

Welcome to the July 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 winter meeting of the Anatomical Society will be held at the **Royal Veterinary College** in London on **December 17th-19th, 2012**.

The summer meeting of the Anatomical Society will be held at the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland** in Dublin on **July 4th-5th, 2013**.

125th Anniversary Celebrations at Edinburgh

For those who were not able to join us in Edinburgh, the **125th anniversary** joint meeting with our Spanish colleagues was a tremendous success. With 165 attendees from as far afield as Kuwait, USA and Switzerland, 30 oral presentations and 60 posters, it was exciting to welcome the 48 students who attended.

Highlights included Harvard Professor of Neuroscience Jeff Lichtman's tour de force presentation on brain imaging, Professor Gillian Morriss-Kay's history of the Journal of Anatomy (below) and some greatly entertaining and hugely enjoyable Scottish ceilidh dancing.



Anatomy Training Programme 2012

Applications are now being accepted for admission into the Anatomy Training Program starting September 2012. The **deadline** for submission of applications is **August 1, 2012** and forms can be downloaded from the Society webpages at <http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/Education/AnatomyTrainingProgramme/>. To discuss academic content of the programme, please email Dr David Heylings D.Heylings@uea.ac.uk or Prof John Morris john.morris@dpag.ox.ac.uk. For administrative matters please contact the [Executive Administrator](#). Completed applications should be returned by email to Dr Heylings.

Symington Memorial Prize

Established in 1920 by the Queen's University of Belfast in commemoration of Professor Johnson Symington, the **Society's premier prize** is awarded to recognize a coherent research programme spanning several years. Applicants must be members of the Society below the rank of Professor. For further information contact the [Executive Administrator](#).

Research in Anatomy: Cork

Within the new Western Gateway building beats the heart of research in anatomy and neuroscience in **University College Cork, Ireland**. Powered by a well-funded research program in neural development, degeneration and regeneration to complement teaching in anatomy, and the expertise to match, you can read the full story about **anatomy teaching and research at Cork** at www.anatsoc.org.uk/research.aspx

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Calendar

17–19 December 2012 –London.
Winter Meeting of Anatomical Society at the Royal Veterinary College

16 – 21 September 2012 –
Manchester. European Microscopy Congress

Deadlines this month

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Symington Bequest Awards – Round 4

Peter Wooding – to visit the *Cetacean Research Institute Tokyo* and contribute to *Comparative Placentation workshop at the International Federation of Placental Anatomists Meeting Hiroshima, Japan, 18 - 21 September 2012*.

Barclay-Smith Travelling Award – Round 4

Matheus Andrade – joint meeting of *Anatomical Society and Sociedad Anatómica Española in Edinburgh, 10-12 July 2012*

Anatomical Society Research Studentships

Applications are currently being invited from prospective supervisors for **Research Studentships** to commence in **October 2013**. 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 7 September 2012**. For further information and application form: www.anatsoc.org.uk/awards/grantsandprizes

Symington Bequest Awardee Report

With 2600 abstracts for discussion and almost 8000 scientists to interact with, the Society's support for Waheed Mahmood's participation at the Endocrine Society meeting in Houston Texas in June 2012 offered the opportunity to showcase his work on follistatin-like (FSTL3) knock-out mice. For his work which was done in Dr Imelda McGonnell's laboratory at the Royal Veterinary College, Waheed received the Endocrine Society's Outstanding Abstract Award as well as the Presidential Poster Prize Award. You can read more in Waheed's report at

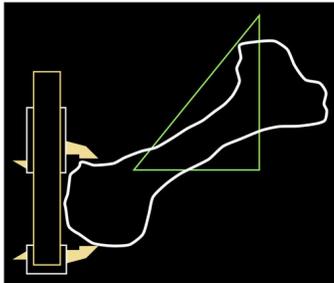
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How biology can save the world

'We believe the solutions to the world's biggest problems will be found within the biosciences'. The 2012 Society of Biology Photography Competition is now seeking pictures that demonstrate biological problems and solutions. For more information see: <http://www.societyofbiology.org/newsandevents/photocomp>. Closing date for applications: **31st July 2012**.

Synoptics: New York – a bone engineer in Manhattan

Each morning during the week, north of New York's Central Park in Manhattan, Oran Kennedy makes his way into the neo-gothic architectural showpieces that make up what is the oldest of the City University colleges in New York. Whether it is exploring how the tiny cells in bone (osteocytes) organize themselves into contractors, foremen and builders in order to repair bone damage in our bodies, or helping to gently introduce students to the mysteries of tissue engineering in the body, Oran finds that each day his work as a research associate and lecturer in biomedical engineering at City College in New York is built around queries and solutions. He reckons that many of his working days "can be quite nicely defined in terms of questions and answers. My research projects are built on questions to which we don't yet have answers". Oran still finds time to connect with Vikas Swarup's novel 'Q&A' which formed the basis of the movie Slumdog millionaire. "I am currently reading this wonderful story," says Oran. "For now, it complements my question and answer working day".



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

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Barclay-Smith Travelling Award – Round 4

Jonny Stephens – joint meeting of Anatomical Society and Sociedad Anatómica Española in Edinburgh, 10-12 July 2012

Society of Biology Travelling Fellowships

Ten awards of £500 for the purpose of overseas travel in connection with biological study, teaching or research are available (Closing Date: 1st October 2012)

Royal Society Funding Opportunities

Brian Mercer Feasibility Awards
£30000 (Open for Applications)

Synoptics: new feature!

Synoptics is a reflective account of some aspect of the work that members of the society do. What do you do? What is your typical day like? You can write a 200-word description or submit brief responses using the questionnaire below. We encourage you to be lively (if possible) in your writing - this is about you. Submit your writing or responses to the editors of the newsletter at rettarh@tulane.edu or jean.oconnor@ucd.ie.

1. What has your day been like today?
2. What are you thinking about now?
3. What are you working on now?
4. What course(s) are you currently teaching?
5. What research project are you currently working on?
6. Do you remember what your first day at your present job was like?
7. Where was the most recent conference / research meeting you attended held?
8. What was the last theatre/movie you last watched?
9. What is the current book you are reading or latest you have read (if any)?
10. What is your favorite drink or pastime?