



The Travelling Surgical Society of Great Britain and Ireland is pleased to invite applications for the 2018 Price Thomas Travelling Fellowship

The Travelling Surgical Society of Great Britain and Ireland is a group of surgeons, which travels to various hospitals and surgical departments around the world and in the UK. These are academic and clinical meetings and the purpose is to encourage educational and surgical exchanges.

The Society was founded in 1924 with Lord Moynihan as its first president. The current membership consists of about fifty surgeons of whom thirty are in active practice. It is distinguished by numerous titles, honours, and Presidencies of learned organisations, including Royal Colleges.

Sir Clement Price Thomas was the third President of the Travelling Surgical Club (as it was then known) from 1952 to 1972. His other Presidencies including that of the BMA and the Royal Society of Medicine: he also became a Council Member and Vice President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

His son Martyn was consultant general surgeon to the Royal Gwent Hospital in Newport from 1975 to 1990, developing an interest in urology and breast cancer. He served as surgical tutor to the Royal College of Surgeons and was a popular examiner in Wales and the University of Cambridge. Having retired early in 1990 from his post in Newport, he continued in clinical practice as Consultant Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. Martyn's natural teaching ability inspired him to volunteer as a demonstrator in the Department of Anatomy.

The Price Thomas Travelling Fellowship was established in their memory.

The holders (usually two) of the 2018 award will travel to Budapest. During this time they will deliver at least two papers at scientific meetings at Budapest University Hospital. The bursary will cover registration fees, travelling expenses, hotel costs and all organised meals.

What else happens during the week?

During the academic sessions members' partners visit gardens, museums and other sites of cultural interest in addition to having sufficient time for shopping and coffee. Outside of those sessions there is a full programme of cultural and gastronomic activity based in and around the cities. There are three funded dinners arranged, including a main Society Dinner.

Who may apply?

Application is open to surgical trainees usually ST7 or above by May 2018 and to Consultants within 10 years of appointment who are resident in the UK. Surgeons from the following specialties may apply:

General surgery, including any of the subspecialties (Breast, Colorectal, Upper GI, HPB, Endocrine), Vascular, Cardiothoracic, Plastic, Urology, General Paediatric, Transplantation and General Surgeons with an interest in Trauma or Military Surgery.

The Travelling Surgical Society does not have members in Ophthalmic, ENT, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Gynaecology or Orthopaedic Surgery. Regrettably, surgeons working in these areas may not apply.

What sort of papers are suitable for presentation?

Fellows will be asked to provide two or three presentations during the academic sessions. One of these presentations must be original research work for which the presenter was a principal investigator. Clinical or basic science research is welcome. Overviews of new and evolving aspects of their sub-specialty or areas of interest are also welcome, especially since the audience is likely to represent a wide range of surgical disciplines. The Society has a particular interest in surgical and military surgical history.

Presentations should be 20 minutes each with an additional 10 minutes allowed for questions.

What is the closing date?

The closing date is Thursday 31st December 2017.

Can my spouse or partner come with me?

Yes, we encourage all members to travel with their partners, who all get on very well with each other and very much enjoy the partners' programme. However, the Bursary would not cover a partner's travel or expenses

Do I need to take out Travel Insurance?

Yes: it is a condition of the bursary that you have such insurance, not just for medical cover, but also to cover the cost of travel and accommodation should you have to cancel at short notice.

Where can I learn more?

You can access further information about the Travelling Surgical Society on our website at <http://www.travellingsurgeon.org>.

Who were the previous Price Thomas Fellows?

2017 Mr Andrew Healey and Mr Ernest Azzopardi travelled to Gent, Belgium. They presented papers at University Hospital Gent, Sint Lucas Hospital in Bruges and Queen Astrid Military Hospital in Brussels.

2016 Mr Joseph Hardwicke travelled to Toronto, Canada. He Presented papers at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre (University Health Network) and St Michael's Hospital.

2015 Professor Nawwar Al-Attar travelled to Madrid. He presented papers at the Hospital Universitario du 12 Octubre and the Hospital Universitario Puerta de Hierro. His report of the visit can be found here <http://www.travellingsurgeon.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Nawwar.pdf>

2014: Mr Fung J Foo travelled to Rennes in Brittany, France. He presented papers at the Hôpital Pontchaillou in Rennes and at the Hôtel Dieu in Nantes.

2013: Mr Jawad Ahmad travelled with the society to Charlottesville and Richmond, Virginia, presenting papers and the University of Virginia Medical Centre and Commonwealth University Hospitals.

Jawad Ahmad's report can be found here: <http://www.travellingsurgeon.org/about-us/bursaries/jawad-ahmad/>

2012: Mr Justin Davies travelled to Dublin with the society, where he presented papers at St Vincent's University Hospital and at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

2011: Mr John Simpson (Nottingham) and **Mr James Clover** (Cork), travelled to Switzerland with the Travelling Surgical Society from 4th to 11th June 2011. During this time they delivered two papers at scientific meetings at Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne, Hopitaux Universitaires de Genève and attended a meeting at The International Committee for the Red Cross, Geneva.

2010: Prof Ian Chetter, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Hull and **Mr David Macafee**, Trainee, Northern Deanery (now Consultant Surgeon, Middlesbrough) travelled with the society to Cuba and Barbados.

David Macafee's report can be found here: <http://www.travellingsurgeon.org/about-us/bursaries/david-macafee-2010/>

2009: Prof David Jayne, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Leeds and **Prof Tim Lane**, Consultant Urologist, Queen Mary Medical School, London travelled with the society to Iceland.

Application form for Price Thomas Travelling Fellowship 2016

Name:	Address:
Qualifications:	
Home telephone number:	
Mobile telephone number:	
Email address:	
SpR / Consultant	

Papers to be presented:
Title 1:
Abstract (not more than 200 words):
Title 2:
Abstract (not more than 200 words):

Details of current post (not more than 100 words):

Please state in not more than 100 words what attributes you would bring to the meeting of the Travelling Surgical Society:

It is essential that you obtain permission from your Deanery / Clinical Director to travel with the Society before applying.

I confirm that, if successful, I will get Travel insurance to cover the cost of the trip should I have to cancel at short notice.

Tick

Signed:

Date:

Completed application forms should be emailed **together with your current Curriculum Vitae** to secretary@travellingsurgeon.org