

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 **8th Annual Stem Cell Summit** takes place on **April 19-20, 2012** in Boston, MA. The **22nd International Symposium on Morphological Sciences** takes place **12-16 February 2012** in Sao Paolo, Brazil. The central theme is 'Morphology: from the lab to the bedside' and includes an education Symposium titled 'Is it possible to integrate morphological subjects?'

Imminent Deadlines

2nd February 2012 is a key deadline for the following Anatomical Society Awards:
Symington Bequest Award 2012 (Round 1)
Barclay-Smith Travelling Fund 2012 (Round 1)
See www.anatsoc.org.uk for further details.

Morris-Kay says farewell to Journal of Anatomy

Prof Gillian Morris-Kay edits her final issue of the Journal of Anatomy as **Editor-in-Chief** this month. The Society and Anastomosis are enormously grateful to Professor Morris-Kay for the long and wonderful service to the journal and wish her well in future endeavours. You can read Professor Morris-Kay's valedictory editorial in the January issue of the journal at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2011.01454.x/abstract>

Best Paper Award – Aging Cell

Congratulations to Dy Liao and colleagues for winning the **Best Paper Award** for their work on "Genetic variation in the murine lifespan response to dietary restriction: from life extension to life shortening". For those who have always been fascinated by the "weight-watchers" and "slim-fast" approach to longevity in mice, this paper is one for you. Honorable mention also goes to runners-up S. Liang and colleagues and to Y. Kanfi and colleagues for their contributions to the journal.

Anatomical Society Best Image Prize

Anatomical Society Best Image Prize winners have been announced: joint first prize and congratulations to **Dr Jon Collinson** for his visually stunning depiction of myosin in a whole mount of the developing ventral pad of the mouse paw, and to **Daniel Tams** for his magnificent neurosphere induced by the synthetic retinoid AH61. Both winning images are displayed in the right panel. Also highly commended for his effort is the runner-up submission by Dr M. K. Hajihosseini showing fibroblast growth factor 10 expression in the molecular layer of the adult mouse cerebellum.

Barclay-Smith Travelling Award (Round 5)

Congratulations to Dr Maan Al-Abassi for being awarded a Barclay-Smith Travelling Award to attend the society's winter meeting in Cardiff in December 2011.

New Research Studentships Commencing October 2012

Congratulations to Prof J Aplin, Dr G Clowry, Prof T Gillingwater and Prof A Pitsillides on their success in the last round of society funding for research studentships that will commence in October 2012. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their investigative endeavours at Society meetings.

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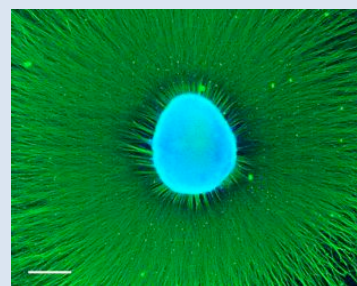
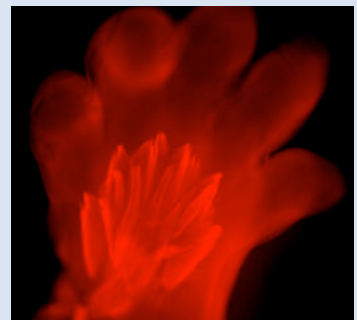
12–16 February 2012 – Sao Paolo, Brazil.

22nd International Symposium on Morphological Sciences, including Education Symposium

10–12 July 2012 – Edinburgh.

Joint Meeting of Anatomical Society, and the Spanish Anatomical Society, including Motor Neurone Symposium

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Fine structure at the jaw

It is always heartening to see research work on histological aspects of anatomical structures. If you teach or work on the temporomandibular joint, you may be interested in Mérida-Velasco's paper on extratympanic portion of the discomalleolar ligament in adult humans published in the January issue of the **Journal of Anatomy** at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2011.01447.x/abstract>

Old skin and new stem cells

Old skin is relative. Old skin can give rise to stem cell-like cells. But Wnt-catenin activation may be required to accomplish this. Cuiping Zhang and colleagues describe their findings in a paper in the February issue of **Aging Cell** which you can read at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-9726.2011.00753.x/abstract>

Anatomical Society Medal awarded to Harold Ellis at Cardiff Meeting

The joint meeting of the Anatomical Society with the British Association of Clinical Anatomists and the Institute of Anatomical Sciences at Cardiff (December 19-21, 2011) focused on education matters and attracted just over 200 delegates, with almost 100 submitting abstracts for oral or poster presentation. Delegates came from far and near including New Zealand, Korea, Iraq, and Holland. At the meeting, the President Professor D. Ceri Davies presented **Emeritus Professor Harold Ellis the Anatomical Society Medal** in recognition of his teaching excellence.



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

Vacancies

The **University of Edinburgh** is currently seeking applications for a funded **PhD studentship in Neurodegeneration research**. Deadline is **Wednesday 15 February 2012**.

The **University of Aberdeen College of Life Sciences and Medicine** has a vacancy for an **Anatomy Facility Support Technician**. Closing date for applications is **25 January 2012**.

Hull York Medical School is currently seeking applications for a funded **PhD studentship in Biomechanics**. Deadline is **2 March 2012**. Further details may be found at www.anatsoc.org.uk/Vacancies.aspx

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.

Barclay-Smith Travelling Awards 2011 – Round 5

Maan Al-Abassi – University of Bristol. To attend Winter meeting of the Anatomical Society in Cardiff, December 2011

New Research Studentships Commencing October 2012

Prof. John Aplin – University of Manchester – ‘Adhesion signalling in embryo-epithelial interactions at implantation’

Dr Gavin Clowry – University of Newcastle – ‘Expression of autism susceptibility genes in the earliest stages of human cerebral cortex development’

Prof. Thomas Gillingwater – University of Edinburgh – ‘Why are some motor neurons particularly vulnerable to degeneration in the childhood motor neurone disease Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)’

Prof Andrew Pitsillides – Royal Veterinary College London – ‘Mechanoadaptation of developing limbs: ‘Shaking a Leg’

Letters to the Editors

Letters to the editors describing issues in 150 words or less and any responses we receive will be published each month in the newsletter.

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