AAGBI Annual Congress comes to Dublin

The Annual Congress of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) is being held at the Convention Centre Dublin from 18-20 September 2013. Around 1000 national and international of all grades- from trainees to consultants – will attend this European CPD accredited meeting. Annual Congress was kicked off this year with a cycle ride for charity in which eight anaesthetists, led by AAGBI President Dr William Harrop-Griffiths, undertook the arduous 400 mile bike ride from London to Dublin to benefit Lifebox.

Keynote lectures at Annual Congress will feature peri-operative risk and testing (Prof Michael Irwin, Hong Kong), long-term peri-operative outcomes (Prof Daniel Sessler, Cleveland, USA) and the John Snow lecture 'The Road to Perdition' by Dublin's Dr Rhona Mahony, the first woman to be appointed Master of the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin. Other highlights of the conference include sessions on: medical education including the use of technology; safety in the operating theatre and intensive care unit; working overseas in resource-poor settings among others.

Annual Congress will also see the AAGBI recognise those who have made innovative contributions to the speciality of anaesthesia. This year distinguished recipients include: Dr Iain Wilson (Sir Ivan Magill Gold Medal); Dr Ellen O'Sullivan (John Snow Silver Medal) and Prof Mike Grocott (Featherstone Award).

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Note to Editors:

About the AAGBI
The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) is the membership body for over 10,500 anaesthetists in the UK and Ireland. The AAGBI promotes patient care, safety and advances anaesthesia through education, publications, research and international work, as well as the professional aspects of the specialty. To find out more about the work of the AAGBI, visit www.aagbi.org

About Lifebox
The London-based charity, Lifebox Foundation, formed in April 2011, grew out of a global initiative to make surgery safer worldwide: the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist, which has been shown to reduce surgical complications and death by more than one third. Lifebox is working to make sure no patient dies simply because a pulse oximeter and basic safety checks are not used during surgery. The group worked with international clinicians and manufacturers to develop the world’s foremost low-cost, high-quality pulse oximeter compliant with all international standards. Each oximeter package costs £160, including delivery, and also includes an educational CD with training materials for self-learning, and classroom programs to teach others about pulse oximetry and the WHO Surgical Safety Checklist. Please visit www.lifebox.org to learn more.

About Keynote Speakers:

Michael G. Irwin, MB ChB, MD, FRCA, FANZCA, FHKAM, is Professor and Head, Department of Anaesthesiology, University of Hong Kong, Chief of Service in Anaesthesia at Queen Mary
Hospital and at HKU Shenzhen Hospital, China. President of the Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong and Past President of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiology, where he is also a member of the education and examination committees and is chief censor. He is Chairman of the organising committee for the World Congress of Anaesthesia 2016.

Daniel I. Sessler, M.D.: Having served as a Professor at the University of California in San Francisco and as Vice-dean for Research at the University of Louisville, he is now the Michael Cudahy Professor and Chair of the Department of OUTCOMES RESEARCH at the Cleveland Clinic. He is also Director of the OUTCOMES RESEARCH Consortium (www.OR.org), the world's largest clinical anesthesia research group. He is an editor for Anesthesiology and serves as a reviewer for 50 journals. Among his awards is a Fulbright Fellowship and the 2002 American Society of Anesthesiology Excellence in Research prize.

Dr. Rhona Mahony: is currently Master at the National maternity Hospital, Dublin and is the first woman to be appointed Master. She is a Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist and Specialist in Fetal and Maternal Medicine. Dr. Mahony maintains her interest in undergraduate medicine and teaches the undergraduate medical students at UCD and is an Associate Clinical Professor with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

About Award Winners mentioned in this release

Dr Iain Wilson (Sir Ivan Magill Gold Medal): Dr Iain Wilson is the immediate Past President of the AAGBI and has made outstanding contribution to anaesthesia education, both nationally and internationally. Dr Wilson will be receiving the Sir Ivan Magill Gold Medal, which is awarded for uniquely outstanding innovative contributions to the speciality of anaesthesia. It has only been awarded on five previous occasions.

Dr Ellen O’Sullivan (John Snow Silver Medal): Dr Ellen O’Sullivan is currently the President of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland and sits on the Advisory Board of NOCA- the National Office of Clinical Audit in Ireland. She has been a member of AAGBI Council for many years and will complete her term as Vice President of AAGBI in Dublin. Dr O’Sullivan will be receiving the John Snow Silver Medal which was instituted in 1946 and is awarded to eminent British and Irish anaesthetists of great distinction.

Prof Mike Grocott (Featherstone Award): Prof Mike Grocott chairs the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit, the first HQuIP funded Anaesthesia audit. He is also the Research Area Lead for Critical Care at Southampton NIHR Respiratory Biomedical Research Unit and Head of the Anaesthesia and Critical Care Research Unit. Prof Grocott will be receiving the Featherstone Award which is made to practicing anaesthetists in acknowledgement of their substantial contribution to the practice of anaesthesia.

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