

ASiT Regional Representative Role



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1 Background

ASiT is the second largest surgical specialty association in the UK, with over 2200 members, and is the fastest growing surgical specialty organization.

ASiT members come from all nine surgical specialties. ASiT is the only body in the UK to represent trainees at both Core and Higher Surgical Training levels

ASiT functions through the input of its specialty representatives and regional representatives serving the needs of trainees beyond its formal membership.

ASiT represents the views of its membership through representation on the councils of the Surgical Royal Colleges, ISCP, JCST, and numerous other working parties and committees.

The ASiT Council has evolved over years and consists of a core committee, regional representatives and specialty representatives.

The committee members comprise an executive committee of the President and two Vice-Presidents, Past President, Director of Education, Treasurer, Secretary, Year book editor/s and Webmaster.

Regional representatives provide a local point of contact with ASiT.

ASiT represents all surgical specialities (with the exception of higher orthopaedic trainees who are represented by BOTAs) and it is only with collaboration and co-operation that we further excellence in surgical training.

2 Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Representatives

Regional representatives are responsible for representing and reporting issues in relation to surgical training for trainees in all surgical specialties within their region.

They will represent all ASiT members within that region. This includes:

- Medical student members
- Foundation trainees
- Cores surgical trainees
- Specialty trainees/ Higher surgical trainees

There are responsibilities both to the council and to the region represented.

ASiT Council

Attendance of at least 50% of the bi-monthly council meetings. A deputy should be sent when not attending.

Submission of a regional training report for the ASiT Yearbook.

Contribution to the Annual General Meeting by helping with exhibitions, meeting guests, judging abstracts, raising sponsorship.

Availability to take on further roles within the organisation (web-site).

Regional Representation

Encourage new membership of ASiT in your region

Represent ASiT to the higher surgical training committees in your region, preferably by direct representation, or otherwise by formal liaison with the Trainee representative on that committee. Appendix 1.

Ensure adequate representation for basic/core surgical trainees in your region, including attendance at the BST training committee.

Organise at least one local ASiT meeting/course per year for trainees in your region.

Attend foundation year meeting to assess training needs and promote ASiT.

Attend local medical school to deliver lecture on a career in surgery, and promote ASiT. See Appendix 2 for medical schools.

Set up a local mechanism for election of future representatives.

It should be noted that the ASiT region, university and deanery do not match up in all areas. Under these circumstances local representatives should communicate to ensure adequate coverage. For example the South West and Peninsula representatives may consider covering the Severn region. See table 3.

Regional representatives should submit a document to the committee outlining their progress with the above objectives by December of each year