The World Journal of Surgery Announces Rowan Parks of Scotland as a New Associate Editor

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The World Journal of Surgery is very pleased to announce that Professor Rowan Parks will join our editorial team as our associate editor focused on pancreatic surgery.

Professor Parks qualified from Queens University Belfast in 1989. He pursued his surgical training in Northern Ireland and then undertook a clinical fellowship in hepatobiliary surgery at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. He was appointed a Senior Lecturer in Surgery and Honorary Consultant Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh in 1999, was subsequently promoted to Reader in Surgery in 2006, and was awarded a person chair as Professor of Surgical Sciences at the University of Edinburgh in 2010.

Professor Parks' clinical and research interests are in HPB Surgery. He has published more than 175 papers, written 45 book chapters and has authored/edited 10

surgical textbooks. He has been awarded several prestigious prizes and travelling fellowships, and has given a number of eponymous lectures.

Professor Parks has a significant interest in Medical Education and Training. He has held numerous roles in the University of Edinburgh Medical School and is currently chair of the Fitness to Practice Committee. Within NHS Education for Scotland (NES), he has been Chair of the General Surgical Specialty Training Committee (2006–2009), Associate Postgraduate Dean (2008–2012), Chair of the Scottish Specialty Training Board for Surgical Specialties (2009–2012), and since 2012, has been Deputy Medical Director (and Acting Medical Director from Dec 2019–Jan 2021).

Professor Parks is currently also Vice President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd), Treasurer of the European-African Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary Association (E-AHPBA) and Council Member of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (IHPBA). He is also Past-President of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI); Past-President of the Great Britain & Ireland Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (GBIHPBA); Past-Chairman of the Education Committee and Past-Chairman of the Scientific Programme Committee of the International Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary Association (IHPBA) and Past-Director of the James IV Association.

Professor Parks will be replacing Dr Reid Adams, who will be rotating off the WJS editorial board after having faithfully served as associate editor since 2011. Thank you, Reid, and welcome Rowan!

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