

# Anastomosis

Newsletter of the Anatomical Society

*Structure, Development, Evolution, Function. Bringing you information about activities and events involving the Society.*

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Welcome to the December 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](http://www.jointmeeting2011bursa.org). The deadline for submission of abstracts is **February 19, 2011**.

An **Anatomical Society seminar** on "The biomechanics of bipedal gait: about modern humans, their ancestors, and robots" will take place on place on **26<sup>th</sup> January 2011** in Birmingham. More details are available at [www.anatsoc.org.uk](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk).

## Society Prizes & Awards

The **Anatomical Society Prize & Medal for 2010** has been awarded to **Professor Mike Benjamin**, Emeritus Professor of Anatomy at Cardiff University. The **Symington Memorial Prize in Anatomy 2010** has been awarded to **Dr Richard Dyball** of Cambridge University. Congratulations to both of these outstanding scientists for their enormous accomplishments. Both honors will be officially conferred at the Winter meeting of the Society in December 2010.

## Journal of Anatomy

In the **January issue**, Sam Cobb and Olga Panagiotopoulou describe the fascinating balance between biomechanics and spatial demands involved in maintaining identical magnitudes of symphyseal strain during mandibular development. Read all about it at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2010.01321.x/abstract>

## Aging Cell

In a complex tale of insulin sensitivity, long life, and glucose, it appears that parents who live to a ripe old age bestow upon their offspring enhanced peripheral glucose disposal. Read this gripping story by Wijsman and colleagues in the **December issue of Aging cell** at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-9726.2010.00650.x/abstract>

## Seminar series

Many thanks to Dr Mathias Dutschmann for reporting on the **Society sponsored seminar** at the **University of Leeds** Institute of Membrane and Systems Biology at which Professor Holstege delivered a wonderful talk on the anatomical basis of the primary roles of the brain. His talk highlighted the significance of the interaction of these roles in the emotional motor system for animal survival strategies and mental health. Professor Holstege is chair of Anatomy and Embryology at the University of Groningen and Associate Editor of the Journal of Comparative Neurology.

The next seminar in the series will be on the **Biomechanics of bipedal gait in Birmingham on 26th January 2011**.

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## Young anatomists

It is heartening to see that medical students continue to be absorbed and engaged in all things anatomical. The **Lancaster University Medical Society** held their second meeting in May at which over 100 attended: Tom McConnell and Joseph McAleer deserve commendation for their efforts. With Society President Susan Standing and Society Investment Committee member Colin Ockleford delivering important talks on research and case studies, such events showcase the Society's efforts in continuing to press forward its involvement and commitment to young members interested in anatomy.

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

[www.anatsoc.org.uk/Students.aspx](http://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.

## Anastomosis Best Image Prize 2011

Beginning January 2011, the Society will start 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!

## Vacancies

The **University of Melbourne**, Australia is currently advertising a vacancy for a visionary new **Chair in Anatomy and Cell Biology**. The closing date is the **14th February 2011**. For further information on these positions visit the vacancies page of the Anatomical Society's website: [www.anatsoc.org.uk/Vacancies.aspx](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/Vacancies.aspx).

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## 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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**From Anastomosis,  
we wish all members and readers a  
Merry Christmas  
and look forward to a  
Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

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