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COMBINED SERVICES ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING 9-10 MAY 2024

Introduction

1. The 50th anniversary meeting of the Combined Services Orthopaedic Society (CSOS) will take place in London on 9-10 May 2024. This auspicious occasion will be marked with a two-day conference taking place at the National Army Museum, London, culminating in a black-tie Mess dinner held at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, London on Friday 10 May 2024.
2. Booking for both the meeting and mess dinner is open at www.csos.org.uk. The meeting is open to all Regular and Reservist military medical personnel, as well as honorary members and civilian guests by invitation. The meeting is considered a duty event by Defence Consultant Advisor to Trauma and Orthopaedics (DCA T&O), and therefore appropriate apologies should be made to DCA T&O in the event of absence from the meeting.

Venue

3. The CSOS 50th anniversary meeting will be hosted as a two-day conference, taking place at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Rd, London SW3 4HT. Day 1 (9 May 24) will consist of trainee presentations, as well as an educational session entitled '*Things I wish I knew as a Day 1 consultant*'. Day 2 (10 May 24) will be on the theme '*Fifty years of Defence Orthopaedics: the past, the present and the future*', and reflect on the past half century of tri-service orthopaedics, in both the deployed and home base. It will include talks by honoured guests and both retired and serving defence T&O consultants.
4. The black-tie Mess gala dinner will be held in the Great Hall of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Royal Hospital Road, London. SW3 4SR on Friday 10 May 2024. The Army Medical Services Band will be in attendance to provide a traditional repertoire of military

music to accompany the champagne reception and three-course dinner. The champagne reception will commence at 1900 hours.

Accommodation and Travel

5. A group non-availability chit (NAC) has been issued by the Warrant Officer at the accommodation cell HQ London District. A number of hotels in the vicinity of the venue have been contacted and are offering discounted group booking rates. Please see Annex A for said hotels. Individuals are responsible for contacting and booking accommodation, and arranging travel to and from the venue. Costs will need to be reclaimed as T&S costs via the individual's unit.

Conference and booking details

6. The meeting is open to all CSOS members. Please register attendance on the CSOS website (www.csos.org.uk). The cost of the two-day conference is £200 per person. The black-tie mess dinner tickets are £100 per person. There is a limited availability of dinner tickets available, so book early on the CSOS website to avoid disappointment.

Dress and bearing

7. All delegates are reminded that this is a military event and marks of respect should be conducted as appropriate. Uniform will be as follows:
 - a. Royal Navy: No 3A/B/C
 - b. Army: Barrack Dress (presenters in No2/service dress)
 - c. Royal Air Force: No 2 A/B
 - d. Civilian: Suits
8. Dress for the formal dinner night will be:
 - a. Royal Navy: No 2B
 - b. Army: Mess Kit
 - c. Royal Air Force: No 5 Mess Dress
 - d. Civilian: Black Tie and miniature medals

Point of contact

9. Queries should be addressed to the Chair of CSOS. (Colonel Mountain @ Alistair.mountain@nhs.net)

Major Sarah Stewart RAMC

On behalf of the CSOS 2024 Local Organising Committee

ANNEX A – CSOS 2024 accommodation options

Hotel	Address	Discounted nightly rate (£)	Inc. breakfast?	Booking code	Notes
The Queen's Gate Hotel	31-34 Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5JA	269.00	Yes	Use link: CSOS booking link	Single occupancy
Pestana Chelsea Bridge Hotel	354 Queenstown Rd, London SW11 8AE	25% off best available rate of the day	Yes	Use discount code: ORTSOC	Single occupancy
The Wellington by Blue Orchid Hotels	71 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PA	Single 169.00 Double 177.00	No	CSOS2024	Select The Wellington on www.blueorchid.com and enter code
The Resident Soho	10 Carlisle St, London W1D 3BR	246.00	No	CSOS2024	Select any of the four London hotels at www.residenthotels.com and enter code
The Resident Covent Garden	51 Bedford St, London WC2R 0PZ	246.00	No	CSOS2024	Select any of the four London hotels at www.residenthotels.com and enter code
The Resident Victoria	10 Palace Pl, London SW1E 5BW	246.00	No	CSOS2024	Select any of the four London hotels at www.residenthotels.com and enter code
The Resident Kensington	25 Courtfield Gardens,	246.00	No	CSOS2024	Select any of the four London hotels at

	London SW5 0PG				www.residenthotels.com and enter code
Z Hotel Victoria	5 Lower Belgrave St, London SW1W 0NR	10% off all room rates	No	Book through link https://bookings.thezhotels.com/loyalty/signup	10% discount by joining loyalty scheme