

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.

Deadlines

Mark your diary!

The summer meeting of the Anatomical Society will be held at the **University of Bradford** on **July 8-10, 2014**. The main theme of the meeting will be "Skin and Bones", organized by Professor Richard Green, and a mini-symposium on "Curation and conservation of anatomical collections" organized by Emeritus Professor Susan Standing. Full details of the meeting will be available in early 2014 at <http://www.anat.socmeeting.co.uk/>.

People

Letter from the President

Dear Members and Fellows,

I am honoured and delighted to have been elected the 61st President of the Anatomical Society. We are all greatly indebted to Professor D. Ceri Davies for his outstanding work over the past three years – he will be a very hard act to follow! I welcome Professor Colin Ockleford and Dr Adam Taylor as Honorary Secretary and Deputy Secretary, Dr Gabrielle Finn as Membership Officer, Dr Abigail Tucker and Dr Fabio Quondamatteo as Councillors and Ms Paula Vickerton as Postgraduate Councillor. I look forward to working with them and all members of our very energetic Council for the next three years. Members and Fellows, Council and Committees work to promote, develop and advance research and education in all aspects of anatomical science. We do this through Aging Cell, Anastomosis, awards, bursaries, Departmental Seminars, Journal of Anatomy, outreach activities, prizes, research studentships, summer vacation scholarships, Summer and Winter Scientific Meetings, symposia and our website:

www.anatsoc.org.uk. We are playing an increasing role in professional development through our Anatomy Training Programme, collaborations with national and international societies, our Fellowship Programme and our Memorandum of Understanding with the British Association of Clinical Anatomists and the Institute of Anatomical Sciences.

Ask not only what the Anatomical Society can do for you but also what you can do for the Anatomical Society! Please take part in our activities and encourage your colleagues to join us.

Happy New Year - I look forward to meeting you in July at our Summer Meeting hosted by the University of Bradford.

Professor Clive Lee FAS

President of the Anatomical Society

January, 2014

Awardee Reports

Many thanks to Society awardee William Ripsher who recently reported back from his visit to the winter meeting at Newcastle in December 2013 that was supported by the Society's Barclay-Smith Travelling Fund.

The report can be viewed on the Society website at www.anatsoc.org.uk

Research

Aging Cell opens up

One of the Society's landmark journals Aging Cell has converted to an author-pays open access model beginning January 2014. In an editorial in the January issue of the journal, editors Peter Adams, Adam Antebi, Ana Maria Cuervo, Brian Kennedy and John Sedivy explain that the step was taken to maximize accessibility and impact, as well as maintain and promote the leading research published in the journal. The Aging Cell website has also been updated and refreshed, and a Twitter channel introduced. We invite you to take a look at the new changes at www.aging-cell.com

Calendar

January

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8-10 July 2014 –Bradford.
Summer Meeting of Anatomical Society at University of Bradford

Society Studentships 2014

Dr. Alan Burns, University College London

Dr Garry Duffy, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Dr Kieran McDermott, University College Cork, Ireland

Professor Zoltan Molnar, Oxford University

Royal Society Funding Opportunities

Newton International Fellowship for early-career non-UK scientists: next round opens 15 January 2014. Deadline 10 March 2014.

Brian Mercer Feasibility Award for scientists who wish to investigate the feasibility of commercialising an aspect of their research is currently open.

Journal of Anatomy: aligning histological sectioning to virtual tissue

When tissue samples are very small, aligning tissue to optimize the information being sought becomes important. This is the issue addressed by the paper "virtual tissue alignment and cutting plane definition – a new method to obtain optimal longitudinal histological sections" by Jan Danz and colleagues from universities in Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark. The paper presents a methodological standardisation that many morphologists will find very useful. You can read more about the paper at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/joa.12140/abstract>

Aging Cell: the signal that keeps on giving

Wnt signaling is implicated in development and tumorigenesis but until now has not been shown to be involved in aging. The paper by Marco Lezzerini and Yelena Budovskaya from the University of Amsterdam provides evidence to support their contention that Wnt signaling regulates aging-intrinsic genetic pathways. You can read more about their paper "a dual role of the Wnt signaling pathway during aging in *Caenorhabditis elegans*" at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/accel.12141/abstract>

Vacancies**Job Vacancies**

The **University of Bristol** - Centre for Comparative and Clinical Anatomy is inviting applications for fixed-term contract positions (ten months September-June) as **Anatomy Demonstrators** from registered medical or dental practitioners. There will be a number of posts, which are offered on fixed-term contracts for ten months (September-June). There are no clinical duties and responsibilities will focus on the teaching (and production of prosection specimens) of human anatomy to medical and dental students. Closing Date: Sunday, 2 March 2014

Applications are invited for a **Lecturer in Anatomy and Clinical Skills** at **Durham University** - School of Medicine, Pharmacy and Health. Successful applicant is expected to contribute to the delivery of undergraduate anatomy teaching in the Phase 1 Medicine programme. Closing Date: Friday, 21 February 2014

Northumbria University -Faculty of Health and Life Sciences is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates for a vacancy as a **Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Anatomy**. The successful candidate will be expected to teach, lead, develop and coordinate modules including teaching and assessment of human gross anatomy, histology/cell biology and embryology to first year medical students and Biomedical Science students. Closing date: Sunday, 2 March 2014

Graduate Center**New Support for Student Societies**

The Society has created a new series of awards for supporting Student Societies. Applications for funding from Student Surgical Societies and Other Student Societies for up to 6 awards per funding cycle (1 October to 30 September) will be considered by the Society. Each award will be for a maximum of £200. More details are available on www.anatsoc.org.uk

Letters to the Editors

*Do you have any issues affecting research and education in anatomy, histology, anthropology, embryology or radiology that you would like to raise with 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.*

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.*



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