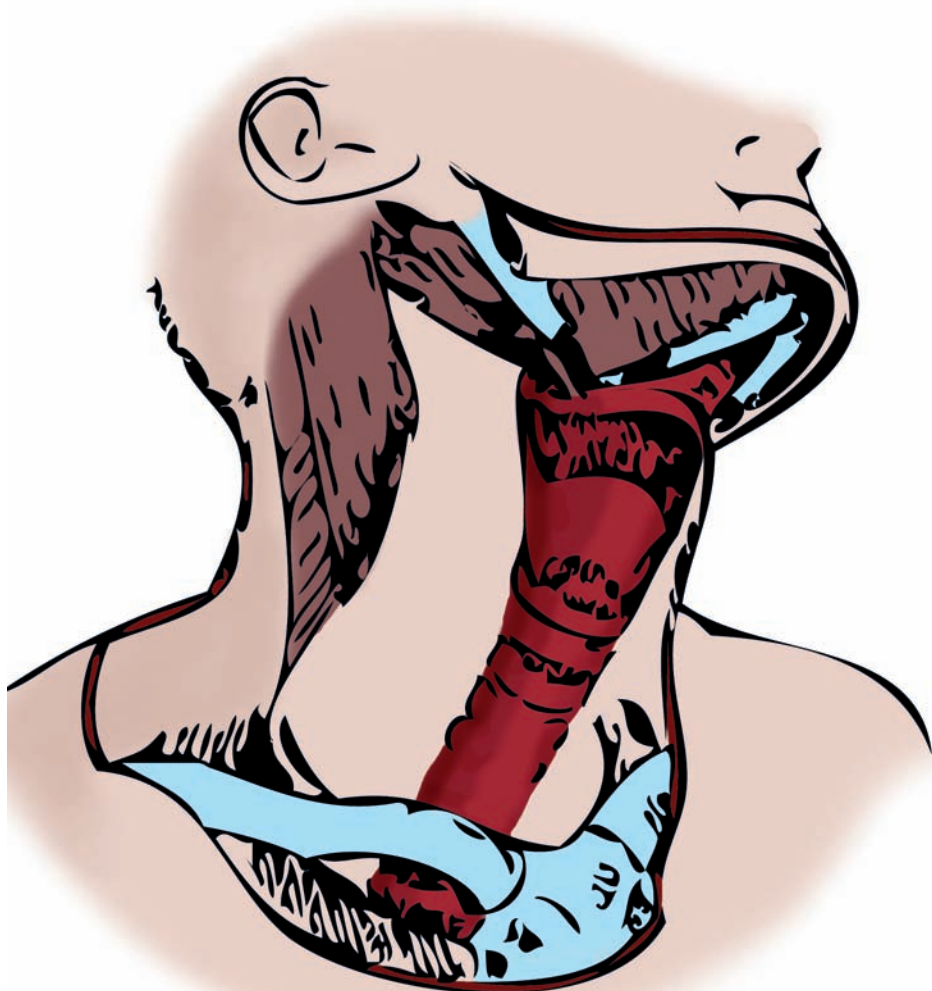


The Difficult Airway Society

Newsletter Summer 2013



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From the editors

Summer's edition of the newsletter sees many changes for the society. When we started as editors we were reporting the introduction of direct debit. Three years on we find ourselves in a different but more mature and far-reaching society. It's been a busy few years— now we have ADEPT, trainee representation, a surveys officer and even DAS professors.

The society's constitution has been amended to allow an electronic voting process as well as retaining its institutional memory with the new posts of immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer for a year.

NAP4 reported in 2011 and now it stands as our benchmark for publications, abstracts and the yellow banner seems to pop-up in many airway lectures - it was a privilege to report on such a momentous event. A natural development of the NAP4 project is what the authors had originally intended, local airway representation. And on September 26 at the RCoA, the Airway Lead day becomes reality.

We've carried reports from Kampala, Qatar, the SWAMS meeting in Torbay, BEAT in Broomfield, DART in Bristol, SAG in Scotland, EAMS in Amsterdam, SAM in a variety of locations and the World Congress in Buenos Aires.

We've interviewed DAS Macewen medical recipients John Henderson, Ralph Vaughan, Archie Brain, Chandy Vergheese, Ian Calder and we reported on William Mapleson address to the Society last year in Cardiff, all huge contributors to airway management over many years.

In the Autumn of 2011, the idea of DAS Professors was raised in a 'pipe dream

or plausible' article. At the last ASM in Cardiff Professors Mansukh Popat and Peter Charters were announced as the first appointments. We look forward to hearing from them at the next ASM.

The ASMs go from strength to strength. Perth, Cheltenham, Nottingham, Cardiff and next Ascot. You've heard about the run-up to each meeting and then the aftermath, the winners, the great lectures, the number of poster submissions and the educational and research development that each meeting has highlighted.

When it comes to scholarship DAS is more than NAP4. The new extubation and paediatric guidelines, upcoming obstetric and also the ongoing refresh of the intubation guidelines have all been keeping the Society busy as well as providing useful resources for members.

So, what of the next 3 years for the new committee – we suspect more of the same— ongoing progress in all aspects of airway management. As we wish them and you a great summer we hope to see you all in Ascot and beyond.

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President's Report

Hi, from the President!

It was a pleasant surprise and an honour you members have bestowed on me.

Electing me to the post of President of the Difficult Airway Society (DAS), the largest Airway Society in the world is a great measure of trust and I am sure I will strive hard to meet the challenges ahead.

I am currently a Consultant in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care, Deputy Medical Director at Heatherwood & Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. My interest in airway management started about 30 years ago and I still enjoy the challenge of a 'difficult airway'. I have been fortunate to experience airway management in six countries and continue to learn from each patient and situation.

It is humbling to follow on from the greats in airway management who started DAS in 1995. I have had the good fortune to have been mentored by some of them and others have guided me at DAS meetings and workshops.

DAS will be developing closer links with RCoA and AAGBI and actively participate in joint projects and help in the airway syllabus for the revalidation programme. We are developing closer links with our fellow Specialist Societies and gain from a unified stance to meet our aspirations and challenges.

My aim of sharing our skills and knowledge with developing countries is surely of mutual benefit. We will truly benefit and reap its rewards when we look upon each other as partners with individual strengths and weaknesses. I

have led several airway workshops to Kenya, Uganda, Estonia, Hungary and India. The respect for DAS and its expertise in airway management has been universal. I hope to take this image of DAS further and establish a more structured airway programme in participating overseas countries. Further news and developments will be published in future newsletters and in our website www.das.uk.com



The highlight in our annual calendar is our Annual Scientific Meeting. Our members are testimony to the quality and appeal of these meetings by having an ever increasing attendance. Consistently for the last few years we have attracted 500 or more delegates at each meeting. I am proud to announce that this year the annual scientific meeting DAS2013 will be at Ascot Racecourse and an exciting scientific and social programme has been planned for you all.

NAP4 was a major achievement for DAS and made us proud nationally and internationally. Lessons continue to be learnt and we are having the inaugural meeting of Airway Leads on 26th September 2013, representing various Trusts in the United Kingdom.

My leadership style is inclusive and open. I would welcome members to contact me by e-mail and hope to provide a prompt response.

I would like offer my thanks to our past committee members who have worked tirelessly and led DAS from strength to strength. Congratulations to my fellow

successful candidates who have been elected into office through the first ever electronic voting at DAS. Subrahmanyam Radhakrishna as Secretary DAS and Samantha Perera, Trainee representative.

My challenges ahead are shared by my colleagues in the committee who have provided me with support and guidance and help me steer the society to an even brighter future. The excellent team support will be pivotal to achieving our dreams and aspirations.

Hope to see you all in Ascot in November.

Jairaj Rangasami
President, DAS

And a Past President reflects...

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Jairaj Rangasami, our new president, Subrahmanyam Radhakrishnan, secretary and Samantha Perera, in the new position of trainee representative. They will join a very active committee and I am sure they will enjoy it as much as I did over the past three years. I wish them every success in their new roles.

I would personally like to thank my “team” who worked very hard to develop the society and I think all would agree we have matured and “grown up” as a society. Much of my work was made possible by the excellent help I received from the Hon Sec, Atul Kapila. It was a pleasure to work with him and I would like to thank him for the tireless work he did on behalf of the society for many years. I know he will continue to contribute his wisdom and advice to the incoming team.

One of the exciting projects I will be concentrating on in the next few years is organising the World Airway Management Meeting (WAMM) 2015. This is the FIRST “World Airway Meeting” and co-incides with the 20th anniversary of the formation of DAS and SAM (Society of Airway Management USA .Although this will be co-chaired by Elizabeth Behringer (on behalf of SAM) and myself, on behalf of DAS, it will be in collaboration with other airway management societies worldwide. It will be an opportunity to compare and contract practices and to learn from each other.

It will truly be a ‘state of the art’ world airway management meeting. The meeting will be in Dublin – **12th – 14th November 2015**. Based on the theme ‘*Bridging the Divide: Excellence in Airway Management*’ WAMM 2015 will be a three day conference with world leading key-note speakers, workshops, and simulation on an international scale. As always emphasis will be on learning in an enjoyable and interactive environment great social and educational. See you there! *EO’S*



The Editors think we might have spotted a hint of subliminal advertising. But surely not from our Past President????

Meet the Committee



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(Also Chair LOC DAS Ascot)



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- 2015/6)**

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Ex Officio
Ellen O'Sullivan
President
2009-2013

Atul Kapila
Secretary
2006-2013



DAS ELECTIONS

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DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ELECTIONS 2013

Our report of voting for the above election which closed at midnight on Thursday 7th March 2013 is as follows:

Number of eligible voters: 1890

Total number of votes cast: 266

Turnout: 14.1%

Number of votes found to be invalid: 0

Total number of valid votes to be counted: 266

President

Result (1 to elect)

RANGASAMI, Dr Jairaj		97 Elected
NORRIS, Dr Andy	96 *	
KAPILA, Dr Atul	73	

Secretary

Result (1 to elect)

RADHAKRISHNA, Dr Krish		119 Elected
McNARRY, Dr Alistair	94	
PRICE, Dr Mark	53	

Trainee Representative

Result (1 to elect)

PERERA, Dr Samantha		95 Elected
SHAH, Dr Seema	74	
GODDARD, Dr Chris	52	
McPHERSON, Dr Kirstie	45	

*votes confirmed by recount.

NB Under the amendments to the 2012 constitution, although the trainee rep was selected by an electoral process, they are a coopted member of the committee for 2 years – or until the ASM after they accept a consultant post.

The Treasurer writes...

An upbeat report from our treasurer?- Cardiff must have been very successful!!



I would like to begin by congratulating the three newly elected members of the DAS Committee: I am sure they will enjoy their tenures immensely, their work propelling the Society forward as it continues in its evolution into the one of the worlds most important airway organisations. In a move away from a show of hands at the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), DAS commissioned the Electoral Reform Service to oversee the process of an on-line ballot for all its members, which at a charge of £720 was good value for money.

I am pleased to report that the Society remains in a very strong financial position thanks in the main to the generosity of our membership; the annual £25 subscription conferring upon DAS a significant and dependable source of income. I am also delighted to report the resounding success of Cardiff's 2012 DAS ASM. Critical success has also been reflected in stunning total profits of £67k of which DAS can expect a sum of approximately £35k. On behalf of the whole society I would like to offer congratulations to Mark Alexander Price and his team on a job very well done.

Activity through the DAS PAYPAL account continues to increase as it gives members from the UK and abroad a quick and convenient way of paying their subscriptions as well as attracting companies to the DAS equipment manufacturers directory page. Other revenue streams consisting of the DAS Survey Scheme and Newsletter advertising also provide intermittent revenue.

The Society was humbled to receive a legacy donation of £2,500 from Mrs. Violet Robinson in November 2012. This was the first ever bequest to DAS, and as it came hard on the heels of a £2400 donation from Guy's Hospital, the Society must now consider formulating a protocol for how it deals with such gifts.

DAS continues to fund the work of its Guideline Committees, award an annual airway research grant of £10k via the NIAA, sponsor Ugandan trainee anaesthetists and maintain the iDAS smart phone app. The 2012 NIAA Grant amounting to £3.9k was awarded to Dr. Wendy King at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. The £6.1k not awarded will 'roll over' into 2013's award, making it worth £16.1k in total.

Loans have been raised by the 2013 and 2014 ASM's local organizing committees (LOC) for £9k and £10k respectively. I can also report that the £6k loan to DAS 2012 is about to be repaid in full with a considerable profit as detailed

above.

Over the last year the AAGBI have undertaken a 'root and branch' overhaul of our membership database making it up to date and more user friendly. This has required an immense amount of work and has consequently resulted in a temporary increase in our AAGBI fees. The Committee and Guideline groups continue to strive to save money whilst continuing their work on the society's behalf.

Lastly, DAS has been asked to set up and administer an account for the Cardiff 2012 ASM LOC and continues to administer accounts for the Portsmouth 2007 ASM LOC and the recipients of the 2010 NIAA grant. This money does not belong to DAS.

Peter Groom, DAS Treasurer

MONEY IN THE BANK

Current Account	£62,794.88
Deposit Account	£81,000.41
PAYPAL	£784.71
TOTAL	<u>£144,580.00</u>

Debtors

DAS 2012*	£5,863.00
DAS 2013	£8,992.60
DAS 2014	£10,000.00
TOTAL	<u>£24,855.60</u>

INCOME (Nov. 2012 – May 2013)

Member Standing Orders	£6,410.00
Member Direct Debits	£17,707.00
Member Cheque	£175.00
Equipment manufacturer page	£100.00
PAYPAL (incl. 40 new members last 15/12)	£784.71
Mrs. Violet Robinson legacy	£2,500.00
TOTAL	<u>£27,676.71</u>

EXPENDITURE (Nov. 2012 – May 2013)

Loan to DAS 2013	£8,992.60
Loan to DAS 2014	£10,000.00
AAGBI charges	£13,134.13
DAS guideline committee expenses	£562.65
DAS committee expenses	£5,769.00
Accountancy fee	£510.00
2012 DAS NIAA grant	£3,855.40
Newsletter costs (x4)	£5,648.4
Electoral Reform Service	£720.00
Refunds	£210.00
TOTAL	<u>£49,402.18</u>

DAS administered accounts

Portsmouth LOC 2007	£13,771.95
NIAA 2010 (Liverpool)	£6,807.81
Cardiff LOC 2012	£67,083.08*
<i>Pending restitution to DAS from 2012 ASM of approximately £36K</i>	

The New Secretary Reports

Dear DAS members



It is with a sense of great pride mixed with humility that I take on the role of the Secretary of DAS. That this has come through a democratic process for the first time through electronic voting, furthers the value and responsibility of this role. It is my first duty to thank and bid farewell to my predecessor Atul Kapila, who has served DAS over the years and who will remain an important member of DAS for years to come. I also welcome Jairaj Rangasami as our newly elected President and wish the ever charming Ellen O Sullivan, our Past President, the very best in many other vital roles she plays both at the RCOA and the AAGBI. Hearty congratulations to Samantha Perera, who as the trainee representative opens a new two way portal for trainees.

While these changes are inevitable in a rapidly evolving and growing Society, the resolve of DAS to provide high quality guidance, research and training in the field of difficult airway remains aglow. This resolve is now strengthened by the injection of enthusiasm and fresh ideas by the incoming new members.

The coming years should see DAS website expanding to include a **Members only** area which should feature 'Airway Expert panel' to advice on airway related issues on line, suggested reading including top ten airway related publications, CME and support on any other features that members request.

The **Annual Scientific Meeting 2013**, at Ascot this year in November offers a fresh approach with new topics in a historical and beautiful part of England and members should take advantage of the early bird rates to secure their positions as we expect it to be overbooked. **2014** brings the meeting to Stratford upon Avon, to the birthplace of the Bard, next to his famous theatre, where Shakespeare embraces the best in modern technology in his fold.

Updating the DAS database and making membership easy and value for money is one of my desired targets and I have already started work towards that. Incorporating GMC registration number or equivalent into the database may help streamline management of details and is being explored. I have also made myself easily available for contact through email and respond quickly often within a day.

DAS Airway Journal, Supporting Airway training abroad, working with RCOA airway leads and joining hands with other specialist societies to represent and bolster areas of common interests are some of my dreams. I shall work towards making these dreams a reality.

I wish you all a pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours

Subrahmanyam Radhakrishna (Krish)

ACCEA

DAS is recognized as a specialist society by the Advisory Committee for Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) allowing it to support nominations for anaesthetists applying for national Clinical Excellence Awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels for England and Wales (specialist societies cannot support Platinum applications).

ACCEA has indicated that there is a good chance the 2013 round will go ahead but is unable to confirm the timetable. We have tentatively set a deadline for receiving completed applications as 5pm on 15th July 2013. However, this deadline may change if ACCEA publishes its calendar stating otherwise.

The submission process is totally electronic and it is the responsibility of the individual nominee to ensure that their application is submitted by email to the ACCEA by its deadline. This application must also include the Part 2, completed and signed by their employer; DAS is not involved with this part of the process. However, it is helpful for DAS have sight of the completed form, including Part 2, which should be emailed to DAS@aagbi.org following submission. DAS will produce a ranked list of nominations, accompanied by national citations for each nominee, submitted by email.

Please note: a citation (form B) must be included with your application. Failure to include the citation or to send a completed application by the deadline will result in the application being automatically rejected for consideration.

Further information and forms may be obtained from the DAS website:

<http://www.das.uk.com/accea.html>

JR, DAS President

Revision of Intubation Guidelines

A working group now exists to revise the 2004 Intubation Guidelines. There will be regular updates at the ASM in 2013 and 2014 however, the group are keen to know the opinions of the membership about how the guidelines which are approaching their 10th birthday might be brought up to date for current anaesthetic practice. Once again the guidelines cover 4 primary subject areas

- 1) optimising the initial attempt*
- 2) Supraglottic airways and Airway Rescue*
- 3) Failure of Plan B, Plan C– Oxygenation*
- 4) Can't Ventilate, Can't intubate– Front of Neck Access*

But clearly, videolaryngoscopy, human factors and sugammadex will all deserve a mention.

If you have any thoughts or opinions please contact the revision group by email
intubation@das.uk.com

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DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY

Ascot 13th - 15th November 2013

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

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Scientific Programme Highlights

Ultrasound & Imaging of the Airway
Airway Stenosis & The Critical Airway
Controversies in Obstetric Airway
Free Papers & Posters
Encompasses all levels of the CPD matrix

Workshop: New & Exciting additions

Introducing Ultrasound guided imaging of the Airway, Live models,
International Faculty
Paediatric Difficult Airway
Awake Fiberoptic Intubation
Case Based Discussion and more ...

Renowned International & National Speakers

Introducing the Storz Lecture: Dr Rachael Craven (Bristol)
SAM Lecture: Dr Ashutosh Wali (Houston, USA)
Dr Michael Seltz Kristensen (Denmark)
Dr Wendy Teoh (Singapore)
Mr Guri Sandhu (London)
Prof Rakesh Kumar (Delhi, India)

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DAS 2013 ASCOT

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all delegates and sponsors/exhibitors to the 18th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Difficult Airway Society, at the historic Ascot racecourse in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

The meeting follows the traditional format of workshops on Wednesday 13th November and a two day scientific programme on 14th & 15th November 2013.

The highlights of this year's workshop include:

- Ultrasound in Airway Management
- Paediatric Difficult Airway
- Awake Fiberoptic Intubation and Case Based Discussion
- Experienced faculty and a high faculty to delegate ratio

The trade exhibition will open with a welcome drinks reception on Wednesday evening (13th November 2013) after the workshops and all the delegates and faculty are invited to join us for canapés and drinks.

We have an excellent and varied scientific programme which will be delivered by renowned national and international speakers and hope it will address your revalidation needs.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of industry towards DAS and its activities in training and medical education. DAS Ascot will feature a newly introduced Karl Storz Lecture bearing testimony of industry support. Dr Rachel Craven (Bristol) will inaugurate the lecture series and share with us her experiences of saving lives in the Syrian war zone.

The Gala dinner (14th November 2013) will be held at the Pavilion suite of the Ascot Racecourse and you can look forward to an evening of excellent food, drinks and live entertainment.

The DAS Annual Scientific Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for networking and catching up with old friends and you will not be disappointed at what we have in store for you. We have been fortunate in securing a venue that can accommodate the meeting, exhibition and the gala dinner all in one place. We hope that the exciting programme, historic and easily accessible venue with its proximity to London and free car parking will tempt you all to attend the DAS 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in Ascot in November.

Drs Jairaj Rangasami & Mridula Rai
Co-Chairpersons
DAS 2013 Organising Committee



DAS 2013 Abstract Submissions

Read Carefully

Abstracts and Case Report submissions are invited for presentation at the 18th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Difficult Airway Society in Ascot on 13th – 15th November 2013. Please follow the instructions carefully and fill in all the fields as asked.

Please ensure that you have entered your correct contact details with your submission.

Abstracts may be submitted either for oral or poster presentation (please fill out the preference in the form).

Selection of abstracts for presentation will be undertaken by members of the DAS Scientific Committee. Abstracts not selected for oral presentation may be invited for presentation as a poster.

Please ensure that the electronic submission has been made to das@aagbi.org by **23:59 hrs (BST) on Friday 30th August 2013**. **Late entries or abstracts not conforming to style will not be accepted.**

E-mails to those whose abstracts are chosen for oral or poster presentation will be sent out during the week beginning **Monday 16th September 2013**.

Please ensure that you provide your correct email otherwise you will not be contacted.

- Text should be in a fully justified column 8 cm wide and no more than 23 cm high, Times New Roman, size 8 pt. and single line spacing. The text and figures must not exceed 1 page of A4.
- The following sections should be included (those in bold should be headed as such using bold type, the rest without headers): Title, Authors, Institution, Introduction, **Methods, Results, Case Report (if applicable), Discussion, Acknowledgements, References**. (Maximum of three)
- Abstracts presenting the same results must not have been published (or accepted for publication) in another journal (see form). A full paper arising from work presented in the abstract must not be published in a journal or online before the abstract is published.
- A statement must be included indicating that Ethics Committee approval was obtained where appropriate. You should disclose any conflicts of interest, corporate

involvement, patient holdings etc.

- References should be in the Vancouver style.
- Use a blank line to separate the paragraphs.
- A single **Figure** or **Table** (black & white only) is allowable but must fit into the document template. (1 page of A4)
- Acknowledge any source of financial support at the end of the abstract.
- If you are submitting your abstract for poster presentation, please note that the final format will be **A1**.

You must insert your correct e-mail details and contact number. If not we will not be able to contact you if there is a problem.

Please visit the website for

[Abstract submission form and template](#)

[Case Report submission form and template](#)

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In case of difficulty with this abstract template, please contact:

Jessica Hofmann on 0207 631 8859 or email.das@aabi.org

The DAS Calendar

30th August 2013 Abstract Submission Closes

16th September 2013 Abstract results start arriving

26th September 2013 Airway Leads Day at the RCoA

13th-15th November 2013 **DAS ASCOT**

15th November 2013 DAS AGM

12th-14th November 2014 DAS Stratford upon Avon

12th-14th November 2015 World Airway Management Meeting Dublin

Airway Leads Day 26th September 2013

The planned Airway Leads' day is now live for booking on the College Website

“... the College are pleased to provide an Airway Leads' Day to build on the NAP4 recommendations and provide clear direction and support for Departmental Airway Leads (or those who are keen to become departmental airway leads) across the UK.”

www.rcoa.ac.uk/education-and-events/airway-lead-day

You do not have to be an Airway Lead to attend this event– you may work in a department yet to appoint an airway lead (we know there are a few), but there is nothing to stop you volunteering to take on the role and this day offers the ideal opportunity to understand it and be prepared for it.

Although not specifically targeted at trainees, some senior trainees and Airway Fellows with an interest in airway education may find the day interesting.

The full programme is printed on page 18 and below Mary Mushambi (a former DAS Secretary) provides her introduction to life as an Airway Lead– to hear more sign up for the 26th September!. The College have deliberately priced it to allow maximum attendance and participation.

Mary writes The aim of this article is not to define a generic job plan for an airway lead but to share my experience as airway lead in a large teaching hospital

Why become an airway lead? There will be many reason why one becomes an airway lead. It may be because one is an airway enthusiast, or the frustration of lack of adequate airway equipment in one's department or as in my case, a previous bad experience which highlighted one's own limitations and inadequacies in how to deal with unexpected airway events.

It is difficult for me to define when I started as an airway lead as my role evolved over many years having started with a general interest in airway management. I was in the fortunate position of having worked at East Grinstead Hospital and then moved onto Guys Hospital where I worked with Ray Towey and Adrian Pearce (What great teachers) who introduced me to the wonders of fiberoptic intubation. So armed with this background, when I started as a consult-



ant in Leicester, I was keen to start a fiberoptic intubation teaching programme. Over the years, I have been involved in many aspect of airway management which include: teaching, purchasing of equipment, guidelines and audit. However, I must emphasise that all this would not have been possible without the support of my consultant colleagues at the Leicester Royal Infirmary especially Perihan Ali, Drs Ayorinde and Joseph and more recently the support of my enthusiastic young airway fellows.

Equipment and drugs Obtaining airway equipment for the department is a challenging role in today's cash strapped NHS but it is certainly worth pursuing. It took many years of nagging our business managers to buy fiberoptic scopes and the camera stack system and it is very rewarding to finally get what you need (we currently have three stack systems and 5 fiberoptic scopes). One area that I've had to learn quickly and with very little guidance is writing of business cases to obtain equipment in what is a very competitive environment. Two years ago I put in a bid for standardised, DAS unanticipated difficult airway algorithm based difficult airway trolleys (see picture) and these are now in use throughout the three hospitals in the trust. My airway fellows were especially helpful in assisting with the assembling and labelling of these trolleys. I have successfully written business cases was for a videolaryngoscopes, (we chose Airtraqs), Manujet for each theatre on our labour ward and more recently for Ambusscopes for remote sites such as the maternity theatre.

Another business case was for sugammadex and which is now available for the 'can't intubate and can't ventilate' situations. For many years, I worked with our resource officer to purchase a state of the art fiberoptic sterilising unit which allows accurate documentation of the sterilisation of scopes and also to allow tracing of individual patient use.

Guidelines Part of my role as an airway lead was to see the dissemination and implementation of any national airway guidelines such as the DAS unanticipated difficult airway and extubation guidelines. Since there are currently no national difficult airway guidelines for the obstetric patient, we drafted local guidelines for the obstetric patient and these have been used in our unit for many years.

I have attempted to give a brief and humble description of my role as an airway lead over the years. I am aware than there is more that I could have done and some things that I could have done differently or better. I am also sure that there are many airway leads out there who have been working extremely hard and who have achieved a great deal more. I have no doubt that DAS would welcome any airway leads who wish to share their own experience and who may be able to help others. Lastly, it is important to remember that as an airway lead, you are part of a team requiring close working with colleagues and managers.

MM, Airway Lead, Leicester

RCoA & DAS
AIRWAY LEAD DAY



Thursday 26th September 2013
 RCoA Churchill House, 35 Red Lion Square, London, WC1R 4SG

PROGRAMME (subject to changes)

09:00 – 09:30	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS	Session 4:	<u>Airway Education</u>
09:30 – 09:40	Introduction and Welcome <i>Dr Debbie Nolan, RCoA</i>	13:45 – 14:00	The DART Model <i>Dr Nick Wharton, Bristol</i>
<u>Session 1:</u>	<u>The Background</u>	14:00 – 14:15	Trolley Centred <i>Dr Alistair McNarry, Edinburgh</i>
09:40 – 10:05	Airway Leads; The College Perspective <i>Professor Tim Cook, Bath</i>	14:15 – 14:35	ADAM <i>Dr Seema Charters (Warrington)</i>
10:05 – 10:30	Airway Leads: What Has DAS Got To Do With It? <i>Dr Chris Frerck, Northamptonshire</i>	14:35 – 15:00	Do people still need to go to fancy workshops if I'm teaching them everything? Is there still a place for RCoA/DAS Airway workshops? <i>Dr Ravi Bhagrath, London</i>
10:30 – 10:50	Questions and Discussion	15:00 – 15:20	Questions and Discussion
10:50 – 11:10	REFRESHMENTS	15:20 – 15:40	REFRESHMENTS
<u>Session 2:</u>	<u>Working as an Airway Lead</u>	<u>Session 5:</u>	<u>The Potentially Difficult Bits</u>
11:10 – 11:35	It's just implementing NAP4 isn't it? <i>Dr Fiona Kelly, Bath</i>	15:40 – 16:05	What does an intensivist want from the Airway Lead in ICU (and A&E)? <i>Dr Tony Turley, Cardiff</i>
11:35 – 12:00	Life as an Airway Lead <i>Dr Mary Mushambi, Leicester</i>	16:05 – 16:30	Should airway teaching be compulsory for all? <i>Dr Mark Stacey, Cardiff</i>
12:00 – 12:20	Discussion	16:30 – 17:00	Questions and Forum – your chance to tell us how best to support you. Questions can be submitted in advance or asked on the day
<u>Session 3:</u>	<u>Procurement Issues</u>	17:00	Meeting close
12:20 – 12:45	A brief introduction to procurement <i>Allan Rivans & Rachel Pell Northampton</i>		
12:45 – 13:00	Questions and Discussion		
13:00 – 13:45	LUNCH		

What is WAMM?

A promotional banner for WAMM 2015. The background is a photograph of a modern cable-stayed bridge with a white, curved pylon and blue cables, set against a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, 'WAMM 2015' is written in large, bold, white letters, with 'WORLD AIRWAY MANAGEMENT MEETING' in smaller white letters below it. In the center, 'Save the date for the largest Airway meeting' is written in white. Below that, '12-14 November' is written in white, followed by '2015' in very large white numbers. At the bottom, a blue bar contains the text 'JOINT MEETING OF THE DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY (UK) & THE SOCIETY FOR AIRWAY MANAGEMENT (USA)' in white. On the right side, a vertical blue bar contains the word 'DUBLIN' in large white letters.

2015 sees DAS and our American Colleagues in SAM (Society of airway Management) reach our joint 20th birthdays. This is a tremendous milestone and following on from our very successful outing to Lille for the Society's tenth birthday it was felt that another special event was called for. Combining the expertise of DAS's Past President Ellen O'Sullivan and conference organiser extraordinaire Bernie Liban a formidable DAS Team has been assembled to start preparing for this huge event, which will be taking the place of the DAS ASM in 2015. Joining the DAS Team will be Professor Elizabeth Behringer and her team from SAM. Prof Behringer is no stranger to DAS regulars having been DAS delegate and speaker over the years. Probably the biggest change to the programme that DAS members will notice is the fact that it runs from Thursday to Saturday rather than Wednesday to Friday, but this is to help facilitate attendance by the SAM members.

The format will be similar to regular DAS meetings, with workshops, a trainee abstract competition and of course a splendid Gala Dinner.

A WAMM2015.COM website has been established to allow people to register their interest– as we have already had enquiries about the 20th anniversary meeting from Australia and Europe.

There will be WAMM2015 updates at DAS Ascot in 2013 and DAS Stratford upon Avon in 2014.

So for now: Mark the date

Ensure your membership details are up-to-date

Plan to be there!



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DAS are delighted to be able to provide this charity with some column inches, and to suggest that DAS Members might be especially interested in the recently announced

The Facing Africa Anaesthetic Fellowship

The Facing Africa Anaesthetic Fellowship is a new venture between the Royal College of Anaesthetists and Facing Africa, a UK-based charity. They are seeking suitable UK trainees to apply for this Fellowship, providing funds for travel and accommodation.

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From our foreign correspondent

NWAC (Networking World Anaesthesia Convention) is a global educational organization whose aim is the advancement of research and academia in anaesthesia. The annual convention is a well established feature of the academic calendar and now attracts over 1000 delegates from all over the world– this year we gathered in Thailand. Many aspects of anaesthesia are covered at this meeting with parallel lecture sessions and interactive workshops delivered by a faculty of international experts.



Committee members of DAS played a major role in the organisation of the airway management programme at this year's convention in April. My role, as an NWAC scientific committee member, was to organise the airway management programme which consisted of a day of lectures given by an invited international panel of airway experts (including DAS committee members) and two advanced

Workshop Faculty featuring some DAS stalwarts airway workshops .

The airway lecture programme attracted a huge amount of interest and the lecture hall was completely full with standing room only (the photo is proof!). Excellent talks given by internationally renowned speakers such as Anil Patel, Jaieep Pandit and Andre Van Zundert were very well received.



Two advanced airway workshops were also organised as part of the airway programme and both were very well attended. The workshops included novel stations such as US of the airway and the excellent ORSIM Bronchoscopy Simulator, as well as the more conventional stations. Many of the workshop faculty were DAS committee members and again the feedback for these workshops was excellent with an overall score of 4.5/5.

Next year's NWAC meeting will be held in Vienna, Austria (April 30-May 3) and our aim is to build on the huge success of this year's airway management programme. The theme of the meeting will be monitoring and patient safety. For more details please visit the website: www.nwac.org

Imran Ahmad, DAS Surveys Coordinator, NWAC Scientific Committee Member

And finally...

We would like to thank all of you for making the magazine worthwhile over the past three years. We are indebted to our many contributors who willingly (?) provided us with copy –some of them even before the deadline!

Thanks too to the various committee members we have worked with in the many decisions DAS has dealt with during our tenure. We wish them all well as they take the Society forward.

However our real thanks go to the readers, the members of DAS, without whom there would be no need for a newsletter and no DAS news.

Do think about writing something for the newsletter– maybe you are the next editor– it has to be someone!

Meanwhile you don't get rid of us quite that quickly, we'll see you at the Airway Leads Day (pages 16-18), at DAS Ascot (Pages 12-15) and all being well at Stratford next year then at WAMM2015 (page 19).

We look forward to seeing you there and who knows where else!!

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