

Welcome to the June 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 joint **Winter meeting** of the **Anatomical Society** and the **British Association of Clinical Anatomists** will take place in Cardiff from **19-21 December 2011**. Continue to check the Meetings section on the Society website ([www.anatsoc.org.uk](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk)) for further details.

The 11th Congress of the **European Association of Clinical Anatomy** will be held jointly with the Summer meeting of the British Association of Clinical Anatomists at the University of Padua, Italy from 29 June – 1 July, 2011.

### The Anatomical Society goes to Bursa

The Anatomical Society was well represented at the **Joint Meeting of Anatomical Societies** held from 19-22nd May in **Bursa, Turkey**. With seven other societies involved, it was a great meeting of minds and was covered by and reported in the Turkish national press. Members and PhD students presented their research work during the meeting. Further details of the conference including abstracts and photos can be found at <http://www.jointmeeting2011bursa.org/>.

### New to Anastomosis!

Beginning June 2011, the Society is adding two new sections to Anastomosis: '**Snap Book Reviews**' and '**Letters to the Editors**' (see right panel for details). Most members are familiar with and read reviews of newly released textbooks to find out, for instance, how appropriate they may be for the courses or techniques that we teach or use. But you might be using a textbook in your course that is not a new release - but that other educators have not used. Why not consider writing a 'snap review' of a textbook in any anatomical science: histology, anthropology, veterinary anatomy, embryology, radiology? Or if you wish to raise an issue that you think affects educators or researchers in the anatomical sciences, write to us. Reviews and letters will be published each month.

### Anatomical Society Research Studentships

Applications are currently being invited from prospective supervisors for **Research Studentships** to commence in **October 2012**. The scope of projects to which these studentships can be applied include **laboratory-based** and **educational research projects**. The closing date for applications is **Friday 14 October 2011**. For further information and application form: [www.anatsoc.org.uk/awards/grantsandprizes](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/awards/grantsandprizes)

### Research funding opportunities

The Royal Society is offering a number of funding opportunities for researchers in the life and physical sciences (excluding clinical medicine). There is a current call for **research grants for "seed corn" funding for new projects** initiated by research scientists at an early stage of their career (within the first 5 years) with the aim of increasing the availability of specialised equipment, consumable materials and services: **deadline is 7 June 2011** (<http://royalsociety.org/Research-Grants/>). The deadline for the **international exchanges scheme** for UK scientists who wish to

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### Calendar

**19–21 December 2011** – Cardiff.  
*Joint Winter Meeting of Anatomical Society and the British Association of Clinical Anatomists, including Education Symposium*

**10–12 July 2012** – Edinburgh.  
*Tripartite Meeting of Anatomical Society, American Association of Anatomists and Spanish Anatomical Society, including Motor Neurone Symposium*

### Symington Bequest Award Recipients 2010-11 – Round 2

**Dr Tom Hawkins** - to participate in the 7th European Zebrafish Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland from 5th to 9th July 2011.

**Dr Fabio Quondamatteo** - to participate in the Gordon Research Conference on Collagen in New Hampshire, USA from 17th to 22nd July 2011.

**Ms Laura Comley** - to participate in the ApoE Receptors and Neurodegeneration Symposium in Chicago, USA from 6th to 7th June 2011.

**Dr Alanna Stanley** - to visit the Laboratory of Professor Cord Brakebusch in the Biotech Research and Innovation Centre (BRIC) in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2011.

collaborate with scientists overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel is  
**30 June 2011** (<http://royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/international-exchanges/>).

### Draining the breast to the nodes

Evan Blumgart and colleagues at the Universities of Auckland and Sydney have examined widely held anatomical assumptions regarding lymphatic drainage patterns of the breast including symmetry, tumor prevalence and node field drainage in their paper published in the **June issue** of the **Journal of Anatomy**. This makes for interesting reading for anatomy educators and clinicians involved in breast cancer treatment and management. You can read more about this at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2011.01362.x/abstract>

### Anatomical Society Best Image Prize 2011

The Society is now accepting entries for the **Best Image Prize**. Images will be judged by the website committee and will be published on the society website and in *Anastomosis*. The deadline for the next **two prizes** is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011. Don't forget to turn those cameras on! Submit your entries at [www.anatsoc.org.uk](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk)

### Is Diabetes related to Alzheimer's disease?

Can diabetics suffer from Alzheimer's disease? Do Alzheimer's patients develop diabetes? In the paper published in the current issue of **Aging Cell**, Pasquale Picone and colleagues at the University of Palermo, Italy show that Akt-mediated insulin signalling protects cells by antagonizing the cell death process that is associated with beta-amyloid. You can read more about this at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-9726.2011.00724.x/abstract>

### Fears of small universities confirmed in HEIF allocations

Pleas from smaller universities to revise proposed changes to the Higher Education Innovation Fund have been ignored, with 31 institutions set to lose their funding following an announcement of allocations last week. The Higher Education Funding Council for England confirmed that universities must now reach a threshold of minimum levels of "innovation activity", such as contract research and intellectual property, to get HEIF funding. Some 98 universities will share the £150 million-a-year pot. Read more at <http://www.researchresearch.com>.

### RSE launches new Young Academy

The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) has launched a call for applications to a new Young Academy of Scotland. The RSE, Scotland's National Academy of Science and Letters, with a history dating back to 1783, is seeking to encourage the current generation of young academics and professionals to contribute to solving the challenges of the current age. Read more at <http://www.royalsoced.org.uk>.

### No fixed address

A postdoctoral position was once the passport to a research post for life. But the inexorable growth in numbers of postdoctoral researchers means competition for academic careers is fierce. What can be done to help early career scientists looking for a lab to call home? Read more at [timeshighereducation](http://timeshighereducation)

**Send us your news!** If you have any news, events or announcements that you would like to see published in the newsletter, send us an email.

### Departmental Seminar Grants Award Recipients 2010/11

**Dr Jo Bishop**, University of Swansea  
**Professor Colin Ockleford**, University of Lancaster  
**Dr Jenny Skidmore**, University of Southampton  
**Professor Roger Soames**, University of Dundee  
**Professor Alistair Warren**, University of Sheffield  
**Professor Clive Lee** and **Professor Fergal O'Brien**, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

### Snap Book Reviews

*Members are invited to send us a **200 word synopsis of any textbook in anatomy, histology, anthropology, embryology or radiology which they are using in their course(s) and which they would like to highlight for other readers.***

### Letters to the Editors

*Are there issues affecting research and education in anatomy, histology, anthropology, embryology or radiology which you would like to raise to other anatomists? Why not send a **letter to the editors** describing the issue in 150 words or less? We will publish these letters and any responses we receive each month.*

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**ANATOMICAL SOCIETY  
BEST IMAGE PRIZE**

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**Name of Award:**

*Anatomical Society Best Image Award.*

**Applicants:**

*Anatomical Society Members.*

**Awarded:** *Twice a Year.*

**Judging Panel:** *Website Committee.*

**Amount Awarded:** *£200 twice a year.*

**Deadline dates for next 2 prizes:** *31st October 2011, 31st May 2012*

**Submit at:**

*[www.anatsoc.org.uk](http://www.anatsoc.org.uk)*

**Images:**

*Should be colourful graphical images minimum 75dpi and a maximum size of 0.5 Mbytes for use on our website/newsletter.*

*Consent from people appearing in any photos is required.*

*A short 50-word narrative should accompany the image (for example: what it is; how it was produced; why it is special).*

**Number of images:**

*An applicant may submit more than one image.*

**Copyright:**

*Applicants submitting images must either own the copyright of the image or have gained the explicit permission of the copyright holder for the image to be submitted for this award. A copyright statement must accompany each application.*