

Anastomosis

Newsletter of the Anatomical Society

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In this issue of Anastomosis, we report back from the successful Summer meeting in Portsmouth and bring you interesting updates and news about the Society. At the extraordinary general meeting of the Society held in Portsmouth in July 2010, members voted to change (shorten) the name of the Society to "Anatomical Society".

Mark your diary!

Planning has already begun on the 2011 summer meeting of the Society that will be held in Bursa, Turkey from May 19-22, 2011. This will be a joint meeting with anatomical societies for Turkey, Spain, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. It is time to start thinking of that abstract or poster, and remember - the Society provides grant aid to members towards the cost of travelling to meetings. Apply before the deadlines. For more details, see www.anatsoc.org.uk

Imminent deadlines!

September 1, 2010 - deadline for receipt of applications from those who intend to join the Anatomy Training Programme, the Society's distance learning programme, commencing October 2010.

September 20, 2010 - the next deadline for receipt of grant applications to the Symington Bequest Fund.

October 12, 2010 - the next deadline for receipt of applications for the Society's 2011 Research Studentships. See www.anatsoc.org.uk for more details.

Did you know?

72.6% of members of the Society read the newsletter "Anastomosis" frequently.

14.9% of members of the Society are involved in research and teaching in biomechanics.

Meeting report from Portsmouth

The summer meeting of the Society held in Portsmouth was well attended. Highlights included an Education symposium on Assessment in Anatomy with contributions from Southampton, Oxford, Cardiff and Newcastle universities. The symposia on Axon-glia interaction in the CNS attracted a distinguished international field of contributors and audience. Conference dinner on the HMS Warrior was a wonderful toast to an excellent meeting. Great commendation go to Arthur Butt, Frank Schubert, Virginia Bay and the organising team for putting together a great conference experience.

Young anatomists

Gabrielle Finn and Jason Dunn organised the first (hopefully of many more) student-focused session at the summer meeting. The session entitled "Academic CV building" was very interesting and a lively and entertaining discussion followed especially concerning the idea of building an "I love me" folder as a first step towards constructing an evidence-based portfolio for a CV. For those young anatomists intrigued enough to find out more, contact Gabrielle Finn or Jason Dunn - they will be happy to provide information - and make sure to plan towards attending the next Society meeting because student-focused sessions will become a regular feature.

A pdf version of this newsletter is attached to this message and will eventually be available on the Society website www.anatsoc.org.uk. All comments to the newsletter editors at: r.ettarh@ucd.ie or jean.oconnor@ucd.ie

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New membership categories

At the extraordinary general meeting of the Society held at Portsmouth in July, new regulations were approved as part of the overhaul of the governance structure. New membership categories include undergraduate, postgraduate, and young academic. Do you know any undergraduate students who may be interested and encouraged to join the society? See www.anatsoc.org.uk for more details

Image of the month

Image of the month for August is taken from the winter meeting held at St Anne's College, Oxford University in January 2010. Delegates woke up to a picturesque "postcard" Oxford morning. Many thanks to Society archivist Professor Laurence Garey at Lausanne for sending in the photograph.

If you have any interesting images from your teaching or research, send them to us. Each month, one of these will be published in the Newsletter.



Journal of Anatomy

In the current issue, Shinichi Abe and colleagues describe the immunohistochemical distribution of intermediate filaments in skeletal muscles of the head, neck and thorax in the fetes and suggest that mechanical stress and muscle contraction may be early determinants for the development of these fibres. Read more about their study in Wiley's new online library at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2010.01246.x/abstract>

Aging Cell

Congratulations to Dr Ander Matheu and his team at the National Cancer Research Centre in Madrid for being awarded the annual Aging Cell prize for the Best Paper published in 2009. You can read about their work on expression levels of the Ink4/Arf locus on organism ageing and longevity (Vol 8:152-161) on Wiley's online library at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com>. Dr Matheu and four of his nominees will receive a year's free subscription to Aging Cell.

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