

Report from Thoracic Forum 2008

Executive Committee SCTSGBI

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2nd February 2008 Mottram Hall, Cheshire, [Near Wales] . Approximately eighty delegates attended the biggest Thoracic Forum in its 10 Year history.

The Program included the following;

1. Introduction by the Organiser :*Mr Rajesh Shah* from South Manchester UHT
2. Training Issues in Thoracic Surgery: *Shackloth, Barnard & Rajesh*: SAC objectives, Training Numbers, Selection, Assessment: Improvements in Thoracic Surgery
3. SCTSGBI and Thoracic Surgery : *Cooper, Hamilton and McGuigan*
4. Chemotherapy and Thoracic Surgery; *Dr Paul Taylor* [Who Wants to be a Millionaire?]
5. SCTSGBI Audit Project : *Richard Page*
6. Manpower survey of thoracic surgery *Ed Black*
7. Ten years of Thoracic Forum: Where now? *Rajesh, Black*
8. Metastectomy Colon Cancer Trial: METALLIC *T T*
9. Practical Clinical Problem
10. Business Meeting

IDEAS – Accepted in general

- Strong support for a new Thoracic Committee of SCTSGBI
- A new National Training Scheme to compensate for trainees in weak areas for thoracic surgical training.
- Methods to ease OOPE attachments in strong thoracic centres
- Reassessments of actual need to appoint Thoracic Consultant Surgical replacement and new posts
- A maturation of thoracic surgery with stronger links and involvement within three main organisations. Society, ESTS and Thoracic Surgery.
- An acceptance that professional organisations are not in competition a need to see an end to baiting other organisations at the Thoracic Forum
- A recognition of the efforts made by the Society to include more thoracic surgery representation within the 'Executive' and the good work of recent ABM Secretaries to ensure it is worthwhile attending for thoracic surgeons
- Increase the 'Young Turk' emphasis of the Thoracic Forum and decrease the 'Old Guard' dominance. [Is that me?]
- Centralisation of future meetings to probably four English Cities

IDEAS – Declined in general

- A separate research group like the cardiac group; abstract or poster sessions at the Thoracic Forum. Fragmentation is bad and research presentation is rightly the preserve of the Society.
- A single leader with a title and a role to set out direction for a future period
- A new email domain open to all thoracic surgeons