

Spring Scientific Meeting 2017 Trainee Competition – Rules.

1. The competition is open to trainees and medical students who have undertaken work within the auspices of the Welsh School of Anaesthesia or a Welsh University. These may include:
 - Projects or cases managed by current trainees of the Welsh Deanery
 - Projects or cases undertaken in Wales by trainees who have since moved elsewhere – this includes trainees who were in Wales for a fellowship as a part of substantive training elsewhere
2. Abstracts are to be submitted online along with a completed application form to Dr Omar Pemberton at secretary.saw@hotmail.com by the designated closing date.
3. On the application forms, the declaration relevant to the type of submission must be completed.
 - For quality improvement / audit projects, the project must have been registered with and approved by the relevant hospital's Audit Department
 - For research projects, the project must have been granted ethical approval by the relevant hospital's Research Ethics Department
 - For case reports, the patient's consent to presentation of the clinical scenario is required. Such consent is also required if photos or other images of the patient are to be used. (Note that the applications to Medical Imaging / Illustrations Departments for photos of patients include patient's consent sections which usually fulfil these requirements.)

Candidates do not need to submit copies of the registration or consent forms or certificates with their abstracts but should declare they have obtained the relevant permissions in their presentations.

4. Submitted abstracts will be judged and notifications of outcome will be made to the authors by e-mail.
5. Where abstracts are accepted for oral presentation, the presenter will have 7 minutes to present the work followed by 2 minutes of questions from the audience. The presentations are required to be in Microsoft PowerPoint format and be e-mailed to secretary.saw@outlook.com ahead of the meeting. The date by which presentations should be e-mailed will be indicated within the notification.
6. Only one presenter should present the work at the meeting; the presenter needs to be one of the authors though not necessarily the lead author.
7. Where abstracts are accepted for poster presentation, the posters should be A2 sized and brought to the meeting. The judging will take place during a coffee break at which time the presenter should stand by the poster, describe their work and answer questions from the judges and audience. The posters will be judged as a single category.
8. Presenters of abstracts selected for oral or poster presentation enjoy free registration for the meeting. There is no need to fill out any further application forms to attend the event.
9. The judges' decisions are final.
10. Requests for feedback on performances will be entertained and should be submitted to secretary.saw@outlook.com within a week of the end of the meeting.
11. All presenters will receive commemorative certificates by e-mail following the meeting.

"It's your chance to be the best!"