

NEWSLETTER



ISAR 2024:

A Resounding Triumph!

45 Oral Presentations
5 Keynote Presentations
45 Poster Presentations
141 Registrants
32 Countries Attended

"New Year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours."

Alex Morritt

A Message from the President

This is our first newsletter and hopefully of many to come. We are expecting 2025 to be an exciting year. As a board, we are planning regular webinar meetings to increase our contact we have, but also to improve our training and education. These webinars will be free to attend. Moreover, we will keep these webinars on our website for all members to assess whenever needed.

We have also lost some colleagues and especially think of the families of Saturu Nagato and Gabriel Osorno Munoz as this New Year begins

Together with the board members and the local organizing committee I am looking forward hosting a great congress 5-7 June 2027 in Utrecht, the Netherlands.



Prof Corstiaan Breugem
President ISAR

ISAR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Dr. Corstiaan Breugem President

Corstiaan is professor in the Division of Plastic, Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He is pediatric plastic surgeon working in the Emma Children's Hospital in Amsterdam. He is also director of Interplast Holland. This NGO help plastic surgery unit's in Low Income Countries create durable and long lasting care, by training, inspiring and funding plastic surgeons to provide care in their own region.

After obtaining his registration as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in Amsterdam, he did a pediatric plastic surgery fellowship in Vancouver, Canada 2005/2006. In 2003 he finished his PhD in vascular malformations. After working Utrecht for 12 years, he started working again in Amsterdam in 2019. He has published > 175 peer reviewed articles and has given > 100 international presentations. He has performed > 1000 cleft surgeries. He was initiator of the International Cleft Palate Dissection course.

Dr. Stéphane Guichard Treasurer

Stéphane trained in Paris and spent two years in Buenos Aires as a fellow in general surgery. He was certified in reconstructive and aesthetic surgery both in France and by the European Board of Plastic surgery in 92.

After being a consultant for face reconstruction at Hôpital Saint Louis in Paris, he became Dr. Françoise Firmin's partner and trained with her on a daily basis until she retired in 2018. He has been Senior Consultant at Hôpitaux Universitaire de Genève for EarReconstructions from 2005 to 2019. He has been part of teaching programs and has operated in Colombia, Tunisia, Spain and Italy. As an ISAR Exco Member he would like the ISAR to be a welcoming place for those who want information, teaching and advices .



Dr. Sharon Cushing Secretary General

Dr. Sharon Cushing is a full-time paediatric otolaryngologist and the Director of the Cochlear Implant Program at The Hospital for Sick Children and a full Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Cushing has a clinical and surgical interest in disorders of the ear, including hearing loss and vestibular dysfunction. Her research interest includes the developmental impact of hearing, vestibular and balance dysfunction in children, and its association with cochlear and bone conduction implants.



ISAR EXECUTIVE – ELECT



**Dr. Ken Stewart
President-Elect**

Ken graduated from medical school in 1990. He then spent the next 12 years in general surgical training, followed by plastic surgery training. While principally based in Scotland, he also undertook periods of specialist plastic surgery training in Sydney, Toronto and California.

Ken has been on the GMC specialist register in plastic surgery since 2002. He is a full member of BAAPS, BAPRAS, EURAPS and ISAR, and was the first surgeon in Scotland to be Royal College of Surgeons certified in cosmetic surgery. He is often invited to lecture at prestigious surgical societies both in the UK (BAPRAS, ENT UK, BOAMS, BOPS) and abroad in China, India, Ireland, Switzerland and Poland. He has also, by invitation, performed live demonstration surgery overseas in Poland, Oman, India and this year Vietnam. He recently visited Ukraine to assist with reconstructive surgeries and provide training and support to Ukrainian doctors who have been impacted by the ongoing conflict.

Ken is a training programme director for plastic surgery in Scotland and an honorary senior lecturer at Edinburgh University as well as an NHS consultant surgeon at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and St Johns. In the NHS he undertakes complex reconstructive surgery of the face, ear and body.

**Dr. Indri Lakhsmi Putri
Secretary General – Elect**



Hi everyone! I'm Indri Lakhsmi Putri, but you can just call me Putri. I'm currently working as a lecturer and craniofacial consultant at the Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Department, Medical Faculty of Airlangga University, here in Surabaya, Indonesia. I'm also the head of the Airlangga Craniofacial and Microtia Center, Airlangga University Hospital, which is the largest center for microtia reconstruction in Indonesia.

In addition to my professional work, I'm also a wife and a mother of two. Here in the Isar Council, my role is as Secretary General Elect. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at every ISAR event. Placing two ears together creates the shape of a heart. Hopefully, we can fulfill this mandate, as the ear is the gateway to someone's heart.



**Dr. Mai Thy Truong
Treasurer Elect**

Mai Thy Truong, MD, (My Tea) is a Clinical Associate Professor in the department of Pediatric Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Stanford Children's Hospital. She serves as the Clinic Chief and the Fellowship Director for the division.

Dr. Truong oversees the Stanford Microtia and Atresia Clinic with Dr Kay Chang. Her research has explored the social impact of microtia, 3D modeling in microtia repair, the treatment of complex vascular anomalies and pediatric sleep apnea.

EURAPS WEBINAR in collaboration with ISAR INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RECONSTRUCTION

Free Registration

Thursday 12 December 2024
h. 5.00 pm CET

**EAR RECONSTRUCTION AND
MANAGING OF EAR DEFORMITIES**

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Past Webinar

REGISTER NOW

February 2025

“How to keep good ear protrusion after ear reconstruction: surgical and postoperative suggestions”

April 2025

“Microtia surgery and hearing implants: tips, tricks and timing”

Check the ISAR Website for more information on any upcoming webinars on: www.isar-ear.com

Recent Publications

1. Wang C, Gao D, Luo P, Wang Y, Zhang Q. Correction of Microtia with Constricted Ear Features Using Helix Costal Cartilage Scaffold and Postauricular Flap Advancement. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2024 Nov 5. doi: 10.1097/PRS.0000000000011853. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39531359.
2. Li WY, Chen ZY, Xu WL, Gao YY, Liu Z, Li Q, Dai L. Temporal trends in the prevalence of major birth defects in China: a nationwide population-based study from 2007 to 2021. *World J Pediatr.* 2024 Nov 2. doi: 10.1007/s12519-024-00844-9. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39487910.
3. Wei S, Ye J, Lei C, Huang Q, Lin B, Su X, Zheng H, Shan X, Wang B, Wang M. Abdominal muscles infiltration analgesia for donor-site pain in autologous ear reconstruction: A randomized controlled clinical trial. *J Plast Reconstr Aesthet Surg.* 2024 Sep 20;99:38-46. doi: 10.1016/j.bjps.2024.09.019. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39342766.
4. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2024 Oct 30. doi: 10.1097/PRS.0000000000011831. Three-dimensional facial morphology in patients with craniofacial microsomia and microtia [Elsa M Ronde](#) [Guido A de Jong](#) [Jitske W Nolte](#), [Marloes E L Nienhuijs](#) [5](#), [Neil W Bulstrode](#) [68](#), [Thomas J J Maał](#) [5](#) [7](#), [Alfred G Becking](#) [1Corstiaan C Breugem](#)
5. [A three-dimensional algorithm for precise measurement of human auricle parameters.](#) Lin Y, Dobbe JGG, Lachkar N, Ronde EM, Smit TH, Breugem CC, Streekstra GJ. *Sci Rep.* 2024 May 10;14(1):10760. doi: 10.1038/s41598-024-61351-5. PMID: 38729983



FRANCOISE FIRMIN TRAVEL AWARD

APPLY NOW!

ISAR will award **TWO** annual grants of **€1,000** to promote best practices in auricular reconstruction and microtia/atresia surgery

The awards are open to **ISAR members** to support an international educational or clinical visit.

Examples of supported visits include:

- Educational trips to regions where ear reconstruction services are limited, focused on promoting best practices in auricular reconstruction.
- Educational exchanges designed to equip visitors with practical experience in auricular reconstruction, enabling them to apply and integrate these skills in their home country.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2025



CHALLENGING CASE CORNER



Share your approach
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7LHF23Q>

*Results will be shared in
the next newsletter*

A case of atypical microtia with a pit and possible chondrocutaneous pouch. Do you:

1. Obtain a CT scan preoperatively?
2. Excise the pit first in a separate surgery before microtia repair?
3. Take any safety measures during the surgery to prevent infection?

Want to contribute a case?

Email the details to:

isar@in-conference.org.uk



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MEMBERSHIP

Dedicated to advancing excellence in auricular reconstruction. We provide a platform for sharing groundbreaking scientific research focused on the repair of both congenital and acquired ear deformities

Membership Advantages

- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with clinical leaders, experts and peers through the group
- **Discounts on Events:** Enjoy significant discounts on ISAR conferences and workshops
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Participate in committees, special projects and leadership roles within ISAR, shaping the future of our organization and industry

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If you are interested in becoming a member, please email isar@in-conference.org.uk



Are you currently an existing ISAR Member?

We will be reaching out to you via email in the near future with important information regarding upcoming changes to the membership bylaws. As part of this, you will receive a personalized link, ensuring that your voice is heard and your feedback is valued in the process.

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Utrecht, Netherlands | 3-5 June 2027



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