



Association of Surgeons and the Military Surgical Society

Spring Meeting, Saturday, April 18th

Central Auditorium, University of Malta

Mater Dei Hospital, Malta



Agenda

- **09:30 - Registration & Welcome Reception**
Registration desk opens
- **09:50 – Welcome Address**
Mr Gordon Caruana Dingli, President, Association of Surgeons Malta
- **10:00 - Invited Lecture**
Topic: On the Afflictions of the Notable Captains of History
Speaker: Hon JoEtienne Abela, Minister of Health and Active Ageing
- **10:30 – Keynote Lecture 1**
Topic: Trauma Care on the Future Battlefield
Speaker: Col Paul Parker, International Postgraduate Dean, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- **11:15**
Topic: Psychological Trauma in Disaster and Conflict Situations
Speaker: Col(Retd) Professor Martin Deahl
- **12:00**
Topic: Warfare and Lawfare, How the Law Applies to the Medics
Speaker: Lt Col (Retd) Catherine Braddick Hughes and Lois Kemnitz
- **12:30 – Keynote Lecture 2**
Topic: Cholera in Malta
Speaker: Professor Joseph Galea: Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Academic
- **13:00 – 14:00**
Lunch
- **14:00**
Topic: Delirium in Surgical Patients
Speaker: Dr Mary Aston
- **14:15**
Topic: Gender, Endurance and the History of Long-Distance Swimming
Speaker: Ms. Else Blakeley

Trainee presentations – winners of Audit meeting and MMSC

Chairing: Mr Gordon Caruana Dingli and Ms Jessica Schembri Higgans

- **14:30 – Audit Meeting 1**
Topic: Rising Incidence of Colorectal Cancer in Non-Screened Adults Under 55: A Population-based study
Authors: Sammut Mark, Matthew Sammut, Melanie Farrugia, Jurgan Gatt, Neville Spiteri, Noel Gatt
- **14:40 – Audit Meeting 2**
Topic: A retrospective review of prosthetic device documentation practices in heart valve surgery
Authors: Matthew Galea, James Zerafa, Christian Purkiss, Samuel Attard, David Sladden
- **14:50 – Audit Meeting 3**
Topic: Improving Clinical Management in ENT Casualty: A Multi-Domain Quality Improvement Project Using a Digital Toolkit
Authors: Borg L, Attard R, Grech M, Muscat K
- **15:00 – MMSC Oral Presentation 1**
Topic: An extended literature review: Is Bianchi's procedure i.e. total oesophagogastric dissociation (TOGD), the primary procedure for gastro-oesophageal reflux disease in neurologically impaired children NIC?
Speaker: Gabriel Degiorgio
- **15:10 – MMSC Oral Presentation 2**
Topic: Comparative outcomes of ribaroxaban and enoxaparin for thromboprophylaxis following lower-limb trauma surgery: a Maltese national cohort study
Speaker: Eliza Levinskaia
- **15:20 – MMSC Oral Presentation 3**
Topic: Compound groin retractor: a helping hand in delicate territory
Speaker: Anthony Pio Dimech
- **15:30 – Closing Remarks**