consultants, Locum Consultants, Associate Specialists, Staff Grades and Post-CCT Doctors.

£140 for Non-Surgical Clinicians

£70 for Senior Retired Surgeons

£20 for Clinical Nurse Specialists, Non-Medical Researchers and Allied Health Professionals, etc.

£50 for Trainees and **FREE** for Medical Students



**SCAN TO JOIN
MEMBERSHIP**

For further information please visit **www.baso.org.uk**
for other queries please contact BASO Office on **admin@baso.org.uk**

The BASO (Ronald) Raven Travelling Fellowship (formerly known as Ronald Raven Travelling Fellowship Award) was endowed in 1993 by the Ronald Raven Trustees in memory of Ronald Raven, Founder of the Association.

Applications are invited for the 2026 round.

The award is currently for a maximum of £3,000 and may be awarded to one or several individuals as considered appropriate by the BASO~ACS National Committee when considering the merits of their applications.

The Fellowship is open to UK-resident trainees or recently appointed consultants, who have gained the fellowship of one of the British or Irish Colleges, and who intend to travel outside the UK. Applicants need not be members of BASO~ACS or BASO Trainees Group (although this is desirable) but applications must relate to the aims and objectives of the Association.

Submission for the 2026 round of applications closes on 20th September. Awards are usually confirmed within a month of the application closing date, and payment made upon receipt of proof of acceptance at the proposed study centre and proof of travel bookings made. Receipts are required to be provided to the value of the award.

Recipients of the Awards are also required to produce an article for the publication on the BASO~ACS website (with photographs if possible) after their overseas visit, and may also be invited to make presentation at the next Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association held in October/November each year.

Applications should be submitted for the attention of BASO~ACS Honorary Secretary, by post to the Association, or emailed to Association Administrator at admin@baso.org.uk and be submitted in the following format:

- A personal statement outlining the details of the use to which you wish to put the Award and also the benefits you wish to obtain from the visit. Please also include details of any other scholarship/sponsorship obtained and whether you are applying for the full Award or part of it.
- Curriculum Vitae (brief version, 3 pages max.)
- A letter of support from an independent referee/supervisor within UK as to your suitability for this scholarship.
- A letter of invitation from the unit/institution to be visited, showing that approval has been given for the intended programme.



BASO INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (For Consultants)

Advancing Global Surgical Oncology Excellence

The BASO International Fellowship supports UK consultant surgeons in cancer-related specialties to undertake overseas training and learn innovative surgical oncology techniques.



WHO CAN APPLY ?

- ✓ Full BASO Members
- ✓ Newly appointed or established consultant surgeons
- ✓ Cancer-related surgical specialties
- ✓ Member of BASO-Partner Associations are welcome to apply, provided they convert to Full BASO Membership prior to applying.

Applications from BASO Overseas Members are also welcomed.



FELLOWSHIP OBJECTIVES

-  Gain exposure to innovative international surgical oncology practices.
-  Translate new techniques into UK clinical care.
-  Improve outcomes and quality of care for cancer patients in the UK.
-  Develop leadership within surgical oncology.



AWARD

 **One award of £5,000**
or
 **Two awards of £2,500**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



Personal Statement:

Clearly setting objectives, proposed training, and anticipated benefit to UK practice.



CV: including

academic achievements, and a list of publications.



Letter of Invitation:

from the host unit, noting duration of proposed training.



Letter of Support:

from HoD confirming departmental support.



APPLICATION DEADLINE
20th August 2026

MORE INFO



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GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Monday, 5th October 2026

(Meeting will be held in-person)

- Registration opens at 8.20am.
- Session from 8.50am until 5.45pm.
- Annual Dinner - starts at 7pm onwards.

Tuesday, 6th October 2026

(Meeting will be held in-person)

- Registration opens at 8.20am.
- Session from 8.30am until 4.30pm.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Law Society
113 Chancery Lane
London WC2A 1PL

HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATION

There are many accommodation options available nearby. Here are a few suggested options for your convenience.

- Club Quarters Hotel, 61 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3JW 020 7404 6640
- Double Tree by Hilton-West end, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH T:020 7242 2828
- Grange Clarendon Hotel, 34-37 Bedford Pl, London WC1B 5JR 020 7307 1575
- Premier Inn London, Holborn, 27-29 Red Lion St, London WC1R 4PS 0333 321 9346
- Strand Palace, 372 Strand, London WC2R 0JJ T:020 7379 4737
- Thistle Holborn London, 36-37 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2SD
- Z Hotels, 75 Kingsway, London WC2B 6SR 020 3841 0870

HOW TO GET TO THE VENUE

Local Underground Stations

- Holborn - Piccadilly & Central Lines
- Temple - District & Circle Lines
- Chancery Lane - Central Line

By Rail

Visit: www.thetrainline.com

- Waterloo: Taxis available from the main exit. Buses run to the Strand or Royal Courts of Justice.
- Victoria: Buses to the Strand or Underground to Temple.
- King's Cross: Piccadilly Line to Holborn.
- Liverpool Street: Central Line to Chancery Lane.
- Euston: Northern Line to Tottenham Court Road, then Central Line to Chancery Lane.

By Air

- Heathrow Airport: Piccadilly Line to Holborn, then Central Line to Chancery Lane.
- London City Airport: DLR to Bank, then Central Line to Chancery Lane.
- Stansted Airport: Greater Anglia to Liverpool Street, then Central Line to Chancery Lane.
- Luton Airport: Thameslink to King's Cross, then Piccadilly Line to Holborn.
- Gatwick Airport: Gatwick Express to Victoria, then Underground to Temple.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION AND SUBSTITUTION

All cancellation requests must be received in writing by 20 September 2026. A refund will be processed subject to a £55 administrative charge. Refunds cannot be issued after this deadline.

Substitutions may be made at any stage, provided written notification is received by the BASO Admin Office no fewer than four days prior to the conference.

INSURANCE

The conference organisers do not accept responsibility

for loss or damage to delegates' own property and/ or personal effects whilst at the conference. The organisers do not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal effects caused by events beyond their control, including (but without limitation) fire, flood, strikes, civil disturbance, or for consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever.

PROGRAMME AND SPEAKER CHANGES

The conference organisers (BASO~ACS) reserve the right to modify the conference sessions or speakers in case of illness or other circumstances beyond their control.