

This is the new face of Anastomosis, the Society newsletter, which will be coming to you every month. The newsletter will bring you up to date with information about what the Society has been doing and going through in our transition towards a modern, effective, representative organisation for Anatomists.

Changes afoot: making the Society better

The long process of improving the Society's **governance structures and bye-laws** has already started and great progress has been made. The Committee of Management are committed to bringing these changes to the membership for approval - changes that are designed to create a renewed sense of association among all anatomists (young and experienced) with an interest in teaching, research, charitable activity and policy-making.

New website

The all-new update of the Society's **website** is already underway. The technical details are being finalised and content is being created. The website will be a vast improvement on the current website and will eventually allow integration of a range of activities that

the Society currently offers to members: newsletter, subscriptions, conference registration.

Membership matters

Membership details are being updated and most members would have received explanatory letters and emails during this process. This is necessary in the transition of our paper-based records to electronic media that are linked to the new website. A tremendous amount of work has already gone into the process and it is hoped that the new subscription year will begin with the new electronic systems in place.

Young anatomists

More **young anatomists** are signing up and joining the Society. The newsletter will be bringing you news of how they are contributing to the Society and increasing our charitable work in the community.

ASGBI Summer Meeting



Dinner aboard the *HMS Warrior*. Look out over Portsmouth harbour from the top of the Spinaker Tower. Listen to talks by Charles ffrench-Constant, Klaus-Armin Nave and Julia Edgar. That's what is on offer at the **ASGBI Summer Meeting at the University of Portsmouth between 20-22nd of July 2010**.

Other speakers expected to attend include Jacky Trotter (Germany), Sue Barnett (Glasgow) and David Attwell (London). There is still time to register and submit abstracts: deadline is **1st June 2010**. Details at <http://www.anatsocmeeting.co.uk/ibis/summer-2010/timetable>

Education Symposium

The Education Committee has made tremendous progress in increasing the Society's contribution to anatomical teaching and pedagogic research. You can be part of this progress in Portsmouth at the Summer meeting in July where there will be an **Education symposium**: meet and exchange ideas with other teachers and researchers in anatomical teaching. It is still not too late to register.

Symposium at Triple AAA / Experimental biology meeting

Our colleagues in North America, the American Association of Anatomists (AAA), held their annual meeting in Anaheim, California between 24-28 April 2010 as part of Experimental Biology 2010. Immediate past Assistant Secretary of the Society Dr. Lopa Leach organised a **symposium on Intrauterine Programming and Placentation** which featured talks and discussions on diversity, phylogenetic fit, epigenetic lineage barriers and nutrient supply. The symposium was very well received.

Other news

Science funding – the need for common purpose. Mark Downs, Chief Executive of the Society of Biology has written an article on the implications for Science of the May elections in the UK, outlining 3 key messages which the Society of Biology presented to the party leaders prior to the elections. Read more about this at www.societyofbiology.org/aboutus/articles

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