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10TH & 11TH OCT '25

Wilde Discourse

by Prof Richard Irving from Birmingham UK



**Sixty Sixth Annual Meeting
of the
Irish Otorhinolaryngology / Head & Neck Society**

Salthill Hotel Galway

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th October 2025

The President and Council would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you to Galway for the 66th annual meeting of the Irish Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Society meeting. We have laid on a very comprehensive and exciting programme for you over the course of the two days with keynote lectures, round table sessions, free papers and poster presentations. While all subspecialties are well represented, the main theme of this year's meeting is Skull Base surgery – both lateral and anterior. One of the highlights will be the Wilde discourse, to be delivered by Prof Richard Irving from Birmingham UK. We hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable time and look forward to welcoming you to Galway.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'R. McConn Walsh'.

Prof Rory McConn Walsh
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Wilde Discourses

1961	Terence Cawthorne	1993	Tony Bull
1962	Ian Simpson Hall	1994	Richard Ramsden
1963	C.P. Wilson	1995	David Kennedy
1964	Ronald Macbeth	1996	Laurie Ryan
1965	W.H. Struben	1997	Ugo Fisch
1966	J. Angell-James	1998	R. Goody
1967	Michel Portmann	1999	Ian Mackay
1968	Howard House	2000	J. Fredrickson
1969	Joseph Ogura	2001	Patrick Gullane
1970	J.P. Hood	2002	William Coman
1971	Harold Schucknecht	2003	Thomas McDonald
1972	Donald Harrison	2004	Trevor McGill
1973	Stuart Strong	2005	Gilbert Nolst Trenite
1974	Douglas Bryce	2006	George Browning
1975	John Ballantye	2007	Kevin Gibbin
1976	Claus Jansen	2008	Max McCormick
1977	Gabriel Tucker	2009	Peter Wormald
1978	L.B.W. Jongkees	2010	Fred Owens
1979	Robert Pracy	2011	John Watkinson
1980	George Nager	2012	Richard Canter
1981	R.B. McDowell	2013	Gerard O'Donoghue
1982	Robert Wentges	2014	Janet Wilson
1983	Victor Goodhill	2015	Robin T.Cotton
1984	Douglas Ranger	2016	Jatin Shah
1985	H. Spondalin	2017	Valerie Lund
1986	Peter Alberti	2018	Blake Papsin
1987	Tauno Palva	2019	Johannes Zenk
1988	Philip Stell	2020	<i>Covid-19</i>
1989	Dietrich Plester	2021	Milind Kirtane
1990	Arnold G. Maran	2022	John Rutka
1991	David Brain	2023	Claire Hopkins
1992	William Panjee	2024	Kofi Boahene

Invited Speakers

While all four subspecialties in Otolaryngology are well represented at the meeting the President has chosen skull base surgery, both lateral and anterior, as the main theme for this year which is reflected in the choice of the Wilde discourser and guest speakers. The IOS is delighted to welcome Prof Richard Irving as our 66th Wilde discourser.



Prof. Richard Irving is a Consultant in Otolaryngology, Neurotology and Skull Base Surgery and Honorary Professor in Bioengineering. He works at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Children's Hospital in Birmingham UK. He qualified from Kings College Hospital and trained in London, Cambridge and San Francisco. Richard has a broad clinical practice including implantation otology, chronic ear disease, facial nerve, vertigo, lateral skull base and vestibular schwannoma. He is active in research with current ongoing projects covering skull base tumour biology, inner ear regeneration, auditory implant technology and vestibular diagnosis. He has over 150 publications and is heavily involved in postgraduate education and training. Richard is a past President of the British Society of Otolaryngology, the RSM Society of Otolaryngology and the British Skull Base Society.



Mr. Shahz Ahmed, Consultant ENT and Skull Base Surgeon, graduated from The University of Birmingham Medical School and obtained Higher Surgical Training in Hospitals in the West Midlands. He undertook advanced training in sinus and nasal surgery in South Africa, America, Germany, Switzerland and on an advanced rhinology fellowship at Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham before he was appointed as Consultant ENT and Skull Base Surgeon at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS Trust in 2010. He received his PhD in 2013 on ground-breaking work in chronic sinus disease. His strong academic profile includes over 80 publications and more than a dozen book chapters. Mr Ahmed specialises in all aspects of advanced sinus and anterior skull base surgery. He is a Council member of the Royal Society of Medicine and the British Skull Base Society.



Prof Manohar Bance is an Otolaryngologist/Neurotologist and clinician-scientist at the University of Cambridge and is an honorary Consultant at the Cambridge University NHS Foundation Trust. He is the inaugural Professor of Otolaryngology and Skull Base Surgery at the University of Cambridge, UK since 2017. Prior to that he was Head of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Dalhousie University in Canada. He also directs the Sensory Engineering and Sensory Encoding (SENSE lab at the University of Cambridge). He has published over 250 peer-reviewed papers, and multiple book chapters. Prof Bance is Past President of the RSM Section of Otolaryngology, Past Chair of the British Cochlear Implant Group and recipient of a life-time achievement award from the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery.

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Dr Garret W. Choby, MD, is an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, as well as Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Administratively, he is the Vice-Chair of Quality for the Department of Otolaryngology and the Associate Chief of Quality for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is a nationally recognized leader in sinonasal cancers and skull base disorders, as well as surgical quality. Dr. Choby has held several US national leadership positions including the Chair of the Skull Base and Orbital Surgery section of the ARS. He enjoys a collaborative practice with his neurosurgical colleagues, offering comprehensive care for patients with complex skull base tumors. Active research areas include improving quality of life following endoscopic skull base surgery and improving survival in patients with sinonasal malignancies.



Prof. Patrick Nicholson is a consultant neurointerventional radiologist in Beaumont Hospital, and an honorary associate clinical professor in RCSI. Completing his training in Dublin, he underwent subspecialty training in Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network and UofT in Canada, completing consecutive fellowships in both diagnostic and interventional neuroradiology. Following this, he joined the team there as a staff physician, where he remained for several years before returning to join the team in Dublin in 2023. He has a strong academic interest, with more than 130 publications, and has a particular interest in novel applications of endovascular techniques to treat neurological diseases. Clinically, he has special interests in CSF flow disorders and pulsatile tinnitus.

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Prof. James Paul O'Neill is Professor of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland & Beaumont Hospital. A graduate of RCSI where he won the Jim Mahon for Medicine & The RCSI Council medal on graduation. He completed an MBA in UCD, Masters in Medical Education in Queens University and a Doctorate of Medicine in RCSI on Thyroid Cancer. His Surgical Oncology Fellowship training was in Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York for two years and he began his duties as Professor in RCSI in 2014.



Professor Shakeel R. Saeed graduated from King's College London in 1985, was awarded the Doctorate thesis award in 2003. He is Emeritus Professor since Sept 2023. Prof Saeed has extensive experience in lateral skull base surgery and implantation otology – over 3000 complex ear surgeries, over 500 cochlear implant surgeries and over 500 vestibular schwannoma and other skull base surgeries. He was president of the European Academy of Otolaryngology and Neurotology 2018-2022 and Honorary member of the Spanish ENT Society since 2022

Friday 10th October Program

08:00 – 08:50	Registration (Tea and Coffee)	<i>Aran Suite</i>
08:50 – 09:00	Welcome by Prof Rory Mc Conn Walsh (President)	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>
09:00 - 10:40	Lateral Skull Base – Keynote lectures Chair - Prof Rory McConn Walsh	
09:00 - 09:20	Current management of skull base paragangliomas <i>Prof Richard Irving, Birmingham</i>	
09:20 – 09:40	Update on the management of vestibular schwannomas <i>Prof Shak Saeed, London</i>	
09:40 – 10:00	Genetic hearing loss and Surgical gene therapies for hearing loss <i>Prof Manohar Bance, Cambridge</i>	
10:00 – 10:20	Current MDT management of temporal bone/lateral skull base malignancy <i>Prof James Paul O'Neill, Dublin</i>	
10:20 – 10:40	Neuroradiology management of pulsatile tinnitus <i>Prof Patrick Nicholson, Dublin</i>	
10:40 – 11:15	Coffee Break	<i>Aran Suite</i>
11.15	Otology/Neuro-Otology section	
11:15 – 12:45	Free Paper Session 1 – Otology (Chairpersons – Prof Ivan Keogh, Mr Colin Leonard)	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>
11:15 – 11:23	The Experience of Lateral Base of Skull Osteomyelitis in the National Skull Base Cancer and Neuroscience Centre of Ireland Jonathan Berry-Walshe , Alison McHugh, Michael Fitzsimons, Seamus Looby, Daniel Rawluk, Gulam Zilani, Mohsen Javadpour, Adrien Gendre, Rory McConn-Walsh	
11:23 – 11:31	Clinical Assessment and Treatment of Patients with Unilateral Vestibular Hypofunction: Initial Experience in a Specialist Physiotherapy Led Clinic. Larney M , Shahzan A, Karhunen L, Keane E	
11:31 – 11:39	Cochlear Implant Extrusion and Explantation – The Belfast Experience Samuel Moore , Colin Leonard	
11:39 – 11:47	TEESing out the facts: an analysis of endoscopic paediatric tympanoplasty cases. R Hill , A Lammie, E Mooney, W Nabils, I Keogh	

11:47 – 11:55	BAHA in practice: A retrospective review of 490 patients assessed for a BAHA device over a 10 year period: patient eligibility and quality of life analysis Áine O'Brien , Veronica Tomescu, Leah Quinlan, Ann O'Connor	
11:55 – 12:03	Changing presentation of Vestibular Schwannomas in a Regional Centre? Ms. J Wauchope , Mr NA Bailie, Mr T Hirst, Mr P Weir, Mr A Zammit, Mr CG Leonard	
12:03 – 12:11	Has the endoscope changed Otology practice? A single centre 13 year experience Ms Emma O'Farrell , Ms Danielle James, Prof Guan Khoo	
12:11 – 12:19	Impact of pattern of invasion of lateral temporal bone malignancies on survival outcomes Caitlin Waters , Alison McHugh, Seamus Looby, Mohsen Javadpour, Gulam Zilani, Robbie Woods, James Paul O'Neill, Neville Shine, Rory McConn Walsh	
12:20 – 13:45	Lunch	<i>Aran Suite</i>
13:30 – 13:45	IOS AGM	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>
13:45 – 15:30	Anterior Skull Base – Keynote lectures Chair - Prof RSR Woods	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>
13:45 – 14:05	Transpterygoid approaches: Optimizing access to the coronal plane Dr Garrett Choby , Pittsburgh, USA	
14:05 – 14:25	Transorbital Surgery to the skull base Mr Shahz Ahmed , Birmingham, UK	
14:30 – 15:30	Tumour board - Panel discussion. Chairs - Prof RSR Woods	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>
	Panel: Dr Garrett Choby, Mr Shahz Ahmed, Mr Brendan Hanna, Ms Bronagh Lang, Prof Mohamed Amin	

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break (Poster Adjudication) (Ms Eimear Phelan, Mr Brendan Hanna)	<i>Aran Suite</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Free Paper Session – Rhinology Chairpersons – Ms Caroline Smith, Prof Mohamed Amin	
16:00 – 16:08	The results of an ANP-led allergic rhinitis clinic across a south of Ireland population A.Quinn, C.Connelly, L.Quinlan, A.Nae	
16:08 – 16:16	Cocaine Induced Rhinological Complications-the Northern Ireland Experience Sean Dolan , Widad Abdelrahman Ramadan, Ashley Elliott, Caroline Smith, Brendan Hanna	
16:16 – 16:24	Transseptal approach to the maxillary sinus: A case series and operative commentary Iva Jovanovic , Jonathan Smith, Brendan Hanna	
16:24 – 16:32	Review of Inverted Papillomas (IP) and Inverted Papilloma Progressing to Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC) in Beaumont Hospital, the National Skull Base Centre in Ireland Mohamed Alharbi , McHugh A, Ni Chinneide E, Farrell T, Javadpour M, Zilani G, Shine N, O'Neill JP, Barrett H, Lacy PD, Woods RSR	
16:32 – 16:40	Evaluating Patient Reported Outcomes of Magnetic Septal Button. V. Maniarasu , G.Donaldson, R.Stewart	
16:40 – 16:48	Epidemiology and Management of Sinonasal Adenocarcinoma in Ireland – Experience of the National Centre for Skull Base Cancer Alison McHugh , O'Byrne L, Fitzsimons M, Sexton G, Alharbi, M, Barrett H, Ryan S, Ni Chinneide E, Das S, Shine N, O'Neill JP, Lacy PD, Woods RSR.	

16:48 – 16: 56	The Role of Prophylaxis Antibiotics in the Prevention of Meningitis in Endonasal Anterior Skull Base Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis Azfar Javed , Muhammad Umar Farooq, Abdullah Alburaiki, Hamad Khan, Muhammad Sohaib Shahid, Haissan Iftikhar	
18:30	Drinks reception	<i>Aran Suite</i>
19:15- 20:00	Wilde Discourse (Prof Richard Irving)	<i>Aran Suite</i>
20:00	Gala Dinner	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>

Saturday 11th October Program

08:00 – 08:50	IIOHNS Meeting	<i>Promenade Suite</i>
09:00 – 10:10	Head & Neck Chairs – Ms Orla Young, Mr David McCaul	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>
09:00 – 10:05	Free Papers Session 3 – Head & Neck	
09:00 – 09:08	Efficacy and Safety of Neoadjuvant Cemiplimab Monotherapy in Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma- A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Dr. JJ Cronin , Dr. Thomas Crotty, Dr. Ryan O’Sullivan Mr. Conall Fitzgerald	
09:08 - 09:16	Improving Prognosis in Merkel Cell Carcinoma: Integrating Immunotherapy and Biomarkers Hunter A. Holley, Maria Lyons , Barry O’Sullivan, Neville Shine, Robbie Woods, Orla McArdle, James Paul O’Neill	
09:16 - 09:24	Assessing the Impact of Intraoperative PTH on Surgical Success in Primary Hyperparathyroidism: A Single-Centre Retrospective Study E Lang , A Affendi, A Ionescu, P Sheahan	
09:24 - 09:32	Managing Laryngeal Dysplasia and Implications for Surveillance Vianka Marcelino , Esther O’Regan, Paul Lennon	

- 09:32 - 09:40 Zenker's Diverticulum – case closed, or case open?
Áine O'Brien, Eoin Cleere, Bevin Arthurs, Prasaad Kothari,
Andrew Dias
- 09:40 – 09:48 Transoral Endoscopic Vestibular Approach for Parathyroid Surgery: A Systematic
Review of Clinical Outcomes and Safety
Janvi Patel, Setu Gupta, Ram Moorthy
- 09:48 – 09:56 Correlation between level of parathyroid hormone and pre-operative imaging localisa-
tion in primary hyperparathyroidism; a systematic review
C Waters, H Jones, O Young
- 09:56 – 10:05 Natural history of the non-curative oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma
Olha Zahranychna, Catriona M Douglas
- 10:10: 10:40 **Coffee Break** *Aran Suite*
- 10:40 – 11:20 **Paediatric and General Otolaryngology**
Chairpersons - Ms Eimear Phelan, Mr Conor Jackson
- 10:40 – 11:30 **Paediatric Menagerie**
Panel - Mr. Conor Jackson, Prof. Ivan Keogh, Ms. Ann O'Connor,
Ms. Emma Keane & Ms. Eimear Phelan
- 11.30 – 11:38 **Free Papers Section 4 – Paediatrics.**
- 11:38 – 11:46 Should day-case adenotonsillectomy criteria be expanded to allow for the growing
childhood obesity epidemic? A tertiary paediatric centre review of post-operative res-
piratory complications.
G Donaldson, I Jovanovic, C Jackson, K Trimble
- 11:46 – 11:54 Decline in Juvenile onset Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis following the intro-
duction of Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination Programme in Ireland
Alison McHugh, Nicholas O'Keefe, Gerard Sexton, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Rania Me-
hanna, Colleen Heffernan

11:54 – 12:02	Digital Innovation in ENT and its Challenges: Presenting BreatheBuddy as an Indicative Exemplar Mr Cameron Lynch , Mr Haroon Saeed, Dr Ayaz Damani	
12:02 – 12:10	Velopharyngeal Insufficiency (VPI) as a complication of paediatric adenoidectomy Muonga Kabaso , Weronika Szlachetka, Clive Brewis	
12.10 – 12:18	Single-Use Channelled Nasendoscope Retrieval for Difficult-to-Access Pharyngeal Fish Bones: Cost-Benefit and Clinical Outcomes from a Prospective Case Series at a Uk Territory Centre Braithwaite I , Butler M, Rotimi O, Sharma D, Nogueira C	
12: 18 – 12:26	A Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing the Effect of Anti-Fog Agents on Flexible Nasendoscopy View. Ms Holly Hendron . Ms Stephanie Germain, Mr. Prodip Das, Mr Philippe Bowles	
12:26 - 12:34	Botox and Belching: A Sequential Case Series of Retrograde Cricopharyngeal Dysfunction (R-CPD) and Treatment Outcomes in an Irish Population E. Conlon, L. Dwyer , V. Marcelino , U. Hafeez, N. O’Keeffe, M. Rafferty.	
12:35– 13:30	Lunch	<i>Aran Suite</i>
13:30 – 13:45	Announcement of Best Papers & Poster Prizes Concluding Remarks by President, Prof Rory McConn Walsh	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>
13:45 – 14:30	Education & Training Section Chair: Mr. Guan Khoo Panel: Mr. Mel Corbett, Mr. Rory O’Neill, Ms. Alison McHugh Mr. Nick O’Keefe & Mr. Michael Fitzsimons	<i>Rockbarton Suite</i>