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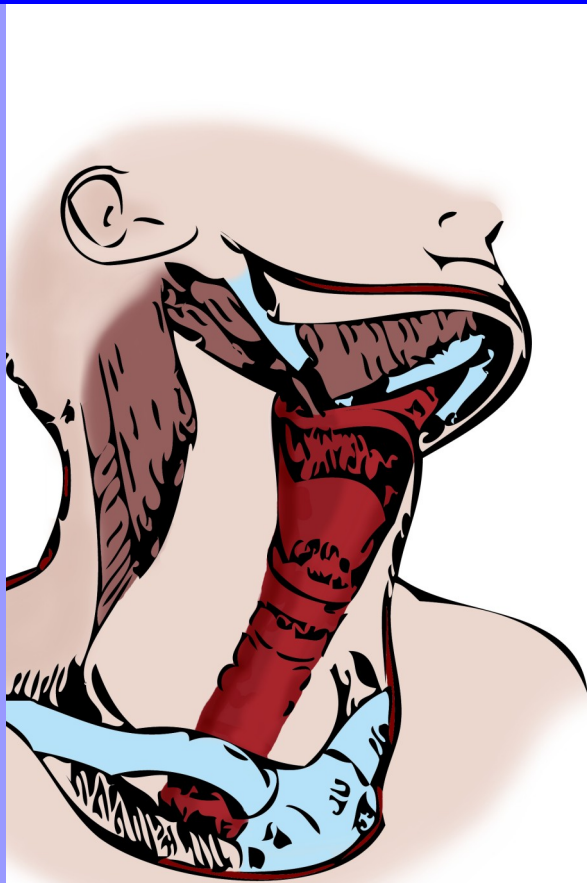
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EDITORIAL

Another year, another Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) but a first edition of the Society Newsletter under new editorship. Before introducing ourselves we would like to thank Alistair McNarry and Ravi Bhagrath for their sterling work producing the Newsletter for the last 3 years and wish them well in their various projects. I've no doubt they will continue to remain active in the field of airway education and research.

As a brief introduction I am Mark Price, a consultant in Cardiff and chair of the local organising committee for last year's ASM. Sajay is a senior trainee in the Warwick School of Anaesthesia with strong credentials in desk top publishing.

The Society continues to grow from strength to strength and in this edition you can read about the progress made by the working groups on both obstetric and unanticipated difficult intubation guidelines. After an inaugural sold out Airway Lead Day at the College we continue to see the roll out of this vital advocacy role, which is one of the tangible results of NAP4. The Newsletter is eager to support Airway Leads by publishing examples of good practice and innovation in your hospital.

The Treasurer will give a report on the relatively buoyant state of the Society's finances. The money raised from your subscriptions is being used for new NIAA scrutinised research grants, educational initiatives and advancing the ADEPT process.

Surveys of members' practice and opinion continue to be a useful tool due to the combination of the Society's mailing list and the well designed surveys submitted to us. Remember that DAS fielded the largest sub-speciality membership response to the NIAA anaesthetic research priority setting exercise! Our surveys coordinator will give a brief overview of recent activity along with news of a trainee survey in the pipeline under the auspices of our new trainee representative.

As a member this is essentially your journal and we are open to your suggestions. In the future we hope to bring you articles on a diverse range of topics from simulation to safety and big data! Plus reviews of books that may be relevant to your wider reading and letters from our own correspondents (check copyright with Radio 4!) Please contact us if you have an article you feel is relevant for publication in the Newsletter.

See you at Ascot.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Ascot Beckons! DAS ASM 2013 at Ascot!

As the Co-Chair of the LOC and the newly elected President of DAS, I have double the pride and pleasure in inviting you to this glorious event in a historical place. My team have worked hard and I have to thank my fellow Co-Chair Dr.Mridula Rai and the dedicated team for what is about to unfold before you. The workshops and the scientific program are designed after much thought and planning to specifically address the needs of the trainee and the practicing anaesthetist. When you are not attending the meeting, there is much in way of entertainment to keep you occupied in Ascot.

The last 6 months of my presidency have been exciting and challenging. Exciting because of the progressive changes we have been able to introduce in a very short time and challenging because of the high targets the new team has set itself. DAS has supported the application of seven of its members for Bronze, Silver and Gold awards to the ACCEA this year. We are right now in the middle of formulating the new intubation guidelines. It is likely to be complete by the end of 2014.

Krish and I had a very productive meeting with the president of the AAGBI Dr. William Harrop-Griffiths to discuss how we could work together in promoting training and education.

Dr. Karthik Ponnuswamy has joined me and together we intend to bring about important changes to keep pace with the rapidly evolving DAS website. Sajay and Mark have taken over the responsibilities of the Newsletter and they already seem to be doing an excellent job.

While we are busy putting on the show at Ascot , the Coventry team have already started the work for the 2014 ASM at Stratford.

The hope, the drive and the possibilities are immense. But as I said earlier, at the moment it is exciting and challenging!



Dr Jairaj Rangasami
DAS President

SECRETARY WRITES...

I am delighted to welcome you all to Ascot for the 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society. This is special in very many ways. This is my first ASM as the Honorary Secretary of DAS. Dr. Jairaj Rangasami in his first Presidential role is also the Co-Chair of the local organising committee. We have a new team of enthusiastic members ready to take DAS to the next level. That progressive change, although not immediately apparent, is gathering pace and momentum and will be evident early next year through the DAS web page and new initiatives that DAS is taking on the educational front.

The DAS RCOA Airway Lead Day has been a tremendous initiative with a good measure of success even on day one. I must congratulate the team leaders from both sides for this achievement. We look forward to building on this through our web pages by providing a common discussion platform for all airway leads. The concept of Airway Lead is a direct result of NAP4 and will help improve patient safety by providing greater and faster access to audit and research. It should also give us a greater reach to establish educational standards across UK.

Ascot meanwhile promises to be a great venue for the meeting where galloping horses will be overtaken by the rapid flow of education and the muddy hoofs silenced by the patter of delegate feet. Tittenhurst Park was the home of the Beatles and their last album was made here. This 17th century mansion is just one of the many attractive sites at Ascot. The scientific program and the workshops are well thought out and should cover all delegate requirements. There is an extra emphasis on ultrasound in this ASM, adding a new dimension to the saga of airway management.

The first 6 months of my term have been hectic. Updating the database remains a top priority. Jairaj and I had a very productive meeting with the President of the AAGBI, Dr. William Harrop-Griffiths. We look forward to working with the AAGBI on all frontiers of common interest and we have been assured of continued support from the AAGBI in several areas. We may also work together to improve the members database, introduce web casting of conferences and run new CPD programs to meet revalidation requirements of anaesthetists.

Since then I have had fruitful meetings with Dr. Andrew Hartle, the AAGBI president elect, the President and the two Vice Presidents of the RCOA and members from various other societies.

It was an opportunity for me to reassert our commitment to promoting standards and quality and to further the involvement of DAS in all educational areas.

The committee meetings have been crisp and effective helping us to weed out the non-essentials, draw a line on the past, make a fresh beginning and vigorously invest in new matters.

A new path has now been laid to lead DAS to a bigger, brighter and exciting future. I wish to extend a hearty welcome to Dr.Mark Price and Dr.Sajayan as our new newsletter editors.

It is now not a long wait to the Year 2014. This promises to be another memorable year and as the LOC Chair, I shall join with the Bard and welcome you all to the ASM in Stratford Upon Avon on the 12th to 14th November 2014.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!



Dr S.Radhakrishna
Honorary Secretary DAS

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Member,

On behalf of the entire committee I thank you for your continued support: your annual £25 Direct Debit (DD) subscription means the Society's financial reserves continue to grow. The review of our membership database undertaken by the AAGBI has highlighted that a minority of our members are still paying by Standing Order (SO). I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully appeal for those individuals with a SO to please change over to DD and help buttress our Society's foundations.

Our international membership is expanding, facilitated by the user friendliness of our PayPal account. The DAS survey scheme, newsletter adverts and equipment manufacturers page also represents an important, but variable additional source income throughout the year.

DAS has sponsored the Ugandan trainee scheme for 3 years now and our support will hopefully extend to future cohorts. We continue to fund the various DAS guideline committees and maintain the iDAS smart phone app. I am pleased to announce that the 2013 DAS Airway Research Grant, amounting to £14.4k, was recently awarded to Dr. Peadar O'Donohoe, an MRC training fellow in Oxford, for physiological studies of airway management and hypoxia. The funds have not yet been claimed at the time of writing.

Domain names have recently been purchased for the joint DAS/SAM World Airway Management Meeting (WAMM) to be held in Dublin during November 2015. Subsequently a website has been created: www.WAMM2015.com. DAS has also formally agreed to furnish the WAMM organizing committee with a £20k loan (with SAM providing £10k) although these loans have not yet been raised.

I anticipate the AAGBI's charges to fall in the coming months as their root and branch review of the societies' database is completed. The committee continue to look at ways to reduce their expenses.

The 2013 and 2014 Annual Scientific Meetings (ASM) local organizing committees have raised loans for £9k and £10k respectively. The £6k loan made to the DAS ASM 2012 is about to be repaid in full along with a considerable profit amounting to approximately £30k. DAS continues to administer accounts for the local organizing committees of the 2007 (Portsmouth) and 2012 (Cardiff) Annual Scientific Meetings plus the recipients of the 2010 NIAA grant. This money does not belong to DAS.

I look forward to the upcoming ASM in Ascot and hope to see you there.



Dr. Peter Groom

DAS Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT June 13-Sept 13

Money in the bank

Current Account	£56,292.07
Deposit Account	£81,020.61
PAYPAL	£1,188.54
TOTAL	£138,501.22

Debtors

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

Income

Member Standing Orders	£70.00
Member Direct Debits	£11,005.00
PAYPAL (incl. 8 new members)	£403.83
TOTAL	£11,478.83*

Expenditure

AAGBI charges	£4,169.26
DAS guideline committee expenses	£893.30
DAS committee expenses	£2819.46
WAMM Domain Names	£209.33
Ugandan Training Bursary	£3000.00
Total	£11,091.35

DAS administered accounts

Portsmouth LOC 2007	£13,775.39
NIAA 2010 (Liverpool)	£6809.51
Cardiff LOC 2012	£67,095.58*

**Pending restitution to DAS from 2012 ASM of approximately £36K*

UPDATE

DAS SURVEYS

I would like to start off by thanking our members for responding to the various surveys we have distributed over the past 2 years.

We set up the service in response to the increasing number of requests we received from DAS members asking if they could send out airway related surveys. We currently have close to 3000 DAS members, so a huge amount of useful information can be obtained from these surveys, which enables us to target a large group of anaesthetists with an interest in airway management.

Below are the surveys we have distributed over the past 2 years. Most of these surveys have been submitted as abstracts to the DAS Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), as well as other national meetings and journals.

Surveys distributed in 2012:

	Authors	Institution	Number of responses
<i>Extubation</i>	D.Malik, R.Dravid, P.Ali, M.Mushambi	University Hospitals of Leicester	767
<i>RSI/BMV</i>	G.Werrett, J.Brown	Plymouth	789
<i>Videolaryngoscopes</i>	O.Daly, A.Jeffrey, A.McNarry	Edinburgh	550
<i>NIAA Priority Setting Exercise</i>	I.Ahmad J.Pandit	DAS	340
<i>Throat Packs</i>	J.Chatterjee, B.Shepherd	Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	568

So far this year we have distributed 5 surveys. Again, many of the authors have submitted abstracts of their surveys to this year's DAS ASM, so you will be able to view the results and outcomes of these surveys in Ascot if you are attending the meeting. If you are unable to attend, don't worry, in the near future you will be able to access summaries of each survey on the DAS Website, under the DAS Surveys Tab.



DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY

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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 ...

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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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Surveys distributed in 2013

Survey 2013	Authors	Institution	Number of responses
<i>Nasendoscopy</i>	R.Jayaraj, A.Varvinski	Torbay Hospital	407
<i>Bougies</i>	D.Malik, A.Philip, V.Kaushik, P.Ali, M.Mushambi	University Hospitals of Leicester	483
<i>CICV</i>	J.Mackenzie	Royal Berkshire & Battle Hospital	362
<i>Airway exchange devices</i>	J.Teare, B.Patel	Royal Surrey County Hospital	396
<i>Laryngoscopes</i>	Z.Apple, T.Thomas	Salford Royal Hospital	Pending

I am fully aware that most you are regularly bombarded with survey requests, this is why we have limited the number of surveys we distribute to our members and we only select clinically important and well designed surveys.

I hope you will continue to support our surveys by taking a few moments of your time to complete them. We will soon all be able to benefit from the findings by accessing a summary of the results, which will represent the views of a large group of anaesthetists with an interest in airway management.

If you would like to submit a survey to DAS please follow the guidelines on the DAS website, under the tab 'DAS Surveys' and email me on :

surveys-coordinator@das.uk.com



Dr Imran Ahmad

DAS Surveys Coordinator

In the next edition.....

- Ascot ASM highlights
- The winner of the Ralph Vaughan Cup for best presented abstract
- Profiles of the Macewan Medal recipients
- Philadelphia Story-our Treasurer goes to America
- Starting a new book review section

UPDATE

AIRWAY LEAD DAY

NAP4 called for Airway Leads, and Thursday 26th September was the date for the first Airway Lead Day at the Royal College of Anaesthetists. The 'House Full' signs were up and there was even a waiting list of people trying to get seats at the event.

DAS and the College were well represented at the event with sessions chaired by Debbie Nolan, College Vice-President and Jairaj Rangasami, DAS President. Famous DAS names Frerk, Cook, Mushambi and Cardiff's Mark Stacey addressed the meeting which was characterized by lively debate from the floor.

A full report on the day will follow in conjunction with the College Bulletin, however in this small taster, can I ask:

- 1) Does your hospital have an Airway Lead? If not, could it be you?
- 2) Are you an Airway Lead that the College does not know about yet?

Please e-mail Maddy Humphrey mhumphrey@rcoa.ac.uk to let us keep you updated.

Similarly, if you are an Airway Lead please e-mail Maddy with your answers to the three questions posed at the end of the day.

1. What do you want to see in a basic airway education package to support you as an Airway Lead, providing airway education in your own hospital?
2. What information do you want / need in the RCOA Bulletin and DAS newsletter?
3. How frequently should Airway Lead Days run, what content would you find most beneficial?

Watch the space....

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UPDATE

ADEPT

I am pleased to say that by the end of this year we will have the “evidence for airway devices” section of the ADEPT website up and running. It has been a challenging process resulting from the vast number of devices available in the market today and finding a system that will be able to allow us to keep the website updated as more devices are added on an almost weekly basis.

The website will allow users access to the airway devices marketed in the UK and the evidence available for each of the listed devices. The available evidence will include all clinical trials, well designed and relevant animal and cadaveric studies but will exclude all case reports and manikin based trials on airway devices. The ADEPT website will offer access to the evidence but will not aim to classify the evidence for or against a particular device.

The industry has been very supportive of this venture and in providing us with data and we look forward to working with them in the coming years.

So watch this space



Mridula Rai

UPDATE

OBSTETRIC DIFFICULT AIRWAY GUIDELINE GROUP

The OAA/DAS difficult airway group has met on several occasions since my article in the last DAS newsletter. Great progress has been made. The group has been allocated time in the scientific programme at the DAS ASM in Ascot in November to update members about the progress of the guidelines.

The following sections will be discussed at Ascot:

1. Background papers:

The group is looking for evidence to back up the guidelines and aims to publish three papers prior to the final guidelines. The first paper is looking at case reports and case series of published failed intubations. The group aims to publish this in International Journal of Obstetric Anaesthesia. The second paper is looking at foetal outcome following failed intubations. The third paper will be on the management of the anticipated difficult airway in the obstetric patient.

2. Algorithms:

The group has started on drafts of the obstetric difficult airway guidelines algorithms.

3. Liaison with the DAS unanticipated difficult airway guidelines group:

This is to ensure that the two groups come up with similar recommendations in the Plan A of the Rapid Sequence Induction algorithm and Plan D sections to avoid giving conflicting messages.

4. A survey:

The group has decided to carry out a national survey of obstetric anaesthetic leads to gather information on the management of recent failed intubations. This will include equipment used and the use of awake fibre optic intubation in the obstetric patients. Special permission has been granted by the OAA to use their survey system.

Mary Mushambi

On behalf of the OAA/DAS obstetric difficult airway guidelines group.

FROM THE TRAINEE REP

Thank you for welcoming me onto the DAS Committee. The creation of the trainee representative role reflects the commitment that DAS has towards the development of future anaesthetists and I am very excited to have been given this opportunity by you.

I am currently a final year registrar in Oxford. I have experienced training in several different deaneries and have noticed a wide variation in delivery of airway training. Some based mainly on sporadic learning opportunities and others having a highly structured programme. I am planning to investigate whether there are differences between what trainees desire from their airway programmes and what trainers believe are important. The aims will be to identify discrepancies in goals, regional variations and constraints to the delivery of training. At the moment, we are awaiting collaboration with the Royal College of Anaesthetists on this project.

In the future I would like for all anaesthetic trainees, not just those completing a specialist fellowship, to have the confidence to utilise the range of anaesthetic equipment for appropriately managing a difficult airway. In this way, the necessary technical and non-technical skills will be more easily passed on to future trainees. I also believe that the ability to evaluate airway devices is crucial; the appointment of DAS Airway Leads in every trust will hopefully result in greater opportunities for trainees to become involved in ADEPT projects both locally and nationally.

We will also be creating a link to interesting airway articles on the DAS website so keep a look out for this. If you would like to contribute, please contact me at trainee@das.uk.com. Do also get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions that you would like me to raise at committee.

See you at Ascot,



Sam Perera

Trainee Representative.

WAMM- the First World Airway Management Meeting!

An exciting joint venture of the Society of Airway Management (SAM) and the Difficult Airway Society (DAS) is on its way! The first World Airway Management Meeting will take place in Dublin, Ireland from November 12th to 14th, 2015. This first of its kind meeting will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of each society. The 3 day meeting will showcase state of the art workshops taught by international experts, plenary sessions, round table sessions and key note speakers. One plenary session will be devoted to the best abstracts of the meeting. Two poster sessions will be dedicated to a variety of topics in basic and advanced airway management. The conference aims to showcase the best scientific and educational information on advanced airway management while engaging a world- wide audience. Tours of Dublin, the exciting Capital City of Ireland, will be offered. A gala evening event is being planned on Friday 13th November, 2015.

Drs. Elizabeth C. Behringer (Past President of SAM) and Ellen O'Sullivan (Past President of DAS) serve as Co-Chairs of WAMM 2015. Other stellar members of the WAMM organizing committee include Drs. Carin Hagberg (SAM Executive Director), Richard Cooper (current SAM President), Anil Patel (London, UK), Michael Seltz Kristensen (Copenhagen, Denmark), Paul Baker (Auckland, NZ), Bernie Liban (London, UK) Ankie Hamaekers (Maastricht, Netherlands) Peter Groom (DAS Treasurer) and Arnd Timmerman (Berlin, Germany), Additional information can be found at the WAMM website: www.WAMM2015.com



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Stratford Upon Avon

12th -14th November 2014

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Holiday Inn, Stratford Upon Avon

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Coventry and Warwickshire
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DAS AGM 2013 - AGENDA

Date 13th November 2013

Start time 10:30

- Minutes of the last meeting
- President's report Dr J Rangasami
- Secretary's report Dr S Radhakrishna
- Treasurer's report Dr P Groom
- Airway Lead Day
- DAS and the AAGBI
- DAS committee members making significant contribution at national and international level
 - Peter Groom (SAM lecture in Philadelphia)
 - Jaideep Pandit (BAOIA in Manchester)

Close at 15:30

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