

Editorial

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This year, BADS received a record number of abstract submissions for the Annual Conference. The submissions were of a high standard and covered a diverse range of surgical specialties, clinical processes, care pathways, audits, and service improvement projects. Each abstract was independently assessed by three reviewers and scored against predefined criteria, including novelty and originality, clarity, significance, relevance and impact, and methodological quality. The six highest-scoring abstracts were invited to deliver oral presentations in the Prize Session, with the abstract receiving the greatest number of audience votes on the day being awarded first prize. The next 12 highest-scoring

abstracts were presented in the Free Paper Sessions, while the remaining accepted abstracts were showcased in the poster exhibition.

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