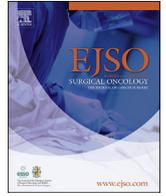




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Announcements

ESSO 38 presentation awards

Several young surgeons were rewarded for their exceptional presentations, posters and initiatives during our annual congress in October.

The Niall O'Higgins Award for the best proffered paper went to **R. Birch** (UK) for her oral presentation on "The management of rectal cancer in older patients in England - a retrospective population based study on patients diagnosed between April 2009 and December 2014".

The "ESSO Awards for the Best Posters" were presented to:

- Gold Award (1st prize) to **J. Odili** (UK) for the poster on "Electrochemotherapy as an adjunct to the surgical management of metastatic melanoma: experience of the inspECT group (2008–2018)";

- Silver Award (2nd prize) to **S. Kehlet Watt** (DK) for the poster on "Whole blood gene expression profiling in patients undergoing colon cancer surgery identifies differential expression of genes involved in immune surveillance, inflammation and carcinogenesis";
- Bronze Award (3rd prize) to **S. Brouwer De Koning** (NL) for the poster on "Towards intra-operative resection margin assessment using near infrared hyperspectral imaging in squamous cell carcinoma of the tongue".

Abstracts are available online from the searchable programme (<https://www.ecco-org.eu/Events/ESSO38/Searchable-Programme#anchorScpr>) and will be published in the February 2019 issue of EJSO.