



The SBNS Spring meeting, held at the International Conference Centre in Belfast and was a great success, and this was largely due to the high calibre of the guest speakers, the quality of the abstract presentations, the hospitality of our Hosts from the [Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast](#) and last but no means least, the beautiful location and the unusually good weather for March.

Day 1 The meeting opened with a Lifelong Learning Session on Craniocervical covering congenital defects, tumours and chiari malformation. Our Lifelong Learning Sessions are a regular feature of our meetings and are the perfect opportunity for our delegates to find out about the latest innovations from experts in the field and to add to their continued professional development. The Session was chaired by our hosts, Nikolay Peev & Neil Simms with contributions from an array of renowned international speakers.

The Lifelong Learning Panel

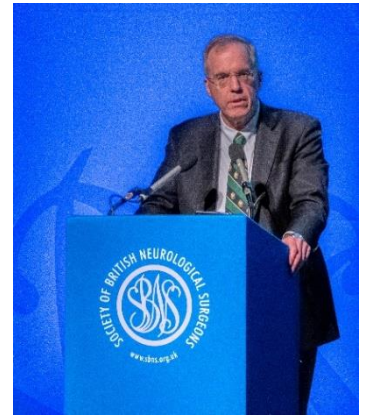


Nikolay Peev, Prof Salma Sharif, Prof Massimiliano Visocchi, Lilyana Angelov MD, Prof Joachim Oertel, Hassan Syed MD, Neil Simms



Roy McConnell

In the afternoon the Sir Victor Horsley Lecture entitled “Spinal Intramedullary Surgery: Operative nuances” was delivered by Roy McConnell, a senior consultant from the host unit. This was followed by a Hot Topic session covering Neurosurgical Networks, The Future of Neurosurgery and an update on our 100th Anniversary Meeting taking place in October 2026.



Nathan. R Seldon

The Welcome Reception was held at the Ulster Museum where our delegates had the opportunity to network, catch up with colleagues and friends whilst learning something about the history of Belfast.

Day 2 Thursday morning kicked off with an early morning fun run round the local area, the emphasis was on “fun”, you didn’t have to be Usain Bolt to take part. Those who took part were feeling rejuvenated and raring to go for the first round of Free Paper sessions, Trauma and Oncology in parallel. This was followed by the Sir Geoffrey Jefferson Lecture entitled “The Rhetoric of Medicine – Lessons on Professionalism from Ancient Greece” which was delivered by Nathan R. Seldon, President of the Society of Neurological Surgeons of America.



In the afternoon there was a very insightful Global Neurosurgery session with speakers from USA, Nepal, one of our Caribbean Fellowship candidates, and some abstract submissions which covered a wide range of topics - training, research, Trauma and the Global Epidemiology and Outcomes following Traumatic Brain Injury (GEO-TBI) registry. The SBNS runs a highly successful Global Initiative Programme [click here](#) to find out more.

The day ended with the Gala dinner in the Titanic Suite of the Titanic Museum. We dined in a replica of the ballroom along with its famous wooden staircase which was designed and built in Belfast. We could not visit the city where this iconic ship was built and not pay homage to it. It was a wonderful evening, delicious food, good company, music, and dancing. After dinner the SBNS Medal was awarded, by the President to Alan Crockard who formerly worked at the National Hospital in London for his contribution to neurosurgery.



Prof. Peter Hutchinson & Alan Crockard



Our Hosts from Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast – they scrubbed up well!

Day 3 The morning began with a workshop hosted by the Society’s Journal, the British Journal of Neurosurgery and chaired by its Editor, Mr Nitin Mukerji. It covered evaluating papers and critically reviewing ones with statistical flaws. It was of great interest to authors, reviewers and associate editors and was immensely popular with our delegates. The BNJS will be running another workshop at our Spring meeting in Harrogate in April 2026.



Dr Saugat Bhattacharyya

Our final eponymous Lecture, the Sir Hugh Cairns Lecture, was delivered by Dr Saugat Bhattacharyya who gave a fascinating talk on “Advancing Personalized Neurorehabilitation through Brain-Computer Interfaces”.

The SBNS would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the SBNS Spring meeting in Belfast, our hosts at the Royal Victoria Hospital, our invited guests from the Society of Neurological Surgeons of America, Nathan Selden and Richard Byrne, the numerous plenary speakers who headed up the free paper session, abstract presenters and our industry sponsors for their valuable support. The feedback from the delegates and sponsors was wonderful. We look forward to welcoming you all to the next SBNS Meeting which will be held in Bristol and hosted by our colleagues at [Southmead Hospital, Bristol](#) and [Bristol Royal Hospital for Children](#). Our invited guests are the Hellenic Neurosurgical Society, and the Neuromodulation Society of UK and Ireland will be hosting a satellite day on Tuesday 23rd September. The Lifelong Learning Session will be on Theatre Culture and Team Dynamics. All are welcome to submit abstracts and attend.



Abstract line closing 9 June 2025 [Click Here](#) to submit and find out more

Please also mark your diaries for our 100th Anniversary Meeting



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