**Trainer of the Year Nomination for Mr Pinaki Sen**

This year the East of England trainees have unanimously decided to put Mr Pinaki Sen, consultant at Norfolk and Norwich university hospital, forward once again for trainer of the year award as we did not feel being a previous runner up did justice to the on-going dedication he has to the trainees within the region.

**Trainee Development**

From his appointment he has taken a proactive stance on trainee development. He is the lead for DCT training at Norfolk and Norwich, ensuring a broad range of activities in the weekly sessions. He encourages self-directed learning, for which he leads, allowing the juniors to develop their own teaching and presentation skills within a constructive and friendly environment. Within the operative setting he has the ability to gauge the skill of the trainee to provide the required support and guidance without intervention or the feeling of being pressured.

He continues to provide one to one tuition in his own time with trainees wishing to sit both part I and part II of the FRCS. All of the registrars within the region and those who have recently passed the exam would say his teaching has been invaluable in their success.

**Professionalism**

Mr Sen maintains the highest level of care to his patients. This achieved not only by his high personal standards but from the support and encouragement he provides others to do the same. He continues to reach out to specialities complementary to our own to provide a greater integrated front to patient care. I have never seen him turn away from someone in need.

**Leadership**

Not only has Mr Sen spear headed training within our department he continues to promote OMFS within the local region. He has encouraged the department to attend meetings to introduce our team to the local practitioners to further build bridges with primary care. He has independently organised study evenings with the registrars to ensure they had the knowledge and skills to be the future consultants. He is a problem solver with solutions and has a constant positive attitude towards the day to day challenges working in a busy department.

**Communication**

Mr Sen is friendly, approachable and caring to all those who have the pleasure of interacting with him. He always has time to talk and has the ability to make anyone smile when it’s needed the most. He is able to make even the complex surgeries understandable no matter the level of trainee and always has pearls of wisdom from his own training experiences.

**Resourcefulness**

As well as the wealth of knowledge Mr Sen retains naturally he has a large personal library that he is happy to loan to those in need. He remains up to date with journals for which he will highlight interesting or relevant publications to the trainees to improve delivery of care to patients. He is continuing to develop the department with his interest in TMJ surgery. This provides a vital service and also unique opportunities for the trainees that circulate through the department within our region.

**Summary**

I am proud to be able to put Mr Pinaki Sen forward once again for trainer of the year. His continuing and unwavering dedication to all trainees within this region makes him deserving of this year’s award.