

BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY



Newsletter Spring 2009

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It has been an honour and a privilege to have been your President for the past 2 years. I thank Dr Trudy Roach, our Treasurer, and Beth Norton, our Administrator, for their extreme hard work in sorting out the Society's finances, and Dr Roger

Bayston for his commonsense and support as Honorary Secretary. Both Roger and Trudy will be stepping down at the AGM in Newcastle, but Beth will be staying on as part of my aim to provide continuity and a fixed secretariat. I also thank the Committee for their timely marking of abstracts and assistance with the programme for the annual meeting.

Since the last newsletter, the BORS/ORS Travelling Research Fellowships have taken place. BORS was able to send 6 fellows to the ORS meeting in Las Vegas in March, followed by the AAOS meeting, and visits to Dr Miclau in San Francisco, Dr Amadio at the Mayo Clinic, Drs Parvezi and Soslowsky in Philadelphia and Dr Boskey in New York. Judging by their blog (www.borsoc.org.uk) the Fellowships were an inspiring opportunity to exchange research ideas and learn from masters in the craft. We hope to be able to host 6 ORS fellows in 2010. Although more formal links have been established with the ORS, the future of the fellowships is still threatened by a lack of sustainable sponsorship.

One of my aims as your President was to encourage younger researchers to play an active part in the running of the Society. I am therefore delighted that as well as having Iain McNamara on the BORS committee as our BOTA rep, we welcome two other orthopaedic trainees, Ben Bolland and Mark Gaston as elected committee members. We are also seeking an engineer to serve on the committee (see opposite).

Finally, I wish the incoming President, Professor Allen Goodship, the Honorary Secretary, Professor Gordon Blunn and the Honorary Treasurer, Dr Xuebin Yang, successful terms of office.

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**BORS ANNUAL MEETING
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
22ND & 23RD JUNE 2009.**



Our 2009 meeting will be held in Newcastle upon Tyne 22-23 June (please use the links in red below for further details and to register.

>> Programme - Newcastle 2009<<

>>Register<<

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The office in which nominations are being sought is:

Committee Member (Engineer) 2009/2012

Please submit written nominations (using this link) by **31st July, 2009 to the Honorary Secretary.**

Would members please ensure that they have returned their new direct debit mandate to Roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk

Following the mailing last year (paper and electronic) notifying members of the change in banking arrangements, it has become apparent that some members have not informed the Society of their current details, particularly their email address (the Society has now moved away from paper mailings). As the Society is currently updating its membership database it is crucial that we have this information otherwise we will not be able to contact you. Even if you are not sure whether you have done this, please send in your details now, as no further paper mailings will be sent.

DR ROGER BAYSTON **HONORARY SECRETARY**



This year's meeting in Newcastle, at the invitation of Professor Andy McCaskie and Ms Lynette Spalding, promises to be a very interesting and successful event. We have six invited speakers: Dr Peter Arnold, Professor Tim Cawston, Mr Matt Costa, Professor Janet Darbyshire, Professor Roger Francis and Professor Tom Kirkwood. There will be sessions on joint replacement, tissue repair, bone repair, osteoarthritis, cartilage biology and bioengineering, and musculoskeletal research techniques. There will also be a New Investigator Symposium, and poster sessions.

We are grateful to our Gold and Silver Sponsors who have helped to make the meeting possible. Our BORS Administrator, Beth Norton, has been working very hard to assist both myself and the Hon Treasurer, and we are grateful to her for her organisational skills.

We have had 14 new members this year, and now have 7 Senior Members. At this year's meeting, we wish to propose that Professor John Kenwright, a longstanding member and past President who has done so much for orthopaedics, is made an Honorary Member.

Professor Alan Goodship will take over this year from Miss Brigitte Scammell as President, and I shall be standing down as Honorary Secretary due to similar duties in another society. We propose that Professor Gordon Blum takes over as Hon Secretary. Dr Trudy Roach will stand down as Honorary Treasurer after a difficult but successful term during which she made great progress in regularising the Society's financial position. We propose Dr Xuebin Yang as the next Honorary Treasurer.

I have enjoyed my term as Honorary Secretary, working with a friendly efficient team of President, Treasurer and Administrator. I would also like to thank Mark Birch for taking care of the Society's Website.

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DR TRUDY ROACH **HONORARY TREASURER**

With the help of Beth Norton, BORS Administrator, I have been endeavouring to ensure members convert to the new Direct Debit arrangement.



Thank you to the 110 members who have completed and returned the necessary direct debit forms. Unfortunately there are 261 members who have not returned their forms despite letters and email reminders.

Additionally, some members have not cancelled their previous standing order and have actually paid twice for 2009!

A further 15 members are paying the required £40, but under the old standing order arrangements – **please complete a new direct debit mandate – link provided above**. I am attaching one to this newsletter, together with a cancellation form for the old standing order.

We still have 170 members paying either £6 or £20 for whom we have no address or email, or who have not responded to letters or emails, presumably because these members have moved and we do not have current addresses and/or email addresses. **Can I please urge these members to complete the update details form (link provided above)**.

At the Annual Meeting in Newcastle, I will have a list of all members with details of their current status and payments. **It would be a great help if all members attending the Meeting would check their entry and payment status in order to ensure that our database is accurate.**

Hopefully, when subscriptions are in order, subsequent Treasurers will have an easier period of office!

Trudy Roach
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