

# BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY



## Newsletter Christmas

2009

President: Professor Allen Goodship

**BORS 2010 MEETING**  
**CARDIFF**  
**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2010.**



Please register as early as possible -

**"Early bird" registration 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 -**  
after which date a late booking fee will apply.

### **PROFESSOR ALLEN GOODSHIP** **PRESIDENT**



It is an honour for me to take over as President of the Society from Brigitte Scammell. I hope I can add to the developments she initiated in taking our Society forward and increasing its recognition both nationally and internationally. Please do engage fully with the Society and let us have your ideas for improvements.

Brigitte Scammell, Roger Bayston and Trudy Roach have worked very hard to take the Society forward and we owe them a debt of gratitude for all their time and commitment. Beth Norton has also made a huge difference to the administration of the Society (it is intended that the BORS administration remains in Nottingham.) My thanks also go to Mark Birch - an outstanding webmaster. (Plans are in hand to expand and develop the web further in the New Year).

It seems a long time ago now that we enjoyed the hospitality of the Newcastle Meeting with Andy McCaskie and his team. This was an excellent Meeting with first-rate invited speakers, outstanding presentations and a fantastic conference dinner! We expect great things from Debbie Mason, Cathy Holt and the Cardiff team as they prepare for the 2010 Meeting on **12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of July.** We hope you will all support this meeting and submit abstracts of high scientific quality. Don't miss the deadline - **14<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.** Submissions from young researchers are especially encouraged. The Society via the Meeting provides an opportunity to present new work in a positive and constructively critical environment. The Society not only caters for young researchers in a clinical setting, but also, for more academic research. We feel it is important to ensure that high quality 'big' science is a part of our portfolio.

The Joint Award session at the BOA was reasonably attended but could be improved. I also hope more BOA attendees will support the BORS, BOA, and BOTA Award Session and the finalists given the appropriate opportunity to address questions and receive comments. Well done to all, particularly the winners, it was a most enjoyable session.

I am working with Brigitte, our past President, to continue the initiative of the Travelling Fellowships that enables young scientists with different backgrounds, clinical, biological and engineering to visit centres of excellence in the USA. Our initial aspiration to make a formal link with the ORS with reciprocal visits has not progressed as we had hoped as the ORS have some issues that need to be resolved. We feel the educational experience reported by our Fellows, and the outcomes of their visit have been so good that the concept must be progressed even if driven by BORS alone. We are exploring further exciting options and may expand this to a more global travel programme in view of opportunities at centres in Europe, Australasia as well as the Americas. We shall report as these ideas are progressed.

In the highly competitive world of today we are also continuing and expanding on the successful joint meetings with the Bone Research Society. The next joint meeting is planned for 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, in Cambridge. The local BORS co-Chair is Professor Neil Rushton. The exact venue is still being considered and will be announced in the not too distant future. The Societies are synergistic and the Meeting provides opportunities for members of each Society to attend both joint and Society-specific sessions.

The end of the year, and indeed the decade, is close and we hope to review the research developments of the decade, highlighted as the Bone and Joint decade by the WHO, at the Cardiff meeting. The importance of research related to the neuro-musculoskeletal system is under-represented in the strategic planning of many Universities and funding organizations, despite the prevalence and high morbidity of musculoskeletal disorders, particularly in our ageing population. We must increase awareness of the impact of these disorders on both quality of life and on healthcare costs.

I look forward to continuing to develop BORS with the assistance of Gordon Blunn, Xuebin Yang, Beth Norton, the Committee and, of course, all the BORS members in the New Year. I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest Committee Member, Dr Harinderjit (Richie) Gill - recently elected as an engineering representative.

All that remains is for me to thank you all for your support throughout the year and to wish you a most enjoyable Festive Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Allen Goodship**

### **PROFESSOR GORDON BLUNN** **HONORARY SECRETARY**



I am pleased to have been elected as the secretary for BORS. I believe that BORS plays an important role in musculoskeletal research in the UK. Importantly the society caters for the young researcher from both clinical and more academic backgrounds. The travelling fellowships allow up and coming young researchers to visit other institutions and the informality of the BORS Annual Meetings means that they can present their work which will be critiqued in a friendly manner by more experienced, internationally recognised individuals.

The Society also enables the more clinical researchers in the musculoskeletal field to interface with the more academically minded and this interchange of ideas is crucial, particularly in times where translational research is increasingly important.

I have been a member of BORS for over eight years and I encourage all my young graduate students and post docs to present at the Society's Annual Meetings. BORS has supported one of my postdocs during a visiting travelling fellowship to the US which has not only been beneficial to the individual but also to my Department.

As a member, and now as the Secretary of BORS, I believe that all members should actively participate in the Society and look forward to help making this happen in the New Year.

**Gordon Blunn**

### **DR XUEBIN YANG** **HONORARY TREASURER**

I am deeply honoured to have been elected for the office of BORS Treasurer. BORS is a prestigious organization that continues to be invaluable in building scientific collaborations and interdisciplinary networks between scientists and clinicians with a common interest in orthopaedic research.



Since joining the Society in 2000, I have personally benefited from its generous support. Two BORS Travelling Fellowships Awards have provided me with the opportunity to visit both the University of California San Francisco, USA (2001) and Queen's University, Canada (2003), which provide keys to me gaining invaluable research experience and building international collaborations. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve the society and work together with the leadership team and the BORS members to further its missions in research and education and to facilitate communication and collaboration.

My own clinical orthopaedic background and research experience in skeletal tissue engineering would allow me to span interdisciplinary divides and serve both BORS and my esteemed colleagues who are actively engaged in orthopaedic research.

**Xuebin Yang**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE** **BORS/BOTA/BOA PRIZE-** **WINNERS PRIZES WERE** **GENEROUSLY DONATED BY DJO.**

**First Prize** was awarded to **Alan Getgood** for his paper "**Platelet rich plasma activation in collagen/glycosaminoglycan osteochondral scaffolds for articular cartilage tissue engineering applications**"

**Second Prize** was awarded to **Prag Jaiswal** for his paper "**Fracture repair in osteoporosis: when are osteoclasts important?**"



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Professional Qualifications: .....

Special scientific interests: .....

Website Database

It is the intention of the Society to include members' details on the BORS website (to be password protected). Should you not wish your details to be included on the website please tick the box.

Please send the completed form and direct debit mandate to:

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