

NEWSLETTER



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A Message from the President

This is our second newsletter of the year with several exciting updates to share. We have finalized changes to the bylaws, which include new membership levels designed to better serve our growing community. The results of the 2025 Travel Awards are in—congratulations to the awardees! We also want to thank everyone who attended our last webinar. A recording is now available on our website for members to revisit. We're happy to share insights from the case study featured in our previous newsletter and look at a new case study for this edition. Our next webinar is taking place in July—Register Now! Finally, we highlight some recent publications by our members. As always, we welcome your contributions and participation as we continue to grow together.



Prof Corstiaan Breugem
President ISAR



Following a recent Society vote, the proposed changes to our by-laws have been officially accepted. You can view the updated by-laws on our website.

The main change that will affect members is the introduction of seven new classes of membership.

We will be reaching out to you via email in the near future with important information regarding your specific membership level. If you would like to discuss any of the new membership classes or have questions about your status, please don't hesitate to email us at

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**2025
By-Laws**

International Members of ISAR



Congratulations to Our 2025 Travel Award Recipients!

We are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's prestigious travel awards.

Francoise Firmin Travel Award

Recipient: Dra. María Angélica Paulos Parot

Dra. Paulos Parot is a paediatric plastic surgeon based in Santiago, Chile, working across both the public and private sectors. With the support of this award, she will be traveling to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London to further advance her clinical skills and training in paediatric ear reconstruction.

Satoru Nagata Travel Award

Recipients: Dr Ken Stewart, Dr Stephan Guichard, Dr Ashesh Bhumkar, Dr Osman Akdag & Dr Guuillermo Franze.

This group of highly experienced and dedicated ear reconstruction surgeons will host a five-day Ear Reconstruction Workshop in Lviv, Ukraine, from 14–19 September 2025.

We congratulate both award recipients for their commitment to advancing care and education in reconstructive surgery worldwide.

2024 Award Update

"I am grateful and honored to receive Francoise Firmin travel award from ISAR in Toronto meet in April 2024 and underwent advanced training in auricular reconstruction under the mentorship of Mr. Neil Bulstrode at GOSH, London. This experience has significantly enriched my understanding and practice in complex reconstructive surgery in this part of the world."

Dr Kapil Soni, Rajasthan, India

Applications for the 2026 awards will open in January.

In the meantime, we invite our members to share stories of their ongoing international work.



The Satoru Nagata Travel Award Plans for the 2025 Winners

The horrors of the Ukraine war seems to never leave our TV screens (sadly interspersed with horrific scenes from Gaza). Members may not be aware that reconstructive plastic surgery as a speciality was not fully developed and resourced in Ukraine before the war. Highly trained specialists do exist and do wonderful work but full residency programmes and infrastructure is patchy in availability. The war has obviously led to large numbers of significant casualties including victims of facial trauma. Ear trauma cases include partial or total ear avulsion, burns and of course blast injuries



damaging the tympanic membrane and hearing. In addition the Ukraine population continues to live and with attention turning inevitably to trauma there is unmet need in the civilian population.

In a previous visit to Ukraine I saw significant numbers of untreated cases of microtia as well as significant numbers of traumatic injuries. On that trip in 2024 we focused on teaching and demonstrating on facial palsy cases. I went with my colleague on his second trip and he was amazed to see the progress in upgrading hospital facilities to state of the art western standard hospitals. I was struck by the resourcefulness, dedication and skill of ENT, plastics and maxilla facial colleagues. They not only treat many Ukrainian military and civilian casualties but also, with great kindness and humility the occasional injured Russian prisoner of war.

We are delighted that in September 2024 in collaboration with the First University Medical College 'Unbroken' facility and the associated Children's Hospital in Lviv we will be conducting a week long face and ear reconstruction workshop.

. I will be honoured to be joined by fellow ISAR members Drs Stephan Guichard, Dr Ashesh Bhumkar, Dr Osman Akdag and Dr Guillermo Franze. In addition my colleagues from Edinburgh Dr Patrick Addison (facial palsy) and Mr Stephen Hutchison (facial rosthetics) will attend.



A more distinguished panel I could not imagine. We will be hosted in Lviv by Drs Hnat Herych, Dr Oleksandr Semenyuk and others. We hope to provide a series of lectures and live surgery and prosthetic fabrication demonstrations on cases of congenital microtia as well as trauma cases. Of course others are welcome to attend as delegates or if you prefer to watch in greater safety we may explore the possibility of remote videolinked delegates"

Dr Kenneth Stewart



WEBINAR

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AURICAL RECONSTRUCTION (ISAR)

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REGISTRATION

OTOPLASTY



Walid Sabbagh
Speaker

Secondary / Revision
Otoplasty



Ken Stewart
Moderator

Big Ears



Leila Kasrai
Speaker

Primary botoplasty

9 JULY 2025 AT 20:00 – 21:00 BST

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LAST WEBINAR

Thank you for joining us for the ISAR webinar on Hearing Implants with Microtia Reconstruction: Tips, Tricks, and Timing!

We're grateful to our moderators and expert speakers for their valuable insights and to everyone who attended. If you missed the live session—or would like to revisit it—the recording is now available on our website.

▶ [Watch the recording now](#)

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NEW WEBINAR

Join us for an insightful ISAR webinar on Otoplasty!

We're bringing together leading experts in the field to explore both primary and revision otoplasty techniques. With Dr. Leila Kasrai and Dr. Walid Sabbagh sharing their expertise, and moderation by Mr. Ken Stewart, this promises to be an hour of valuable learning and discussion.

9 July 2025 | 20:00–21:00 BST

Free registration

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Hearing Implants with Microtia Reconstruction:
Tips, Tricks, and Timing

9 APRIL 2025 AT 20:00 – 21:00 BST

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Case Discussion Results:

Atypical Microtia with Pit and Possible Chondrocutaneous Pouch

Thank you to all members who shared their insights on this complex case. Here's a summary of the responses we received:

1. Do you obtain a CT scan preoperatively?

Most respondents indicated they do obtain a CT scan before surgery, citing the importance of evaluating deeper anatomical structures and ruling out any associated abnormalities.

2. Do you excise the pit in a separate surgery before microtia repair?

Responses were mixed. One contributor emphasized: "Excise the pit first — ALWAYS."

3. Do you take any specific safety measures during surgery to prevent infection?

All respondents agreed that precautionary steps should be taken during surgery to reduce the risk of infection.



Case Outcome

The patient was taken to the operating room with a plan of excising the Chondrocutaneous pouch during stage one cartilage reconstruction of a 2-stage technique.

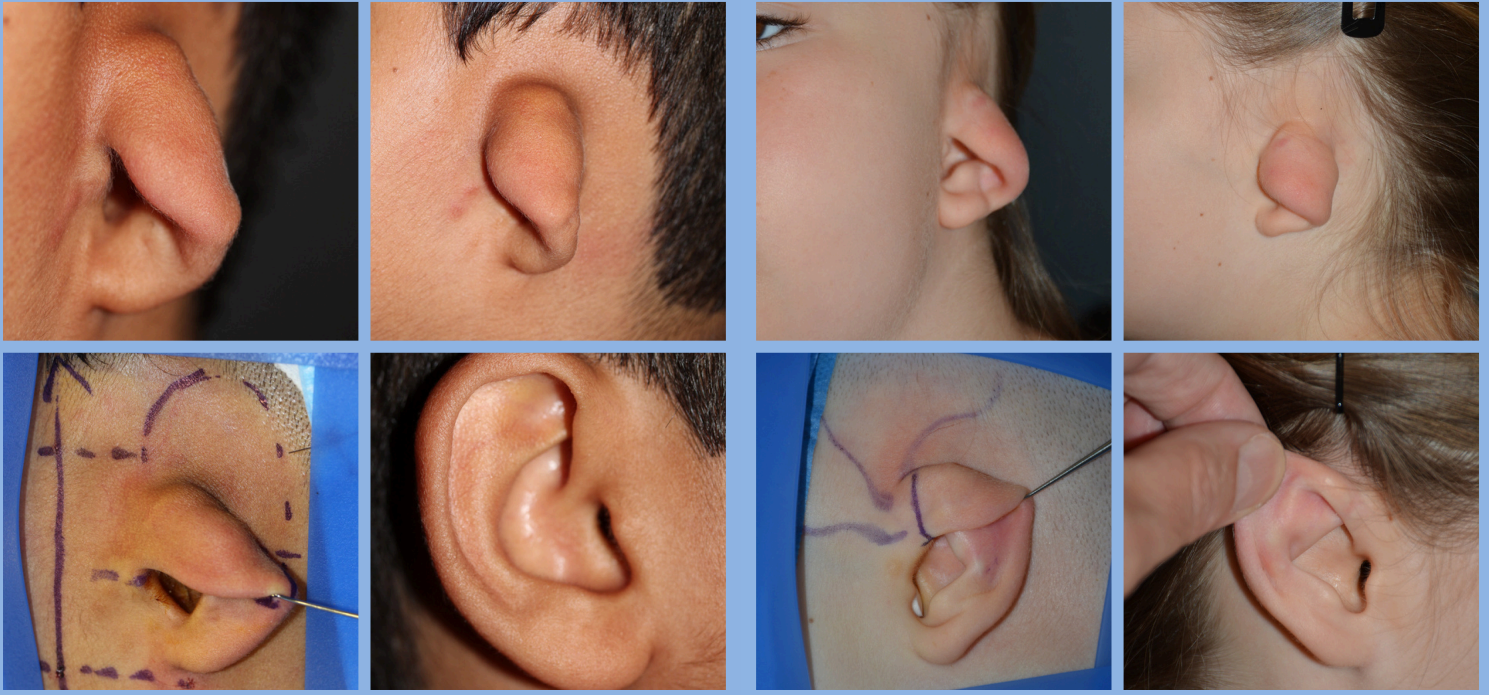


Intraoperatively the pit and the pouch were full of keratin and was found to be in continuity with a very stenotic ear canal. The ear canal likely had a cholesteatoma. The costal cartilage was harvested at the same time as the skin approach through a two team approach, so when the canal was encountered, the chest cartilage was already harvested. The team proceeded with creating a cartilage framework and implanting it under the skin, with the new auricle containing a meatus to a stenotic ear canal.

By postop day one, a severe infection developed. It was decided to remove the framework and bank it in the chest incision. At the same time, we proceeded with an ear canal reconstruction, widening the air canal to allow removal of a canal cholesteatoma.

Five months later, without any evidence of recurrence of the cholesteatoma, the framework was obtained from the chest incision intact and replaced under the skin. Four months after that, the patient underwent stage two ear elevation.





Case No. 1

VS

Case No. 2

For these two similar cases, which incision would you choose?

Choose Here

Results and discussion around the approaches will be shared in the next newsletter

Want to contribute a case?
Email the details to:
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ISAR President speaks at Pediatric Plastic Surgery in the 21st Century Conference

It was an honor to serve as an invited keynote speaker at the international congress “Pediatric Plastic Surgery in the 21st Century: The Heritage of the Past and the New Frontiers”, held this week in Rome. Representing the Emma Children’s Hospital at Amsterdam UMC – as a member of the Children’s Craniofacial Team. I delivered lecture about personalized care in microtia. This topic emphasized the need for

multidisciplinary, patient-centred care, which is increasingly central to our field. While in Rome, I had the chance to visit the Forum Romanum – once the meeting point of ancient Rome’s political, religious, and civic leaders. It reminded me how, even today, the best outcomes arise when diverse experts come together for the common good. Some areas have been open to public for only 6 months.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Mario Zama and Guidiuce Bari for organizing such a well-curated and inspiring meeting. Rome truly brought together the heritage of the past with the new frontiers of our specialty.

In Memoriam: Dr Gabriel Osorno

Gabriel Osorno, plastic surgeon, educator, and artist, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2024, at the age of 73. Known for his kindness, sharp sense of humor, generosity, and artistic talents in drawing and painting, Dr. Osorno touched the lives of many. His legacy will live on through the students he mentored, the patients whose lives he transformed, and the colleagues who held him in the highest regard. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



Recent Publications

Subperiosteal Implants for Auricular Reconstruction in the Setting of Significant Temporal Bone Defects

Human Auricles Are Not Symmetrical: A Comparative Study Using Landmark-Based and Surface-Based Software.

Efficacy and safety of ultrasound-guided bilateral superficial serratus anterior plane block for postoperative analgesia in pediatric ear reconstruction with costal cartilage harvest: a randomized controlled trial.

Influence of vascular anatomy and perfusion on complications in the first stage of total auricular reconstruction.



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