



Report:

Joint Spring Meeting NE Thames ACPGBI Chapter and SICCR

Thanks to the energetic engagement of Pasquale Giordano and Aldo Infantino, the first bilateral scientific meeting between the London Section of ACPGBI and the SICCR took place on the 11th may in the University College Hospital of London (UK). It was an experiment supported by the presidents of the two societies, Mario Trompetto and Nigel Scott, the result surpassed all expectations.

Surprisingly the weather was mild and this contributed to the overall pleasantness of the event. The comparison among the different opinions was constructive from the recognition of training courses of colorectal surgeons from which we Italians have a lot to learn in order to be able to obtain its relative acknowledgement, aware of the pressure that should still be exerted on our institutions, to the purely scientific themes: greater importance was given to Cancer of the rectum. The video session too was valuable, in depth, and even enjoyable. All was accompanied by a lively and fruitful discussion.



In conclusion among the accepted papers was the one by our Luigi Zorcolo on *“Predictors of good response to long-term chemoradiotherapy in patients with rectal cancer”* awarded for its scientific contents, the quality of its slides and of its account. The meeting closed with the hope to repeat this fruitful experience in Italy next spring, hoping to be able to still count on the efficient collaboration of the secretariat of the presidency Marina Fiorino.

Aldo Infantino