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Welcome to the February issue of Anastomosis. In this issue, we bring you the latest news from our members and keep you updated on upcoming deadlines. We also highlight some interesting news articles from the past month.

Mark your diary!

The **summer meeting of the Society** will be a joint meeting with the anatomical societies in Germany, Spain, Italy, Switzerland and Turkey to be held in Bursa, Turkey from the **19-22 May 2011**. Registration details are available at www.jointmeeting2011bursa.org.

The deadline for submission of abstracts was **February 19, 2011**. The deadline for abstracts submission and early bird registration for the Bursa Summer Meeting has been extended until **28th February**.

Guidelines on abstract submission as well as submitting your abstract can be found at <http://www.jointmeeting2011bursa.org/abstract.sag.htm>. Register to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration, and view the preliminary timetable.

Imminent deadline!

If you are presenting at Bursa, applications to the **Symington Bequest for travel** are being considered as quickly as possible to assist members wishing to attend. Further information on Symington Bequest applications is available at <http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/Awards/GrantsandPrizes/TheSymingtonBequest.aspx>.

Anastomosis Best Image Prize 2011

Beginning January 2011, the Society started accepting entries for the **best image published in Anastomosis**. **Two prizes** will be awarded, with the best images chosen from all images submitted by members of the Society to Anastomosis. So make sure those cameras are turned on! And send in your entries!

New Health Research Agency advocated

The Academy of Medical Sciences has advocated the establishment of a new Health Research Agency to regulate all health research in the UK. In a report entitled 'A new pathway for the regulation and governance of health research', the Academy describes the current system as "a disaster stifling medical advances", attributing the blame for the decline in research to bureaucratic processes. You can read their report at: <http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/index.php?pid=99>.

UK National Curriculum Review

The UK Department for Education has launched a call for evidence for the National Curriculum Review. All interested parties are being invited to contribute to the review that will lead to the development of the new National Curriculum. A further call for evidence will be issued in early 2012 for phase 2 of the review.

The intention is to slim down the current curriculum so that it provides children with the essential knowledge that they should learn and give teachers greater freedom to be creative with how they teach their subjects. You can read more about this at:

http://www.societyofbiology.org/newsandevents/news/view/237?dm_i=I1,D1SJ,1FM4R3,114PE,1.

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The concept of the dorsal root ganglion conveying sensory information back to the spinal cord is recognized by most anatomists but mutant zebrafish appear to be able to swim and feed normally without dorsal root ganglion neurons. Yasuko Honjo and colleagues at the Institute of Neuroscience at the university of Oregon explain how and why in their paper in the **March 2011** issue of the **Journal of Anatomy** which you can read online at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2010.01337.x/abstract>

Aging Cell

It may sound paradoxical but growing old is a way to stop cancer - that is how aging creates a stable proliferative arrest in cells with potentially oncogenic alterations. Losing the ability to induce senescence appears to deprive cells of a tumor-protective mechanism - you read more about this article by Maria Abad and colleagues in the **February 2011** issue of **Aging Cell** available online at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-9726.2010.00651.x/abstract>

Young anatomists

Check out the **student section of the new Anatomical Society website** at:

www.anatsoc.org.uk/Students.aspx Here you will find links to bursaries and awards available from the society, information on the Society's Training Programme as well as tips on how to give poster and oral presentations.

Send us your news!

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