

Anastomosis

Newsletter of the Anatomical Society

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Welcome to the May 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) for further details.

New to Anastomosis!

Beginning June 2011, the Society is adding two new sections to Anastomosis: '**Snap Book Reviews**' and '**Letters to the Editors**'.

****Snap Book Reviews****

We would like to take this opportunity to invite members to send us a **200 word synopsis of a 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? If so, please 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.

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 31st October 2011. Don't forget to turn those cameras on! Submit your entries at <http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/Awards/GrantsandPrizes/AnatomicalSocietyBestImagePrize.aspx>

Journal of Anatomy

Cray and colleagues discuss timing of ectocranial suture closure activity in *Gorilla gorilla* in the May issue of Journal of Anatomy. The authors report a strong relationship between dental development and suture activity. Read more at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2011.01358.x/abstract>

A how-to for peer review

Your cross-disciplinary grant application has been rejected. Do you wonder if specialist reviewers really grasped its scope? Would you feel more or less confident in the process if reviewers were paid? A guide 'The European Peer Review Guide' released last week surveys the range of practices in Europe — and offers suggestions for improvement. Read more in *Nature* 473, 17 (2011) and at <http://www.nature.com/news/2011/110504/full/473017a.html>

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Medical Students debated in UK Parliament

An important and interesting debate on funding for medical students, bursary support, admissions versus socioeconomic class, provisions for clinical placements and the impact of graduate-entry medical students is outlined in <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110503/halltext/110503h0002.htm#1105032000004>.

Ruling on stem-cell patents may spell end of research in Europe

Leading Biomedical scientists, including Sir Ian Wilmut, spoke out against the ruling of Yves Bot, advocate-general of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg that has labelled the patent of any invention that comes out of research involving stem cells obtained from human embryos as immoral. Read more at <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/ruling-on-stemcell-patents-may-spell-end-of-research-in-europe-2275771.html>

Science and Technology Facilities Council Studentships

The STFC's Education, Training and Careers Committee have made recommendations on the allocations of forthcoming PhD studentships in light of the comprehensive spending review; favouring university departments which have a proven record of completion within 4 years. Allocations will drop by 10% for departments with 50-69% completion, and will be reduced by 20% for departments with less than 50% completion. Read more at <http://www.stfc.ac.uk/About%20STFC/34629.aspx>

Vacancies

University College Dublin, is currently advertising the position of **Professor of Anatomy and Developmental Biology**. The appointee will assume a position of academic leadership in the area of Anatomy and Developmental Biology within the UCD School of Medicine and Medical Science.

University of Lancaster is currently recruiting a **Lecturer in Human Anatomy**. The appointee will contribute to the teaching and administration of the undergraduate medical degree to an annual cohort of 50 Lancaster-based students and to the development and delivery of new postgraduate degree programmes.

For further information on these positions visit the vacancies page of the Anatomical Society's website: www.anatsoc.org.uk/Vacancies.aspx .

Send us your news!

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