

Spotlight on St Mark's Academic Institute

A FOCUS ON FRONTIERS

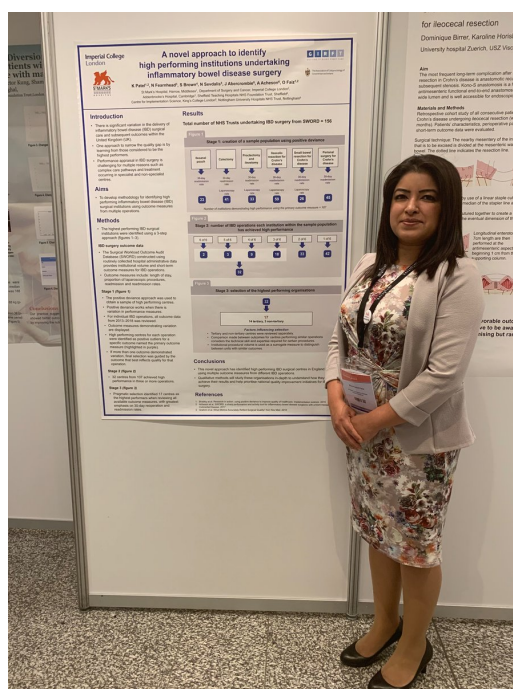


This year the 17th annual Frontiers congress was held at the prestigious Royal College of Physicians, London. The event was a truly wonderful affair, which featured three visiting professors Neil Shepherd, Siew Ng, and Sebastiano Biondo, who alongside visiting speakers and St Mark's staff delivered highly engaging talks on a plethora of topics regarding complex bowel disease. It has been a jam packed conference including panel led talks, live surgical and endoscopic demonstrations, and even included a unique take on Question Time! Throughout the event there was interactive participation from delegates, which enabled great and exciting exchanges with the speakers. In addition to being extremely popular, Frontiers stands as testament to the thriving academic environment at St Mark's. Special thanks to the entire Academic institute team, who were up at 5.30am everyday to attend the event and to our multimedia consultant Steve, who captured some stunning snaps. With Frontiers 2019 at an end, roll on 2020!

Oh, Vienna!



"On behalf of St Mark's Hospital, St Mark's Academic Institute exhibited at the European Society of Coloproctology meeting 25th to 27th September in Austria. Hirra and I left the stormy clouds in London and arrived in Vienna to blue skies and the Danube. We had an excellent stand location and as soon as we set up we were inundated with past, present, and future St Mark's surgeons. The young surgeons were impressed with the videos on the display screen and came to ask lots of questions. Hopefully we will see some of them at St Mark's in the future!



Posters from St Mark's research fellows were everywhere and we were very proud of all of them. We liaised with many of the other exhibitors, some of whom will be exhibiting and

sponsoring our Frontiers meeting in November. Others are facilitating study days at St Mark's with our surgical consultants. All in all, it was a very busy and exciting three days!"

Janice Ferrari, Course Manager

P.s. for Ultravox fans, apologies if the song is now stuck in your head for the remainder of the day!

St Mark's Association Day and Dinner



[St Mark's Association](#) is an organisation which exists to maintain and develop links between current and past clinical and academic staff of St Mark's Hospital. This year the St Mark's Association dinner was held at the Grove, set against the beautiful backdrop of Harrow-on-the-Hill. It was a great evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all participants! Pictured are the two recipients of the Trainee of the year, awarded to James and Richard, both recognized for their excellence by their peers! The Association day also saw past St Mark's staff return to chair a series of talks on a variety of topics including; fistulas, abdominal wall catastrophe, reconstruction and 'what's new' in inflammatory bowel disease.

James Read: First Robotic Colorectal Fellow



"After an international application and interview process, it was my privilege and honour to be offered the first six month robotic colorectal fellowship at St Marks Hospital.

I was under the supervision of Mr Danilo Miskovic, an international expert in both robotic colorectal resection and complete mesocolic excision which are at the forefront of innovation in colorectal surgery.

As a result of the intensity of the operative experience and the quality of the mentoring, I was

able to complete more than thirty console resections as the primary surgeon, having previously assisted on twenty more.

Training sessions were frequently observed which not only provided collegiate discussion and debate; it also allayed any nerves I may have had of operating in front of a crowd!

I will constantly draw on this experience and technical skill to benefit my patients over the next 30 years of my consultant career.”



Save the date! This year we will be participating in Giving Tuesday on 3rd December. Get involved on the day by engaging with us on social media, if you don't already follow us hit the links below! #WeAreStMarks #GivingTuesday



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