



40th Annual Scientific Meeting

21-22 August 2026

Newcastle



Welcome

I'm excited to invite you to the Hunter Orthopaedic Society Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM),

Dates: 21–22 August 2026

Venue: Royal Newcastle Hospital
Lecture Theatre

Two days designed to challenge thinking, sharpen practice, and connect our orthopaedic community.

This year's theme, "Pathways, Perspective and Problems in Orthopaedics," brings together cutting-edge insights, real-world problem solving, and forward-looking discussion across the specialty.

A major highlight is our distinguished invited speaker, Professor Christian Gerber, Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Zürich, Switzerland—renowned for his pioneering contributions and global influence in shoulder surgery.

With a dynamic program, opportunities to present your work, and invaluable networking with peers and leaders in the field, this is a meeting not to be missed.

Secure your place—register today.

Ben East
Convenor



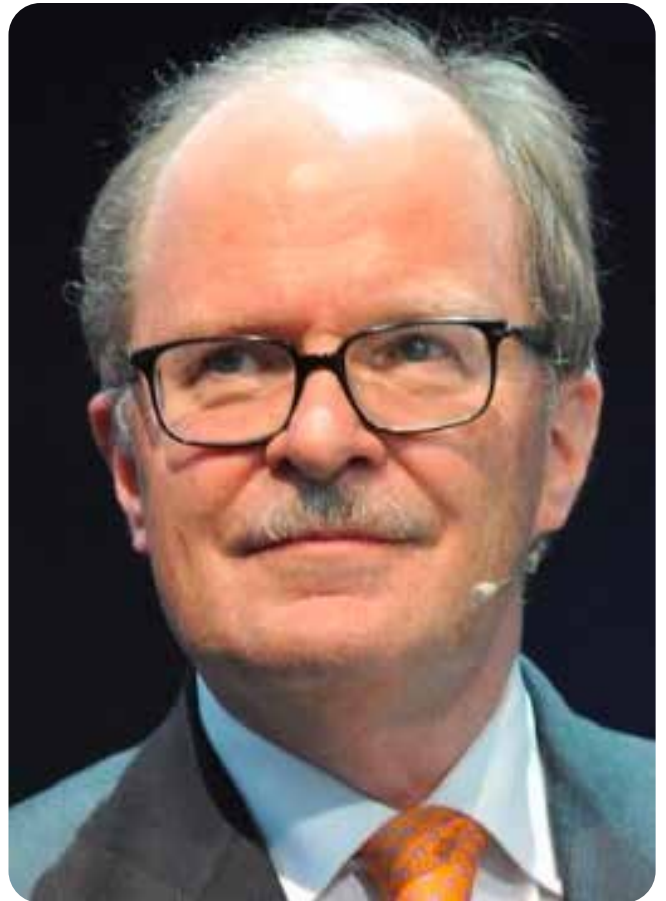
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Guest Speaker

Dr. Gerber is the Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Zürich in Switzerland.

Dr. Gerber is an orthopaedic surgeon-scientist known for his extensive work on traumatic and atraumatic pathologies of the shoulder. He has authored over 450 scientific articles and has been cited over 50'000 times according to Google Scholar. His H-index of 118 is a testimony of his substantial contributions to the field of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is a four-time winner of the Charles S. Neer Award of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, the first non-American winner of Kappa Delta Research Award of the AAOS and a recipient of the Arthur Steindler Award of the Orthopaedic Research Society. He is an honorary member of multiple national societies among them Swiss orthopaedics and the French Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (SOFOT).



In 2000 Dr. Gerber created the ResOrtho Foundation for Orthopaedic Research and Education to propel musculoskeletal research and support young academic careers. ResOrtho also created the prestigious Meyer Award for Discovery, Innovation and Disruption in Orthopaedics. The award is given every three years and endowed with 100'000 Swiss Francs. Through ResOrtho he is the initiator and founder of Balgrist Campus, a novel musculoskeletal research and development campus in Zürich, Switzerland.

Dr. Gerber holds an MD from the University of Berne, Switzerland and an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy of La Sapienza University in Rome, Italy. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr Gerber remains involved in patient centered basic and clinical research related to acute and chronic shoulder pathologies

Friday 21 August 2026

8.00am	Trial Exam
12.00pm	Invited Speaker - Christian Gerber - Gordon Kerridge Oration - My Journey As A Surgeon Scientist
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	The Art Of Clinical Examination
4.00pm	Wellness Session - Jhh V Maitland Soccer
6.00pm	Warners Bay Hotel

Saturday 22 August 2026

9.00am	Invited Speaker - Christian Gerber _ Proximal Humeral Fractures - Complications and Solutions
9.20am	Elias Awwad - Clinical presentations of Kingella kingae musculoskeletal infections in South Australian children
9.30am	Savannah Brooks - Comparison of Direct Anterior and Posterior Approaches in Total Hip Arthroplasty for Neck of Femur Fractures: A Retrospective Cohort with a One-Year Follow-up
9.40am	Seth Tarrant - Hip fracture audit
9.50am	Matthew Donaldson - A Safe Window of Time: Rethinking the Urgency of Traumatic Posterior Sternoclavicular Joint Reductions
10.00am	Matthew Dowsett - Accuracy and Validity of 3D Markerless Motion Capture Compared to Marker-Based Systems for Lower-Limb Biomechanical Assessment: A Systematic Review
10.10am	Amanda Sebastian - Anterior Capsular Release in the Treatment of Advanced Haemophilic Elbow Arthropathy in the Younger Patient: A Scoping Review and Case Series
10.20am	Robbie Glanfield - Early weight bearing following rotational ankle fracture fixation is safe in our local population
10.30am	Tim Karbowiak - Two Stage Revision to Arthrodesis with Periosteal Flap for Massive Osteolysis in Failed Wrist Arthroplasty: A Unique and Challenging Case"
10.40am	Morning Tea
11.00am	Dumindu Katupitiya - A novel technique for arthroscopic scapholunate ligament repair utilising knotless bone anchors with dorsal capsulodesis: technical considerations"
11.10am	Stephan Malan - Epidemiology of spinal fractures in polytrauma patients
11.20am	Jade Moody - Distal Femoral Fractures - are they any less serious?
11.30am	Natasha Stokes - Unexpected Positive Cultures in Presumed Aseptic Revision Arthroplasty: Prevalence, Microbiology, and Infection-Free Implant Survival at a Tertiary Australian Centre
11.40am	Ezekiel Tan - Perspectives - Learning from Non-Compliant Patients
11.50am	Jack Woodley - Utilising Intra-operative Video for Anatomy Teaching in Medical Students and Junior Doctors - A Systematic Review
12.00pm	Lunch
12.40pm	Invited Speaker - Christian Gerber - Orthopaedic Research Journey - An integrated clinical approach
1.00pm	Brenton Johns - Is Acetabular and Femoral Component Positioning Better with or without Fluoroscopy in Direct Anterior Approach Total Hip Arthroplasty?
1.10pm	Ellery Clugston - "Endoprosthetic reconstruction and salvage" - Fellowship experience from RPA
1.20pm	David Dewar - Update on the ROADMAP study
1.30pm	Seth Tarrant - Are older men increasingly brittle?
1.40pm	Jaime O'Connor - Hunter Joint Centre: Optimising Arthroplasty Access for the Lower Hunter Region
1.50pm	Ben East - Closing remarks
2.05pm	Mark Moroney - AOA President
6.00pm	Gala Dinner - The Newcastle Art Gallery

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