

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!

A Joint meeting of the Anatomical Society and the Sociedad Anatómica Española will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh on July 10-12th 2012. Join us in Edinburgh to celebrate the **125th anniversary** of the Society.

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 Ms Mary-Anne Piggott maryanne.piggott@kcl.ac.uk. Completed applications should be returned by email to Dr Heylings.

New Honorary Fellowships of the Anatomical Society

In response to his election as an honorary fellow of the Society, **Professor Sir Gabriel Horn** writes: 'Thank you very much for your letter informing me of the recent changes in my Society. I say 'my' Society because I think it was the first academic society I joined so that I have always felt a part of it. It is a pleasure to renew contact and an honour to become an Honorary Fellow of the Anatomical Society'.

Journal of Anatomy Best Paper Prize 2011

Congratulations to **Olga Panagiotopoulou** and co-authors for their paper entitled "The mechanical function of the periodontal ligament in the macaque mandible: a validation and sensitivity study using finite element analysis" which has won the 2011 prize for best paper published in the **Journal of Anatomy**. The paper appeared in the January 2011 issue of the journal.

Aging Cell Best Paper Prize 2011

Congratulations to **Dr Robin Minor** and co-authors for their paper entitled "The arcuate nucleus and neuropeptide Y contribute to the anti-tumorigenic effect of calorie restriction" which has won the 2011 prize for best paper published in the journal *Aging Cell*. The paper appeared in the June issue of the journal.

We also congratulate Alexey Tomilov and colleagues, as well as Nuno Gomes and colleagues for their papers published in the journal during the year that were selected as runners-up to the best paper prize.

Departmental Seminar Reports

Dr Jenny Skidmore has reported on the Society sponsored seminar that was held at the Centre for Learning Anatomical Sciences, University of Southampton on 9th May, 2012. There was good participation and interest in the workshop by **Professor Darrell Evans of Brighton and Sussex Medical School** that was attended by anatomists, clinicians and students. You can read the full report at www.anatsoc.org.uk/

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Imminent Deadlines

Prizes & Awards

News of Journal papers

Research funding opportunities

Calendar

1–6 July 2012 –University of Cambridge. Placental Biology Course

10–12 July 2012 –Edinburgh. Joint Meeting of Anatomical Society, and the Spanish Anatomical Society, including Motor Neurone Symposium

16 – 21 September 2012 – Manchester. European Microscopy Congress

Deadlines this month

JULY

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Symington Bequest Awards – Round 3

Erin Hutchinson - to attend Juvenile Osteology Course, University of Dundee, Scotland, July - August 2012.

Waheed Mahmood - to attend Endocrine Society Meeting at Houston, USA, June 2012.

Amos Matsiko - to attend International Cartilage Repair Society Meeting in Montreal, Canada, May 2012.

Symington Bequest Awardee Report

Seneka Nakagawa has reported back from her visit to the Primate Centre at the Chinese Academy of Sciences Zoological Institute in Kunming, China from 3-10 June, 2012. Ms. Nakagawa describes a fascinating experience in learning to develop protocols for gold-resin perfusions in primate brains. You can read the full report at <http://www.anatsoc.org.uk/Awards/GrantsandPrizes/TheSymingtonBequest/TheSymingtonBequestAwardRecipients201112.aspx>

Royal Society Funding Opportunities

Royal Society are inviting applications for the following:

Research professorships that support salary enhancement, provide startup grants of up to £35000 and annual research expenses of up to £16000 for a period of 5-10 years. Closing date is 26 June 2012. Further information at royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/research-professorship.

Wolfson Research Merit Awards for 5-year salary enhancements in the range £10000-30000 per annum. Closing date is 10 July 2012. Further information at royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/wolfson-research-merit/.

Brian Mercer feasibility awards for up to £30000 for postdoctoral scientists to test ideas for commercial projects. Closing date: none (rolling round). Further information at royalsociety.org/grants/schemes/brian-mercer-feasibility

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**.

Obituaries

The Society has learned with sadness of the recent passing of two Honorary Members of the society: Sir Andrew Huxley FRS and Professor Phillip Tobias. Sir Andrew shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology in 1963 for work on the mechanism of transmission of nerve impulses. A full obituary describing his work and life can be read here: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/9306431/ir-andrew-huxley-OM.html>

Professor Tobias was a palaeoanthropologist best known for his work on hominid fossils, and was nominated for the Nobel Prize on three occasions. A full obituary describing his work and life can be read here:

<http://leakeyfoundation.org/2012/06/in-memoriam-phillip-v-tobias/>

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 Award – Round 4

Virginia Bay – summer meeting of Anatomical Society in Edinburgh 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 (Open for Applications)

Synoptics: new feature!

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1. What has your day been like today? (*less than 30 words*)

2. What are you thinking about now? (*less than 30 words*)

3. What are you working on now? (*less than 30 words*)

4. What course(s) are you currently teaching?

5. What research project are you currently working on? (*less than 30 words*)

6. Do you remember what your first day at your present job was like? (*less than 30 words*)

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?
