

# Anastomosis

Newsletter of the Anatomical Society

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Welcome to the September 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!

'Intervertebral disc pain, degeneration and regeneration', a **symposium** sponsored by the Anatomical Society will take place at the Centre for Comparative and Clinical Anatomy at University of Bristol on **October 6, 2010**. For more details, see [www.anatsoc.org.uk](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk)

## Imminent deadlines

The deadline for applications by prospective supervisors for **Research Studentships** to commence in October 2011 is **Tuesday 12th October 2010**. Research Studentships may be held in departments of anatomical sciences in the UK and Ireland.

Details can be found at: [www.anatsoc.org.uk/news/news\\_details.php?id=122](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/news/news_details.php?id=122)

## Image of the month



Many thanks to Jason Dunn for sending in this photograph of the postgraduate students who attended the meeting and the student/young anatomist session on CV building at the Summer meeting in Portsmouth in July 2010.

Please continue to send us any interesting **images** from your research or teaching in the anatomical sciences. Each month the most interesting image will be published in the Newsletter.

## Journal of Anatomy

In the current issue Petro Julkunen and colleagues investigated the effects of exercise on the composition, structure, mechanical properties and tissue integrity of growing and aging hamster articular cartilage. The authors suggest that exercise at a young age demonstrated adverse effects on cartilage at a later age with a significant increase in the incidence of osteoarthritis. Read more about their study in Wiley's new online library at:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2010.01270.x/abstract>

## Aging Cell

Did you know that progesterone has cardioprotective effects at a cellular level? Stephen Morrissy and colleagues present new evidence that progesterone protects cardiomyocytes from apoptotic cell death in the October issue of the society's journal **Aging Cell**: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-9726.2010.00619.x/abstract>

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## Triple AAA / Experimental biology meeting

Our colleagues in North America, the American Association of Anatomists (AAA), will hold their **annual meeting** in Washington D.C. between 9-13 April 2011 as part of Experimental Biology 2011. The deadline for abstract submission for this meeting is Monday 8 November, 2010.

## Young anatomists

The Society of Biology are organizing two **life sciences careers conferences** aimed at undergraduates and postgraduates to demonstrate the careers options open to life science graduates. The first of these events will take place at Kings College London on November 24, 2010 and the second will take place at Aston University, Birmingham on March 2, 2011. More details can be found at:

<http://www.societyofbiology.org/education/careers/lsc>

## Other news

The European Parliament has voted to **revise legislation on animals** used for scientific purposes. The new directive will play a significant role in minimising the number of animals used in experiments, and require alternatives to be used where possible, whilst ensuring a level playing field for EU industry and enhancing the quality of research conducted in the EU. Read more at:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/1105&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&quiLanguage=en>

## Send us your news!

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

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