

Welcome to the November 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 joint **Winter meeting** of the **Anatomical Society, British Association of Clinical Anatomists** and the **Institute of Anatomical Sciences** will take place in Cardiff from **19-21 December 2011**. The main theme for the meeting will be Education with a symposium on '**New Anatomy - New Anatomists: the subject, student, teacher and donor**'. Symposium topics include measuring success, assessment and examination, and psychometrics with several key speakers from Europe and the United States.

The **Anatomical Society Undergraduate Prize** will be awarded, at the meeting, to the best communication by an undergraduate student.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held from 1pm to 2.00pm on **Tuesday 20th December 2011** in the **Physiology Lecture Theatre** (C-1.04) Cardiff School of Biosciences, Biomedical Sciences Building, Museum Avenue, Cardiff. Come along and see what transformative progress there has been in your Society in the past year.

If you have not yet **voted for your candidate to the Council elections**, there is still time to do so. The **ballot closes Tuesday December 13, 2011**.

Imminent Deadlines

2nd December 2011 is a key deadline for the following Anatomical Society Awards:

The Symington Bequest Award (Round 5)

The Barclay-Smith Travelling Fund (Round 5)

See www.anatsoc.org.uk for further details.

The genes for taste

Although *Six1* and *Six4* may sound like military walkie-talkie signing off codes, they are more important in defining for example our appreciation of fine red wine. Knock out both of these genes and the tongue develops poorly. Yuko Suzuki and colleagues provide a clear explanation in the December issue of the **Journal of Anatomy** at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2011.01435.x/abstract>

Fat grasshoppers without ovaries

Did you know that grasshoppers have ovaries? Even better, when these ovaries are removed the grasshoppers adapt by storing more food in body tissues and living long lives. This intriguing trade-off is explained in more interesting detail by Evan Judd and colleagues in the December issue of the journal **Ageing Cell** at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-9726.2011.00737.x/abstract>

£130 million for stem cell and regenerative medicine research

Notwithstanding the recent ban on the ability to patent inventions involving human embryonic stem cells, the Medical Research Council is still committed to investing £130 million in funding to promote the application of stem cell and related technologies for regenerative medicine over the next four years. To read more, see: <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Newspublications/News/MRC008289>.

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Calendar

19–21 December 2011 – Cardiff.

Joint Winter Meeting of Anatomical Society and the British Association of Clinical Anatomists, including Education Symposium

10–12 July 2012 – Edinburgh.

Joint Meeting of Anatomical Society, and the Spanish Anatomical Society, including Motor Neurone Symposium

Deadlines this month

December

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Symington Bequest Award Recipients 2010-11 – Round 4

Dr Simon Parson – Edinburgh University. To participate in the *8th UK Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Researchers' meeting* in Oxford, October 2011

Ms Kerry Thompson – NUI Galway. To participate in the *7th International meeting on Rapid Responses to Steroidal Hormones* in Crete, September 2011

Graduate studentships, postdoc researchers and immigration policy

Concerns about how new government proposals for immigration policy affects research personnel in universities and research institutes is outlined in a letter from the Society of Biology published in the Times on November 11th. If you missed the paper article, you can read more about it here:

<http://www.societyofbiology.org/newsandevents/news/view/365>

Student organisation advocates research careers for doctors

A new grouping of medical students, the National Student Association of Medical Research, which aims to encourage medical students to seek careers in academic research has been formed. The new organisation is supported by the Wellcome Trust. You can read more about this here:

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/News/Media-office/Press-releases/2011/WTVM053460.htm>

Vacancies

The American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC), on the island of St Maarten has a vacancy for a **faculty position in Clinical Anatomy**. The position requires a Ph.D. in the Anatomical Sciences, and/or MD with considerable experience related to the Anatomical Sciences. Closing date for applications is **2nd January 2012**. Further details may be found at

www.anatsoc.org.uk/Vacancies.aspx

Send us your news!

If you have any news, events or announcements that you would like to see published in the newsletter, send us an email.

**Departmental Seminar
Grants Award Recipients
2010-11**

Brighton University
Liverpool University
National University of Ireland
(NUI) Galway
Oxford University
St Andrew's University
York University

**Royal Society Funding
Opportunities**

Leverhulme Trust Senior Research
Fellowship (closing: 11 January
2012)

Brian Mercer Feasibility Awards
(Open for Applications)

Snap Book Reviews

Members are invited to send us a **200 word synopsis of any textbook** in anatomy, histology, anthropology, embryology or radiology which they are using in their course(s) and which they would like to highlight for other readers.

Letters to the Editors

Are there issues affecting research and education in anatomy, histology, anthropology, embryology or radiology which you would like to raise to other anatomists? Why not send a **letter to the editors** describing the issue in 150 words or less? We will publish these letters and any responses we receive each month.

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