ASSOCIATION OF LAPAROSCOPIC SURGEONS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

AND

ASSOCIATION OF LAPAROSCOPIC THEATRE STAFF

The Royal Liverpool University Hospital and
The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Liverpool (ALS)
The Thistle Liverpool (ALTS)
Thursday 25th and Friday 26th November 2004

Preliminary Programme



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INTRODUCTION

It is a great pleasure to be organising the Autumn Meeting of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons in Liverpool on 25th and 26th November 2004. I hope that many of you will be able to attend and bring your trainees. Please also encourage your theatre personnel to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Laparoscopic Theatre Staff, which will be held in parallel with the academic day at the Thistle Hotel.

Live laparoscopic surgery will again be a main feature, with live operating being held at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. Two theatres will run simultaneously. In the 'Upper GI Theatre' Roger Motson and Don Menzies will demonstrate common bile duct exploration. David Kerrigan will then carry out a bariatric case, a probable duodenal switch procedure. We look forward to welcoming Joel LeRoy, who will be demonstrating an anterior resection in the 'Lower GI Theatre'. This will be followed by a Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery procedure performed by myself, after which Robin Kennedy will perform a laparoscopic colectomy.

On the second day at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Antonio Lacy will deliver a keynote address on Laparoscopic Surgery for Colorectal Cancer. There will be a symposium on technical tips by the surgeons who demonstrated the live operating on the previous day. A further symposium will include presentations by Mike McMahon on the future of Laparoscopic Training, Ara Darzi on technological assessment of laparoscopic trainees and John Neoptolemos on minimally invasive pancreatic debridement. Finally there will be nine free papers.

The Association of Laparoscopic Theatre Staff will host a symposium in the Thistle Hotel on the Friday. Some presentations will reflect the surgical themes of the day before, such as theatre set-up for laparoscopic colorectal surgery. Others, for example camera operator skills, cover issues in which delegates have expressed an interest previously. Delegates are encouraged to submit topics for consideration for the open forum along with their registration form.

The conference dinner and drinks reception will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday the 25th November.

I very much hope that you will be able to join us and contribute to what, I anticipate, will be an excellent meeting.

Mike Hershman Carole Clark

Local Organiser ALTS Chairman

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

Thursday 25th November

The live surgery sessions will take place at the Education Centre in the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Prescot Street, Liverpool, L7 8XP on Thursday 25th November from 08.30 to 17.00.

Telephone: 0151 706 3580

Fax: 0151 706 5827

Friday 26th November

The ALS Annual Autumn Meeting will take place on Friday 26th November at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Nicholas Place, Princes Dock, Pier Head, Liverpool L3 1QW from 08.15.

Telephone: 0151 243 8000

Fax: 0151 243 8111

The ALTS Annual Autumn Meeting will begin with a continental breakfast with the ALS at the Crowne Plaza. The ALTS meeting will start at 09.20 at the Thistle Hotel, Chapel Street, Liverpool, L3 9RE.

Telephone: 0870 333 9137

Fax: 0870 333 9237

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts are invited from surgeons and laparoscopic theatre staff, and may be submitted online at www.assoc-lapsurgeons.org.uk/abstracts. The closing date for the submission of abstracts is Thursday 30th September.

ACCOMMODATION

A range of accommodation has been made available for conference delegates. Rooms have been provisionally reserved at a number of hotels in Liverpool. Please quote the references given on Page 15 when making your bookings at one of these hotels, or see Page 16 for further details of accommodation in Liverpool.

AUDIO VISUAL

The Audio Visual Service Centre is located in the Canada Suite at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. All presentations should be compiled using PowerPoint. If you are speaking at the meeting, please save your presentation onto a disk or CD and bring it with you to the meeting.

All audio visual enquiries should be directed to: Saville Audio Visual Summers Road Brunswick Business Park Liverpool L3 4BL

Tel: 0151 707 6577 Fax: 0151 7076544

Email: liverpool.hire@saville.co.uk

ALS DRINKS RECEPTION AND ANNUAL DINNER

ALS and ALTS delegates are invited to a drinks reception and trade exhibition in the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 18.00 on 25th November 2004. The ALS Annual Dinner will follow the reception in the Crowne Plaza Hotel and will cost £50 per head. Please indicate on the registration form on Page 14 if you wish to attend the Dinner.

CLOAKROOM

The cloakroom at the Crowne Plaza is free of charge and will be open before and after the drinks reception and dinner on Thursday 25th November and from 08.00 on Friday 26th November.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A CPD Register will be available for signature at the Registration Desk. Delegates are asked to sign for each day on which they wish to be accredited. The Register will be kept at the Association's offices and may be used by your College after the meeting to check against the record in your CPD diary. The number of CPD points per day will be confirmed in the programme.

LUNCH AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS

Thursday 25th November

Coffee, tea and a buffet lunch will be provided for delegates in the Education Centre at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital.

Friday 26th November

There will be a continental breakfast in Princes Suites 2 and 3, the trade exhibition area, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for ALS and ALTS delegates.

Lunch and other refreshments will be served for ALS delegates in Princes Suites 2 and 3.

ALTS delegates will be served lunch and tea and coffee in the Thistle Hotel.

PARKING AND TRAVEL

There is a car park at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital which offers limited spaces. A multistorey car park is due to open in Prescot Street, opposite the hospital, in September 2004 although delegates may wish to leave their cars at their chosen hotel.

POSTER EXHIBITION

The Poster Exhibition will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Friday 26th November. Please ensure that your posters are displayed by 09.00 on the Friday morning. All posters will be judged on Friday lunchtime, and three winners will be announced at the end of the day.

REGISTRATION

Please fill out the registration form on pages 13 and 14 and return to the Conference Secretariat with full payment.

TRADE EXHIBITION

A trade exhibition will be held in the **Crowne Plaza** on Thursday 25^{th} November from 18.00 - 20.00 and Friday 26^{th} November from 08.00 - 16.00. A trade exhibition for ALTS delegates will be held on Friday 26^{th} November at the **Thistle Hotel** from 09.00 to 16.00.

ALS AND ALTS PROGRAMME

25th November 2004

EDUCATION CENTRE ROYAL LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

DAY ONE

08.30 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

LIVE OPERATING

Day 1 of the Annual Autumn Meeting will feature a day of live surgery sessions, with live transmission from the operating theatres to the lecture theatres in the Education Centre.

'Upper GI' THEATRE	'Lower GI' THEATRE
Case 1. Common Bile Duct Exploration Professor R Motson & Mr D Menzies Colchester Hospital	Case 1. Anterior Resection Professor J LeRoy IRCAD, Hospitaux Universitaires, Strasbourg
Case 2. Bariatric Surgery (Probable duodenal switch) Mr D Kerrigan University Hospital, Aintree	Case 2. Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery Mr MJ Hershman Royal Liverpool University Hospital
Christop Hospital, Timelee	Case 3. Colonic Resection Mr R Kennedy, Yeovil Hospital

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY

12.00

to LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR DELEGATES

15.00

17.00 CLOSE OF DAY ONE

18.00 DRINKS RECEPTION AND TRADE EXHIBITION AT THE CROWNE PLAZA LIVERPOOL

20.00 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DINNER AT THE CROWNE PLAZA LIVERPOOL

ALS PROGRAMME 26th November 2004

CROWNE PLAZA LIVERPOOL

DAY TWO

08:15	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND TRADE EXHIBITION
09:00	WELCOME MR MJ HERSHMAN & MRS C CLARK
09:10	KEY NOTE ADDRESS: LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY FOR COLORECTAL CANCER MR A LACY
09:55	HOW I DID IT & TECHNICAL TIPS TRANSANAL ENDOSCOPIC MICROSURGERY MR MJ HERSHMAN
10:10	LAPAROSCOPIC COLORECTAL SURGERY MR R KENNEDY
10:30	BARIATRIC SURGERY MR D KERRIGAN
10:45	BILIARY SURGERY PROFESSOR R MOTSON MR D MENZIES
11:00	COFFEE IN THE TRADE EXHIBITION AREA
11:30	SYMPOSIUM: INNOVATIONS THE FUTURE OF LAPAROSCOPIC TRAINING PROFESSOR M MCMAHON
11:50	TECHNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF LAPAROSCOPIC TRAINEES PROFESSOR SIR A DARZI
12:10	MINIMALLY INVASIVE PANCREATIC DEBRIDEMENT PROFESSOR JP NEOPTOLEMOS
12:30	LUNCH
13:30	FREE PAPERS (9 PAPERS)
15:00	TEA
15:30	CLOSING REMARKS PROFESSOR M E BAILEY, PRESIDENT OF THE ALS FOLLOWED BY AGM

ALTS PROGRAMME

26th November 2004 THISTLE HOTEL, LIVERPOOL

DAY TWO

08.15	CONTINENTAL	BREAKFAST	AND	TRADE	EXHIBITION	FOR	ALS	AND	ALTS
	DELEGATES IN	THE CROWNE	PLAZ	ZA					

- 09.00 WELCOME
 MR MJ HERSHMAN AND MRS C CLARK
- 09.10 ALTS DELEGATES TRANSFER TO THISTLE HOTEL FOR ALTS MEETING
- 09.20 THEATRE SET-UP: RESULTS OF ENHANCED RECOVERY PROGRAMME FOR PATIENTS FOLLOWING COLORECTAL SURGERY
 MS W GILLARD
- 09.50 BARIATRIC SURGERY
 THEATRE SET-UP: INSTRUMENTATION HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES
 MR S CONWELL
- 10.20 BENEFITS OF TEAM LEARNING
 THE PLACE FOR MATTU IN REGIONAL CENTRES
 PROFESSOR M E BAILEY
- **10.50 COFFEE**
- 11.00 PRODUCT DEMONSTRATION AIR PAL MR D POLLINGTON
- 11.30 WEBSITE MS G BOWLER
- 12.00 BILE DUCT EXPLORATION MRS S YELLAND
- 12.30 LUNCH, WORKSHOPS, TRADE EXHIBITION LAPAROSCOPIC RETRACTORS, ENERGY SOURCES
- 14.00 CAMERA HOLDING SKILLS MRS J HENDRICKS
- 14.30 OPEN FORUM
- 15.00 CLOSING REMARKS MRS C CLARK
- 15.15 TEA AT THE CROWNE PLAZA
- 15.30 CLOSING REMARKS
 PROFESSOR M E BAILEY, PRESIDENT OF THE ALS
 FOLLOWED BY AGM AT THE CROWNE PLAZA

REGISTRATION DETAILS

REGISTRATION FOR 2 DAYS	BEFORE FRIDAY 15 th OCTOBER	AFTER FRIDAY 15 th OCTOBER	ON THE DAY
FULL ALS MEMBERS	£150.00	£180.00	£216.00
NON ALS MEMBERS	£170.00	£204.00	£245.00
TRAINEE MEMBERS	£110.00	£132.00	£158.00
ALTS MEMBERS	£65.00	£78.00	£94.00
NON ALTS MEMBERS	£80.00	£96.00	£115.00

Conference Dinner – Thursday 25th November 2004

To be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Liverpool at 20.00. The cost will be £50.00 per person.

Conditions of Booking

- 1. Please complete the registration form on pages 13 & 14 and return to the Conference Secretariat with full payment as soon as possible. Registration fees will increase from Friday 15th October.
- 2. All payments must be by credit card or cheque. Please make cheques payable to "Association of Endoscopic Surgeons".
- 3. Any amendment to or cancellation of the registration must be made in writing, by email or fax to the Secretariat. Any cancellations will be refunded at the discretion of the organisers.

Accommodation

Details of accommodation are outlined on pages 15 and 16. Please book your accommodation direct with the hotel of your choice.

General Information

For general information about Liverpool please contact: Liverpool Tourist Information Centre Liverpool John Lennon Airport Speke Hall Avenue Liverpool L24 1YD

Tel: 0151 709 5111

http://www.visitliverpool.com

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TYPE OF ASSOCIA	TION MEMRERS	нір	
Member of ALS / ALTS	YES / NO (ple	ease circle)	
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ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION IS LISTED ON PAGES 15 AND 16. PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION DIRECTLY THROUGH THE HOTEL OF YOUR CHOICE.

CONFERENCE 1	DINNER – THURSDAY 25 th NOVEMBER 2004
TO BE HELD AT THE C DRESS: SUITS	ROWNE PLAZA LIVERPOOL
PLEASE BOOK ME	PLACE(S) AT THE CONFERENCE DINNER AT £50.00 PER PERSON
PLEASE NOTE ANY SP	LI ECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (eg vegetarian)
PAYMENT	
Meeting Registration Fee	£
Annual Dinner	£
TOTAL	£
I enclose: A sterling cheque Visa / Visa Delta Please note that Credit Card No: Please enter last three dig Valid From Date: Cardholder's Name: (Block capitals) Address	e for the total amount due made payable to "Association of Endoscopic Surgeons" Access / Mastercard / Switch (delete as necessary). American Express transactions carry a 2.5% charge. Its of the security code on reverse of card Expiry Date: Issue No. Issue No. Issue No. Issue No. Issue No.
Signed	Date

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM COMPLETE WITH PAYMENT TO:

Fiona Wilson, Acting Administrator, Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons, The Royal College of Surgeons, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE

TEL: 020 7304 4773 FAX: 020 7430 9235 EMAIL: <u>fwilson@asgbi.org.uk</u>

ACCOMMODATION

CROWNE PLAZA LIVERPOOL

St Nicholas Place, Princes Dock

Pier Head

Liverpool L3 1QW

Tel: +44 (0)151 243 8080 **Fax**: +44 (0)151 243 8070

Email: reservations@cpliverpool.com

Wednesday 24th November 2004: £131.00 per person for bed and breakfast.

Thursday 25th November 2004: **£115.00** per person bed and breakfast.

Rooms have been reserved for both nights. Please quote **ALS Meeting** when making a reservation. Bookings must be made before 6^{th} **October**.

HOLIDAY INN LIVERPOOL CITY CENTRE

Lime Street Liverpool L1 1NQ

Tel: +44 (0)151 705 2705 **Fax:** +44 (0)151 705 2800

Email: reservations@hiliverpool.com

The cost is £89.00 per night for bed and breakfast.

Rooms have been reserved for 24th and 25th November. Please quote **Reference 3822** when making a reservation. Please book no later than **27th October**.

MOAT HOUSE LIVERPOOL

Paradise Street Liverpool L1 8JD

Tel: +44 (0)151 471 9970 **Fax:** +44 (0)151 709 2706

Email: events.liverpool@moathousehotels.com

Bed and breakfast is £85.00. Rooms have been reserved for 24th and 25th November. Quote **reference THE241104** when reserving your accommodation. Please book no later than 24th October.

THISTLE LIVERPOOL

Chapel Street Liverpool L3 9RE

Tel: +44 (0)151 472 2854 Fax: +44 (0)870 333 9237 Email: liverpool@thistle.co.uk

The price per person for bed and breakfast is £65.00 and rooms have been reserved. Please quote reference ROYA241104 when booking. Please book your accommodation no later than 26th October.

Liverpool Tourist Information Accommodation Hotline: 0845 601 1125

Other hotels are listed on the following page but please note that the ALS has *not* reserved any rooms and you are required to contact the hotel direct to book accommodation.

BRITANNIA ADELPHI HOTEL – LIVERPOOL

Ranelagh Place Liverpool L3 5UL

Tel: +44 (0)151 709 7200 **Fax**: +44 (0)151 708 8326

Recently refurbished to its former Victorian splendour, this hotel is ideally located in the city centre.

£55.00 B & B.

THE DOLBY HOTEL LIVERPOOL

36-42, Chaloner St Queens Dock Liverpool L3 4DE

Tel: +44 (0)151 708 7272 **Fax**: +44 (0)151 708 7266

All rooms in this budget hotel near Albert Dock have Sky TV and en-suite shower facilities.

£44.45 B & B.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

Brittania Pavilion, Albert Dock Liverpool L3 4AD

Tel: +44 (0)151 709 1133 **Fax**: +44 (0)151 709 1144

This is a recently renovated hotel located five minutes from Liverpool Town Centre. £68.00 B & B.

LIVERPOOL CITY CENTRE TRAVEL INN METRO

Vernon St

Liverpool L2 2AY

Tel: +44 (0)870 2383323 **Fax**: +44 (0)151 242 7666

The Travel Inn Metro is a good value, purpose built, modern hotel in the heart of the city. £56.90 B & B.

RADISSON SAS HOTEL LIVERPOOL

105 Old Hall Street Liverpool L3 9LQ

Tel: +44 (0)151 966 1500 **Fax**: +44 (0)151 966 1501

The 4 star Radisson SAS Hotel is located in the city centre. £140.00 B & B.

TRIALS HOTEL

56-62 Castle Street Liverpool L2 7LQ

Tel: +44 (0)151 227 1021 **Fax**: +44 (0)151 236 0110

This is a small but luxurious privately owned 4 star hotel. £85.00 B & B.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

By Road

From the North (M6 - junction 26)

- 1 Take junction 26 off M6 for the M58 westbound. Follow signs for **Liverpool**.
- 2 At the end of the M58 there is a large roundabout with traffic lights. Remain in the middle lane for **A5036 (All Docks/Bootle)**.
- 3 Continue straight on (dual carriageway) through a series of traffic lights. After approximately 3.5 miles you reach the Liverpool to Southport road (A565) at a two-level roundabout at Seaforth Dock. Take **exit left (Liverpool)** and join **A565** (Crosby Road South).
- 4 After a further 3.5 miles (immediately opposite new glass Radisson Hotel) turn right at major intersection onto A5052 (King Edward Street) following signs for Albert Dock, Pier Head, etc.
- 5 After 0.3 miles the Crowne Plaza is on your right. Turn right at traffic lights immediately before the Liver Building (signed **Pier Head** and **Irish Ferries**).

From the East (M62) and also from Junction 21A on M6 (South / East)

- At end of the M62 continue into the A5080 for approximately 0.3 miles and **turn left (A5058 Ring Road)** at two-level roundabout (Queen's Drive).
- 2 After approximately 3 miles **turn right (A562)** at major intersection. Follow A562 in direction of City Centre via Smithdown Road and Upper Parliament Street
- After passing the Anglican Cathedral on right the road bears right to join the Dock road (signs **Albert Dock** and **Pier Head**).
- 4 After about 1.5 miles, immediately after the Liver Building, turn left at lights into St Nicholas Place for entrance to Crowne Plaza Hotel (signed **Pier Head** and **Irish Ferries**).

Alternative route from the South (Junction 20A M6)

(This route is probably less congested than the above, but is longer).

- 1 From junction 20A take M56 westbound (Chester and North Wales).
- 2 At junction 15 take M53 (Birkenhead and Ellesmere Port).
- 3 Continue to end of motorway where road becomes elevated. Follow **Liverpool** and **Tunnel Only** signs.
- 4 The toll is £1.20 and the tunnel length is approximately 2 miles.
- 5 At the Liverpool end of the tunnel take the right hand lane and follow City Centre signs.
- At exit join Scotland Road (A59) and immediately take right lanes to turn right at first set of traffic lights (signed Albert Dock and Pier Head) (A5053 Leeds Street).
- 7 Continue along Leeds Street for approximately 1 mile through several intersections bending left to join the Dock road.
- 8 The Crown Plaza Hotel and Liver Building are on the right. Turn right at traffic lights immediately before the Liver Building to approach the Crowne Plaza (signed **Pier Head** and **Irish Ferries**).

Directions to The Royal Liverpool University Hospital

Take the A580 from the Royal Liver Building in the city centre, staying left into New Quay. At the traffic signals, bear right down the A5053 signposted **Manchester M62**. At the third traffic signals turn right down the A59 then left. Take the A580 signposted **Warrington**, **Manchester M62**, which leads into New Islington. Bear right onto Low Hill, then right again on the A57 to Prescot Street.

By Rail

Trains travel direct from London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street every hour. The journey takes approximately 3 hours. A direct train from Birmingham takes around 1¾ hours. There are around five trains per hour departing from Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Victoria. Journey times are under an hour. There is a direct train from Newcastle to Liverpool every two hours, taking under 4 hours.

Taxis leave from the front of Liverpool Lime Street station (exit closest to platform 1). It takes approximately 5 minutes to the Crowne Plaza and 2 minutes to the hospital. To walk to the hotel would take at least 30 minutes and to the hospital, about 10 minutes.

From Liverpool John Lennon Airport

By Taxi

A taxi rank is located directly outside the entrance to the airport terminal. The journey into Liverpool city centre is 7 miles and takes approximately 25 minutes.

Delta Cabs – 0151 9247373

Mersey Cabs - 0151 7333393

A number of private hire operators are also located close to the airport

By Bus

Liverpool Express Bus Service No. 500

An express bus is located directly outside the entrance to the airport terminal. Operated by Merseytravel, it departs every 30 minutes for Liverpool city centre. The service operates between the hours of 05.15 and 00.15 and leaves the airport at quarter past and quarter to the hour.

Airlink Service 80A/180

This Arriva operated service runs every 15 to 30 minutes to the city centre.

Parking

There is a car park at the back of the hospital in West Derby Street, which costs £1 a day. Please be aware that it is likely to be very busy and that you should allow half an hour in which to park your car. A multi-storey car park is currently being built in Prescot Street opposite the hospital, and should be in operation by the time the meeting takes place.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I wish to apply for membership for the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and the Association of Laparoscopic Theatre Staff

NAME (please print):		
Proposed by*:		
Seconded by*: * Current member of ALS		
MY PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS IS		
Postc		
HOSPITAL		
SPECIALTY		
GRADE		
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (HOME)		
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (WORK)		
FAX NUMBER:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		
SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2004 (PLEA	SE TICK PR	EFERRED BOX)
Full member with EAES and Journal	£130	
Full member without EAES or Journal	£60	
Trainee member with EAES and Journal	£65	
Trainee member without EAES or Journal	£30	
Auxiliary member (ALTS)	£15	
SIGNATURE	DATE	

This form, when completed, should be returned with a cheque made payable to ASGBI and Subspecs to:

Honorary Secretary Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland at The Royal College of Surgeons of England 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3PE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland will be held on Friday 26th November 2004 at 15.30 in The Crowne Plaza Liverpool, St. Nicholas Place, Princes Dock, Pier Head, Liverpool, L3 1QW.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Guildford, Wednesday 12th November 2003
- 3. Motions to proposed changes in ALS and President's Report Professor M E Bailey
- 4. Honorary Secretary's Report Mr M Thompson
- 5. Honorary Treasurer's Report Mr D Menzies
- 6. Education Officer's Report Professor M McMahon
- 7. Any other Business
- 8. Date and place of ASGBI Spring Meeting, 13th 15th April 2005, Glasgow