



BIARGS
British & Irish Association of
Robotic Gynaecological Surgeons

Congress theme: Gynaecological Surgical Training in the Age of Machine Intelligence

PROGRAMME – Friday 21st November 2025 (Day 1)

08:00 – 8:30	Registration, Tea , Coffee & Networking	Crew Hall
08:30 - 08:40	Welcome & Opening remarks	Conference Chairs: Zeiad El-Gizawy
08: 40- 09:00	BIARGS Presidential address- Leading beyond Console	Nahid Gul
Session 1:	Current Affairs in UK and Ireland	Chairs: Alison Wright & Usma Mahmood
09:00 - 09:15	How to implement robotic surgery in NHS gynaecological practice following NICE guidance	Elaine Andrews
09:15 - 09:30	Cost vs Clinical Benefit- Making Robotics Sustainable	Thomas Ind
09:30 - 9:45	How to keep up with rapidly emerging technology? Experience with Single port surgery	Amer Raza
09:45 - 10 00	Discussion	
Session 2:	Theatre Team in Focus: "Powering the Platform"	Chair Carmine Civilli & Claudia So
10:00 - 10:10	Setting the Stage: Robotic Theatre setup	Catherine Callanga
10:10 - 10:20	Training and Upskilling the Robotic Nurse	Sandip Ark
10:20 - 10:30	The Bedside Surgeon: Challenges and Skills in Robotic Assistance	Carmine Civilli
10:30 - 10:40	Safe Docking and Troubleshooting: Nursing insights for Avoiding Delays	Matthew Kobylarz
10:40 - 10:50	Patient safety and human factors within robotic surgery	Geraldine Gegas
10:50 - 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 - 11:15	Tea & Coffee; Poster Viewing; Industry Stands	
Session 3:	Free Communication (Thomas Ind price for best selected Video)	Chairs: Zeiad El-Gizawy & Nidhi Singh
11:15-11:25	Robotic-assisted repair of vesicovaginal fistula: A modern approach	Emily Leung
11:25-11:35	EYE vs ICG- Don't be Fooled	Ammar Rafiq
11:35-11:45	Robotic Pectopexy : Enhancing Precision in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery	Jacqueline John
11:45 - 11:55	Robotic-assisted Secondary Cytoreduction for Ovarian Cancer Recurrence: Complex Upper Abdominal Disease	Elaine Leung
11:55 - 12:05	Robotic-assisted transabdominal cervical cerclage during pregnancy	William Farkas
12:05 – 12:15	Through the Anus or the Abdomen? Robotic NOSE in Stage IV Bowel Endometriosis and the Case for Comparison	Megha Mistry
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion	
12:30-12:45	John Shepherd Lecture: Intuitive Gold sponsor talk	Gaby Moawad
12:45 - 13:30	Lunch; Poster Viewing; Industry Stands, Networking	
Session 4:	Endometriosis & Complex Pelvic Surgery	Chairs: Amer Raza & Gaby Moawad
13:30 - 13:45	Complications in endometriosis robotic assisted surgery	Denis Tsepov
13:45 - 14:00	Robotic assistance in Complex Myomectomy	Zeiad El-Gizawy
14:00 - 14:15	When we can't use all of our robotic tools	Sujata Gupta
14:15—14:30	Retroperitoneal anatomy: Strategies in Unfreezing the Frozen Pelvis	Nahid Gul
14:30 – 14: 45	Discussion	
14:45 - 15:00	Industry Gold sponsor talk: Cooper Surgical: Robotic surgery for women with high BMI	Simon Butler-Manuel
15: 00 - 15:15	Tea & Coffee	
Session 5:	Gynaecology	Chairs: Ali Kucukmetin & Emma Long
15:15 - 15:30	Robotics for interval Debulking in Ovarian Cancer	Simon Butler-Manuel
15:30 - 15:45	Fertility Sparing Oncology Surgery (Robotic trachelectomy, ovarian transposition, sarcoma/myoma distinctions).	Marielle Nobbenhuis
15:45 - 16:00	Robotic surgery in Endometrial Cancer	Mohamed Otify
16:00 – 16:15	Near infra-red and ICG in robotic assisted Gynaecological Surgery	Felix Chan



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16:15 - 16:30	Industry Gold sponsor talk: CMR: Advancing Surgical Precision: The latest innovations of the Versius robotic system.	Paul Stanciu
16:30 - 16:45	Discussion. Sessions close, end of Day 1	
17:00 - 17:45	BIARGS AGM Members only	
Social Programme		Crew Hall
19:00	Drinks reception	
19:30 - midnight	Magic/ Congress dinner & band	



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PROGRAMME – Saturday 22nd November 2025 (Day 2)

08:00 - 08:30	Registration, Tea & Coffee	Crew Hall
Session 6:	Robotics in Urogynaecology & Pelvic Reconstruction	Chairs: Roopa Nair & Suruchi Pandey
08:30 - 08:45	Apical prolapse; Is robotic surgery now the gold standard?	Dina El-Hamamsy
08:45 - 09:00	Bladder Endometriosis & Reconstruction / ureteric Reimplantation	Lyndon Gommersol
09:00 - 09:15	Feasibility study: Comparing ureteric stenting and ICG	Gourab Misra
09:15 - 09:30	Discussion	
Session 7:	Gynaecological Training: "United for excellence: BIARGS, BSGE, BSUG, BGCS & RCS on Robotic Surgical Training"	Chairs: Nahid Gul & Arvind Vashisht
09:30 - 09:45	Training the Gynae Surgeon: Current Gaps & Aspiration BIARGS view	Nahid Gul, BIARGS Training Chair
09:45 - 10:00	Training the Gynae Surgeon: Current Gaps & Aspiration BSGE view	Donna Ghosh BSGE Honorary Secretary
10:00 - 10:15	Trainee access and equity across deaneries; is this achievable?	David Iles BSUG Training Chair
10:15 - 10:30	Trainer Development and Accreditation	Simon Buttler- Manuel BGCS Training Chair
10:30 - 10:45	A National Robotic Training Framework: What would it take?	Nuha Yassin RCS Robotic & Digital Surgery Chair
10:45 - 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 - 11:15	Discussion, Tea & Coffee; Poster Viewing; Industry Stands	
Session 8:	"Crossing Planes: Robotics beyond the Pelvis"	Chairs: Simon Buttler- Manuel & Dina El-Hamamsy
11:15 - 11:30	Anaesthesia in the Robotic Era: Challenges and innovations in Gynae Surgery	Vidya Kasipandian
11:30 - 11:45	"Robotic Rectum: The Role of Colorectal Surgeons in Complex Endometriosis Cases"	TBC
11:45 - 12:00	"Beyond the pelvis: Ovarian transposition through the retroperitoneum	Paul Stanciu
12:00 - 12:10	Discussion	
Session 9	Free communication (Selected Oral presentations: Jeremy Wright prize for best oral presentation)	Chairs: Sujata Gupta & Hannah Pierce
12:10 - 12:20	Developing robotic assistants	Tim Hookway
12:20 - 12:30	Global Disparities in Access to Robotic Gynaecological Surgery: A Scoping Review	Olushola Ariyo
12:30 - 12:40	Communication and Patient Safety in Robotic-Assisted Surgery: The Impact of Human Factors	Mandy Mangham
12:40 - 12:50	Neuroplasticity and its role in surgical coaching and training	Rabbie K. Hanna
12:50 - 13:00	The Surgical Paradox: Balancing Clinical Excellence with Environmental Responsibility	Zahra Azeem
13:00 - 13:10	Discussion	
13:10 - 14:00	Lunch; Poster Viewing; Industry Stands	
Session 10:	Robotic training	Chairs: Nahid Gul & Nuha Yassin
14:00 - 14:15	How does RCOG see robotic surgery in future training of gynaecologists?	Ian Scudamore RCOG VP Education and training
14:15 - 14:30	"Bridging the Gap: Robotic training from RCOG Trainee to Robotic SITM"	Sarah Rizeq
14:30 - 14:45	Beyond the console. Training the Trainers in Robotic Surgery	Sharmila Gupta, LAPCO trainer
14:45 - 15:00	Debate: "Robotics is beneficial for specialist surgical training	Tom Coia
15:00 - 15:15	Debate: Robotics impedes access to surgical training"	Naomi Harvey
15:15 - 15:30	Q&A	
Session 11:	Smarter Surgery: AI, Data & Surgical Innovation: Future of Robotic surgery	Chairs: Arohan Sapkota & Marielle Nobbenhuis
15:30 - 15:45	Digital transformation of robotic surgery- AI and surgical innovation	Justin Collin/ Nuha Yassin



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15.45 - 16:00	"Innovating Robotic Gynaecology: From Data to Digital Twins"	Nicolas Bourdel
16:00 - 16:15	"Virtual Reality and Simulation for Robotic Training"	Mohamed Mabrouk
16:15 - 16:30	"Remote Surgery, Real impact: The future of Telementoring and Telesurgery"	Jim Khan
16:30 - 16:45	Discussion	
16:45 - 17:15	Prizes announced; meeting closure; date and venue next meeting. ASM 2026, End of conference	