

2011 International Bursary Winner's Report - Dr Sergiy Kharchenko

In attention to **Ms Bhavnita Borkhatria**
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and The ASGBI Surgical Foundation**

Re: 2011 International Bursary Winner's Report

Dear Ms Bhavnita Borkhatria,
Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

Let me remind you that this year there are 15 Winners from different 10 countries of Africa, Asia and even Europe. As a surgical trainee affiliated with the Department of General and Pediatric Surgery with Oncology's Course at the Faculty of Postgraduate Medical Education of the Medical Institute of Sumy State University in Ukraine, I have obtained a prestigious nomination of the 2011 ASGBI Surgical Foundation International Bursary Award.

Not to be banal just giving solemn phrases and thanking words, I will try to describe briefly but in details my activity regarding the Bursary Program that consisted in two day visits of local UK hospitals and participation in the ASGBI International Surgical Congress in Bournemouth. You will find my personal timetables attached.

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I started my first day, on 9th May, with transfer to Portsmouth Hospitals Trust - Queen Alexandra Hospital in Cosham. The guide was Ms Kearan Pearson, she introduced Winners group to the surgery team. We had chance to observe left-side carotid endarterectomy with patch closure under local anesthesia in the vascular operating theatre. In the afternoon, we were united to see performance of colorectal anterior resection laparoscopically by Mr John Conti, Consultant Surgeon - Colorectal with his step-by-step technique's comments from first trocar placement till final knots of skin closure of operational wound.

Second day. Transfer to Southampton Hospitals NHS Trust - Southampton General Hospital in Southampton. We arrived to the Surgical Department of the famous UK surgeon Professor John Primrose. There were two contact persons, Mr Fergus Noble and Mr James Hopkins, both are specialist registrars - surgeons, who conducted us whole the day across the surgical theatres. However firstly, we took part in auditions of senior medical students from the University of Southampton. They gave *viva voce* presentations with Consultant Surgeon Mr Colin Johnson's discussions. Later we observed live operative techniques of Beger's pancreatectomy, laparoscopic fundoplication and skin cancer surgery including sentinel node biopsy for melanoma.

My point of view regarding two observerships in Cosham and Southampton is the following: it should be noted that I saw elective surgeries, in particular laparoscopic anterior resection, open pancreatectomy and carotid endarterectomy, which are not widely spread in my country unfortunately. As a trainee in general surgery, probably I will not run into these procedures on-site where I am interning at the moment, but in a future time there is no doubt that I will perform the said types of operations for patients in my further sub-specialty job positions.

Third day. Registration for the Congress and the Taught Courses in Bournemouth International Centre. Welcome Ceremony from the ASGBI President, Professor John MacFie. I participated in a number of laparoscopic simulations and in the course of laparoscopic suturing & anastomosis technology, also attended different lectures, especially those of Dr Mike Stroud, Consultant Gastroenterologist and RCS England President, Professor Michael Griffin. The day ended in the symposium of a review of hernia surgery and post-op pain problems.

Fourth day. Surgical Indemnity Scheme Breakfast Meeting. I continued with the Taught courses, namely The British Journal of Surgery Society course by members of the BJS Editorial team and the laparoscopic course by Mr Kenneth Emmanuel, Consultant Gynaecologist. Pending the day, I could enjoy the lecture about surgical educational tendencies of extraordinary Swedish Professor Jörgen Nordenström and the presentation related to surgery and politics of Mr John Black, RCS England President. Gala dinner.

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Fifth day. The symposia of The Surgical Foundation on the topics of knife injury management, surgical missions and surgery in disaster. International Bursary Award Reception with Chairman of The Surgical Foundation Mr Paul Rowe and the ASGBI President, Professor John MacFie. Small video comment of my impression. Close of the Congress.

So summarily I attended 6 Symposia, 5 Lectures, 3 Taught courses, one Meeting, one hands-on Workshop and Hot Topic presentation during the Congress. I was very delighted to be at these events because they were organized in ASGBI traditions and were rich for me in professional contacts, practical information of "routine" surgical tasks solutions and presentations of arising scientific trends in all the branches of general surgery e.g. colorectal, vascular and oncologic.

After my arrival to Ukraine on 14th May, I presented all activities as the Bursary Winner to the local branch staff of the Ukrainian Association of Surgeons, to my departmental colleagues-surgeons and surgical interns as well.

I would like to express my special thanks to sponsors of the International Bursary Scheme: BJS, Overseas Fellowship Group, 1921 Surgical Club, Professor Horrocks, RCS Ireland, King James IV Trust, and The Surgical Foundation. Additionally I am much obliged to the International Development Manager Ms Bhavnita Borkhatria for her organizational support during all stages of my trip in the UK.

Many thanks to all who assisted me and I look forward to keeping you up-dated on impact of the Bursary to my clinical/academic progress.

Sincerely yours,

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Timetable of the Hospital part of Bursary Program

Sunday 8th May 2011

7.30 p.m. Meeting with Ms Bhavnita Borkhatria. Winners were divided in small groups for visits of the Hospitals.

Monday 9th May 2011

Portsmouth Hospitals Trust - Queen Alexandra Hospital

Colorectal and vascular surgical procedures (Observations):

Carotid endarterectomy and laparoscopic anterior resection

Tuesday 10th May 2011

Southampton Hospitals NHS Trust - Southampton General Hospital

General surgical procedures:

Beger's procedure (open pancreatectomy), skin cancer surgery including sentinel node biopsy for melanoma, para-oesophageal hernia repair (laparoscopic)

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Timetable of the Congress Bursary Program

Wednesday 11 th May 2011		
Morning Session (pre-coffee)		
8.00-9.00	Registration	Bournemouth International Centre
9.00-9.30	Symposium 1: 21st Century Surgery (Professor John MacFie, President, ASGBI)	Solent Hall
9.30-10.30	Workshop: Introduction to the LaproTrain surgical simulation	Westbourne Suite
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
Morning Session (post-coffee/pre-lunch)		
11.00-11.20	Symposium 1: (continued) <i>Visions for the future</i> (Professor John Monson, Rochester, USA)	Solent Hall
11.20-12.00	MOTIVATIONAL LECTURE From ice to dust: keeping going against adversity (Dr Mike Stroud, Southampton)	Solent Hall
12.00-12.30	HELEN ROLLASON MEMORIAL LECTURE Surgery and colorectal cancer: new paradigms (Professor David Rothenberger, Minneapolis, USA)	Solent Hall
12.30-13.15	LUNCH BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
Afternoon Session (post-lunch/pre-tea)		
13.15-13.50	ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH SIR ROBERT SHIELDS LECTURE 25 years treating oesophageal cancer: have we made a difference (Professor Michael Griffin, Newcastle)	Solent Hall
13.50-14.00	LUNCH BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
14.00-15.30	TAUGHT COURSE: ONE 21st CENTURY SURGERY TRAINING IN LAPAROSCOPIC SUTURING, STAPLING AND FIXATION TECHNIQUES (Ethicon Endo-Surgery)	Tregonwell Suites
15.30-16.00	TEA BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
Afternoon Session continued (post-tea)		
16.00-17.30	TAUGHT COURSE: ONE (continued)	Tregonwell Suites
17.30-19.00	WELCOME RECEPTION OPENING ADDRESS BY LORD ROBERT WINSTON	
19.00-20.00	Satellite Symposium: Reducing chronic pain in hernia repair surgery	Tregonwell Hall

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Thursday 12th May 2011		
Morning Session (pre-coffee)		
8.00-8.30	Surgical Indemnity Scheme Breakfast Meeting	Bay View Suite
8.30-10.00	Symposium 10: Specialty status for vascular surgery: implications for the general surgeon?	Tregonwell Hall
10.00-10.30	BJS TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP LECTURE Defining excellence in surgical training (Professor Jörgen Nordenström, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)	Solent Hall
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
Morning Session (post-coffee/pre-lunch)		
11.00-12.30	TAUGHT COURSE: TWO PRIMARY PORT ENTRY AND NEGLIGENCE: IS OPEN LAPAROSCOPIC ENTRY THE BEST? (Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Mr Kenneth Emmanuel, Consultant Gynaecologist)	Branksome Suite
12.30-13.15	LUNCH BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
Afternoon Session (post-lunch/pre-tea)		
13.15-13.50	ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND MOYNIHAN LECTURE Surgery, politics and the art of the possible (Mr John Black, President, RCS England)	Solent Hall
13.50-14.00	LUNCH BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
14.00-15.30	TAUGHT COURSE: THREE HOW TO WRITE A CLINICAL PAPER? British Journal of Surgery Society	Bay View Suite
15.30-16.00	TEA BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
Afternoon Session continued (post-tea)		
16.00-17.00	TAUGHT COURSE: THREE (continued)	Bay View Suite
17.00-18.00	HOT TOPIC: THE NHS WHITE PAPER: SEEING RED FEELING BLUE?	Solent Hall
Civic Reception and ASGBI Gala Dinner		
Friday 13th May 2011		
Morning Session (pre-coffee)		
9.00-10.30	Symposium 23: The Surgical Foundation and the management of knife injuries	Bourne Lounge
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK AND INDUSTRY EXHIBITION	
11.00-12.30	ASGBI INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SYMPOSIUM: 21st Century Surgery in Africa	Purbeck Lounge
12.30-14.00	International Bursary Awards Reception	Purbeck Lounge
14.00-15.30	ASGBI INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SYMPOSIUM: Surgery in disaster and conflict settings	Purbeck Lounge
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References:

1. 2011 Bursary Winners Timetables from The Surgical Foundation;
2. The Congress Final Programme, link: http://www.asgbi.org.uk/bournemouth2011/pdfs/ASGBI_2011_Final_Congress_Programme.pdf;