UROLINK
British Association of Urological Surgeons
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History

- 1990 set up by BAUS on the recommendation of Prof Geoff Chisholm, president of RCSEd
- Encourage urological provision and education worldwide with emphasis on developing countries
History

- Neville Harrison was first chair 1990-98, then Chris Chapple, I was 3rd 2000-01
- Neville first went to KCMC Moshi 1995 with biennial visits/workshops thereafter run with Dr Lester Eshelman these continue now run by Phil Thomas
2000 7 week trip to Africa

- 1 Zimbabwe with Patrick Duffy [paeds] met Rosemary Hepworth
- 2 Botswana
- 3 South Africa Nongoma
- 4 Maputo with Johann Naude met Igor Vas
- 5 Cameroon
- 6 Ibaden Nigeria [got stuck]
- 7 Lusaka met Mohammed Labib
From 2001

- Visited yearly Zambia and Zimbabwe [going to Monze and Harare as well]
- 1st ASEA meeting 2001 Lusaka, COSECSA had just started
- 2001-2 external assessor of the surgical departments for the membership ECSA with Prof Jimmy James and Prof Krikor in Zambia/ Zimbabwe
2003

- Rahima Dawood lecturer, joint fellowship with RCSEd.
- I visited all 8 counties in ASEA presentation in Kampala on ‘Surgical training’
- First M.ECSA exams run with Chris Lavy
Dr Ashmawy in Bulawayo
Christopher Samkange in Harare
2005
Michael Breen in Monze VVF
Continued as external examiner with Bob Lane. Ran the Train the Examiners course at the COSECSA/ASEA meetings.

The first Fellowship exams were held in Blantyre 2007 with general surgery and orthopedics.

The second 2008 in Maputo included urology and plastic surgery.
Samkanges 2008 Harare
Bob Lane in Maputo
4th year medical students in Bulawayo 2008
2009-11

- Teaching medical students 4\textsuperscript{th} year in Blantyre
4th year students Blantyre
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- For the last 10 years UROLINK has had close links with COSECSA/ASEA through the urology departments, both teaching African/UK trainees and providing equipment.

Also Ru MacDonagh visits Zanzibar.

Jaimin Blatt has been to Lusaka since 2008.

KCMC close ties through Phil Thomas.
Farewell

- Since 1999 I have been to
- Zambia x 8
- Zimbabwe x 6
- Malawi x 5
- Mozambique, Ethiopia x 3
- Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania x 2
- Botswana, Nigeria, Cameroon, The Gambia x 1
Farewell

- I have been well watered, fed, loved.
- I have seen Zimbabwe nearly destroyed
- I have missed the riots in Kenya December 2008 by 2 weeks
- I was not burgled for some amazing reason 2009
- Lost a sim card/ laptop, fought with taxi drivers in Nigeria, stranded for 22 hours in Lagos airport
- I have not contracted HIV/AIDS or malaria

AND I HAVE LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT

THANKS TO ALL AT COSECSA/ASEA