

# BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY



Newsletter Autumn 2008

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## **MISS B. E. SCAMMELL** **PRESIDENT**



### **Manchester Meeting:**

My first duty is to thank Janet Crompton and her team for their excellent organisation of the meeting and to thank Beth Norton, our BORS Administrator in Nottingham for her organisation of the

BORS scientific contribution to the meeting. We are also indebted to the local organising team, particularly Terry O'Neill.

The Combined Meeting of the Bone Research Society and BORS was an outstanding success as it allowed members of both societies to share scientific and clinical knowledge, and research. Highlights included a keynote lecture by Alan Silman, Medical Director of the ARC; a new investigator session; bone repair and mechanobiology; imaging; and new concepts in OA, cartilage and vitamin D. The next combined BORS/BRS meeting will be in 2011 in Cambridge.

Young investigator awards, generously supported by the Furlong Foundation, were awarded to Mr A El-Serafi, Southampton - Best Oral Presentation by a Scientist; Mr A Amin, Edinburgh and Mr A Gordon, Sheffield - Joint Best Oral Presentation by a Clinical Scientist; Mr P G Bush, Edinburgh - Best Poster; and Mr N Millar, Glasgow - Best Oral Poster. Congratulations to all our prize winners. The Oral Posters were new to BORS. Feedback has shown that this was a welcome addition and will be repeated at the next annual meeting

### **Banks:**

Our honorary Treasurer, Trudy Roach, together with Beth Norton, BORS Administrator, have worked extremely hard to effect the change in bank from RBS to Lloyds-TSB. We believe that this change is in the best interests of the Society. Please return your new direct debit mandates as soon as possible.

As always, I would like to hear from you as to how the Society can work on your behalf to improve Orthopaedic research in the UK.

Please contact me via Beth on  
[oas-admin@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:oas-admin@nottingham.ac.uk)

**Brigitte Scammell**

**BORS 2009 MEETING**  
**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> -23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2009.**



***Abstract deadline is 14th  
February 2009***

Please register as early as possible -

***"Early bird" registration 27th March 2009***

- after which a late booking fee will apply.

[Register your interest](#) here

**An examination of the registration details of the Manchester Meeting last year revealed that of the 265 delegates attending only 38 were BORS members!**

**DR ROGER BAYSTON**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY**



**New Constitution:**

Those present at the AGM in Manchester will know that we have made changes to the BORS Constitution. The new Constitution can be seen on the BORS website. The main changes are a new category of membership to allow those whose contribution to Orthopaedic Research BORS wishes to recognise to be made Honorary Members. Senior Members are those retired Ordinary Members who have expressed a wish to remain in contact through BORS. It is no longer necessary for those seeking BORS membership to have presented at a BORS meeting.

**Committee Changes:**

Professor Allen Goodship has been elected President Elect 2008-9. He will become President in 2009.

Professor Gordon Blunn and Dr Xuebin Yang have been appointed to membership of the Executive Committee.

Mr Iain McNamara was co-opted as BOTA Representative.

**Roger Bayston – Email:**

[Roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk)

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The offices in which nominations are being sought are:

**Secretary Elect 2008 – 2009 (Full Office 2009 – 2011) and**

Roger Bayston will not seek re-election in 2009 due to a commitment with another society.

**Committee Member – Clinician (2008 – 2011).**

Please submit nominations by **1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008** on the enclosed form to the *Honorary Secretary*:

Dr Roger Bayston  
Associate Professor  
Division of Orthopaedic and Accident Surgery  
Queen's Medical Centre  
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust  
Nottingham, NG7 2UH

Email: [roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk)

**DR TRUDY ROACH**  
**HONORARY TREASURER**



I am very happy to report that the new banking arrangements are now in place and members will shortly be receiving an explanatory letter from me, together with a new direct debit mandate which I would be grateful if you would return to Roger Bayston immediately upon receipt please. I know this may not seem a high priority because you are all very busy people. However, there would be no better reward for me, for my efforts, than to have you respond promptly so that I can have the whole exercise completed in time for the new Treasurer to take over.

On a different note, I am happy to report that in spite of not receiving the full membership contributions in the past, BORS finances are healthy. The Annual Meetings in Dundee and Manchester returned a handsome surplus. We were able to support the BORS/ORS Travelling Fellows, although most of the money was obtained as sponsorship from Smith & Nephew, thanks to the efforts of Hamish Simpson. Many thanks, Hamish, for all your efforts.

We also have money for Travel awards to give BORS members the opportunity to visit another facility. These awards are up to £1000 and we usually do not get enough applicants for these. So here is a call to all junior members: if your research would benefit from a brief stay in another facility, why not apply for a Travel award? This is one of my more pleasurable duties.

**Trudy Roach, Email:** [hr@soton.ac.uk](mailto:hr@soton.ac.uk)

**JBJS Publication of Abstracts**

The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery have published the abstracts from the BORS/BRS Combined Meeting held in July 2006 (Proceedings Supplement II with the July 2008 JBJSB issue.) The abstracts are now online at: <http://proceedings.jbjs.org.uk/>

As you will see, there is a considerable delay in publishing. JBJS are working on the backlog as quickly as possible.

**BORS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE**

Bruce Caterson ([caterson@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:caterson@Cardiff.ac.uk)) and Tony Miles ([ensawm@bath.ac.uk](mailto:ensawm@bath.ac.uk)) are the BORS representatives on this committee. To date they have reviewed 3 rounds of grant applications. They both feel it is vital to maintain BORS representation on this committee and would welcome your views.

## **MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ELECT – PROFESSOR ALLEN GOODSHIP**

I have a very long standing association with BORS, from presenting my early research as a PhD student through invited keynote lectures to co-hosting the Annual Meeting at Stanmore. My research interests are in the pathobiology of the musculoskeletal system, functional adaptation and translational research.

I consider that we have a unique Society providing a stimulating platform to encourage young researchers from both clinical and basic science backgrounds with an ethos for taking science from bench to bedside. In addition we maintain awareness of cutting edge developments in science and their application to musculoskeletal pathobiology.

I believe we are well placed to take forward the Society to retain the encouragement and support of young researchers while enhancing the profile of the Society at National and International levels. I fully endorse the consolidation to a single Annual Meeting and the association for this with other relevant societies, in particular the Bone Research Society. I also support the Travelling Fellowship Scheme and should like to build on the North American BORS-ORS Travelling Research Fellowships. I believe the strengthening of links with the BOA should be a key activity together with contributing to enhanced political awareness of musculoskeletal disease in general and the key themes addresses in the Bone and Joint Decade research strategy. As we approach the end of the BDJ we need to highlight the major advances and prepare a strategic plan to progress this research and its clinical translation for the future.

The Society is well placed to address the issues associated with population demographics and current needs to base research and its outcomes on an evidence basis. I should like to focus on the role of the Society in developing further advances in these key areas.

## **BORS WEBSITE - PUBLICATION OF MEMBERS' 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 contact Mark Birch, Webmaster, ([m.a.birch@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:m.a.birch@ncl.ac.uk)).

## **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DETAILS**

**Please note:** Only 1/4 of the membership have returned the update details form Please be kind enough to complete the form via the link above in order that we may update the information held on the BORS database.

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

**First prize was £1000** and was awarded to **Mr K. Rankin** for his paper "**A Novel In Vitro Model of Osteoarthritis Facilitates Improved Understanding of Human Articular Chondrocyte Behaviour**". Co-authors: R. Lakey, C. Gerrand, A. Sprowson, AC McCaskie, M. Birch (Newcastle-Upon-Tyne)



**Mr P. Neal (DJO) & Mr K. Rankin**

**Second Prize was £500** and was awarded to **Mr A. M. H. Latif** for his paper: "**A Combined Finite Element and Radiological Analysis of the Proximal Femur Following Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty**". Co-authors: K. Ong, S. Siskey, RE Field (London)



**Mr P. Neal (DJO) & Mr A. M. H. Latif**

## **BURSARIES**

The British Orthopaedic Research Society is pleased to offer bursaries to fund registration, travel and accommodation for research students and technicians who are presenting abstracts at the Society's Scientific Meetings (the entitlement will be restricted to one bursary per annum). The bursaries will be for a maximum of £100 and limited in number. Should the bursaries become oversubscribed, then the abstract score will be taken into account. Priority will be given to first time applicants and those who would otherwise have to self-fund their attendance. Applicants will be requested to provide confirmation that their earnings are less than £15,000 per annum, verified by their line manager Please apply in writing to: Dr Roger Bayston, Honorary Secretary of BORS: [Roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk)