

Anastomosis

Newsletter of the Anatomical Society

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Welcome to the January 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. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **February 19, 2011**.

Imminent deadline!

The registration deadline for the **American Association of Anatomists** meeting in April is **February 9, 2011**. Don't forget to register if you plan to attend.

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

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! And send in your entries!

Society President completes term of office

At the annual General Meeting of the Society held at King's College London, **Emeritus Professor Susan Standing** completed her term of office as President of the Society. During her excellent tenure, the Society made momentous strides in restructuring and repositioning itself as the pre-eminent society for teaching and research in the anatomical sciences with a new name, logo, governance structure and website. We wish Susan the very best in her future endeavors.

New Society President and Council take office

A **new President of the Society** was elected at the AGM - **Professor Ceri Davies** of Imperial College. Congratulations also go to the incoming Honorary Secretary Professor Clive Lee, Deputy Secretary Dr. Garry Duffy, Meetings Officer Dr. Simon Parsons, Research Officer Professor Stefan Przyborski, Membership Officer Dr. Sam Cobb and Website Management Officer Dr. Grenham Ireland. Collectively the new Council represents the new dynamism in the Society.

All Matters Educational

The Anatomical Society represents all endeavors in research and teaching, and has an **Education Committee** headed by Professor Bernard Moxham that takes special and particularly keen interest in anatomical education, curriculum and curricular reform, scholarship and educational research. Their new action plan will see the Society developing curricular and assessment strategies in medicine and dentistry, an image bank as well as setting up outreach activities.

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Journal of Anatomy

Gemma Buckley and colleagues describe accelerated wound healing and tissue regeneration in the ear of the MRL/MpJ mouse in the **February 2011** issue of the **Journal of Anatomy**. Density of regenerated nerves is considerably higher than normal and precedes wound vascularisation, recapitulating early mammalian development. Read the full article [at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2010.01313.x/abstract](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2010.01313.x/abstract)

Aging Cell

Oocytes can reprogram nuclei of somatic cells towards pluripotency. Can old oocytes still "do reprogramming"? Telma Esteves and colleagues asked this question and found that tight regulation of intrinsic pro- and anti-reprogramming factors is involved. Read their findings in the **February 2011** issue of **Aging Cell** at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-9726.2010.00644.x/abstract>

Young anatomists

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

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.

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 this position, visit the vacancies page of the Anatomical Society's website: www.anatsoc.org.uk/Vacancies.aspx.

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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