

BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY



Newsletter

**Miss Brigitte E Scammell, MB ChB DM FRCS(Orth)
(President 2007-2009)**

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am a Reader and Head of the Division of Orthopaedic & Accident Surgery, University of Nottingham; and Honorary Orthopaedic Consultant, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. As your President for the next two years I shall focus on (1) raising the profile of orthopaedic research in the UK, (2) involving young orthopaedic scientists in the future development of BORS, (3) encouraging all academic orthopaedic centres in the UK to submit abstracts to our meetings, (4) developing the professionalism of the society through our new website and a fixed secretariat, (5) increasing the financial support of the society by industry funded prizes, medical student elective awards and travelling fellowships, and (6) ensuring orthopaedic representation on all UK research funding bodies.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the benefits of membership, which include (1) reduced registration fees at the annual meeting, (2) eligibility to apply for BORS travelling fellowships and BORS-ORS joint travelling research fellowships, (3) abstracts published in JBJS (Br), (4) access to the membership database and a network of scientific expertise, and (5) eligibility to serve on the BORS committee. BORS also offers bursaries to researchers with an annual income of less than £25,000 to attend the annual meeting and cash prizes to young researchers both at the BORS annual meeting and at the BORS-BOTA session at the BOA. Finally, the success and future role our society plays in orthopaedic research in the UK depends not just on the small group of committee members, but on the whole membership. I and the rest of the committee want to hear your views. You can contact me through my secretary at oas-admin@nottingham.ac.uk or Roger Bayston, Honorary Secretary at roger.bayston@nottingham.ac.uk.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The offices in which nominations are being sought are:

3 Executive Committee members to serve for 3 years.

One member Engineer
One member Clinician
One member Biologist, Engineer or Clinician

Please submit nominations by 14th December, 2007 on the enclosed form to the *Honorary Secretary*:

Dr Roger Bayston
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2nd JOINT BORS/BRS MEETING

The next joint meeting will be held in Manchester on 23rd – 25th June, 2008.

Programme Highlights Monday, 23rd June, 2008 Clinical Update Day

Clinical Cases
Endocrinology of Bone
The Hip Fracture Register
Vertebral Fracture
Vertebroplasty/kyphoplasty

Tuesday & Wednesday 24th/25th June, 2008

Symposia, oral communications and posters, to include:

Cartilage/Tissue Transplantation
Fracture Repair and Ortho-pharmacology
Imaging Bone Structure: From Bench to Bedside
Mechanobiology
Steroids and Bone

ABSTRACT DEADLINE

15th February, 2008.

<http://www.borsoc.org.uk>

DR ROGER BAYSTON
HONORARY SECRETARY 2007-9

I trained in Sheffield and have postgraduate degrees (MSc, MMedSci, PhD) in Medical Microbiology and Surgical Infection. I am also a Senior Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPath). I have a longstanding interest in infection involving implantable devices including orthopaedic and spinal implants, and have published over 100 scientific papers, 18 book chapters and one book. I therefore look forward to bringing further diversity to the BORS executive. I have been a Committee Member of BORS for almost 3 years and have attended all meetings since joining, being Keynote Speaker at one meeting. Having had considerable administrative experience in other professional societies, including three terms as Hon Treasurer and three terms as Hon Secretary of an international research society, during which time I was responsible for overseeing the administration of the Society, I hope to play a role in streamlining BORS administration as well as devising ways of attracting new members from all relevant disciplines. I also hope to be able to bring my previous experience to bear in fostering links with other professional bodies in orthopaedics and allied clinical and scientific areas, as well as facilitating industrial sponsorship for annual meetings and workshops. I am currently Associate Professor in Biomaterials – Related Infection in the Division of Orthopaedic and Accident Surgery, Nottingham.
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DR TRUDY ROACH
HONORARY TREASURER 2007-9

I have been a BORS member for more than twenty years and have served previously as Committee member. My background is in Skeletal Cell Biology and currently I am Reader in Bone & Joint Research at the University of Southampton. My main research interests lie in the field of epigenetics, in particular how epigenetic changes contribute to the pathology of osteoarthritis. For these studies, I depend on the clinical material provided by the Southampton Orthopaedic surgeons without whom my research would not be possible. As the incoming Honorary Treasurer, my task for the next two years will be (1) to continue the excellent work of my predecessors in keeping accurate accounts of the Society's income and outgoings; (2) to rationalise and update the membership database into an easily accessible (but secure) Excel format; (3) to work closely with the Honorary Secretary in order that new membership applications can be streamlined so that, for example, new membership applications and direct debit forms can be sent to the same person. BORS Finances are currently in good shape and the Society was able to support the initial outlay for the three Travelling Fellows to the USA, although we hope to recoup most of the cost via sponsorship. You can contact me at hr@soton.ac.uk.



2008 BORS TRAVELLING

FELLOWSHIPS For further details see:
<http://www.borsoc.org.uk>.

1st BORS-ORS TRAVELLING
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS 2007

The first six BORS-ORS travelling research fellows are currently in America. They started their fellowship by attending the 6th Combined Meeting of the Orthopaedic Research Societies in Honolulu, Hawaii, and have already visited the University of California, San Francisco and the Mayo Clinic, Rochester. Their travel blog can be viewed on <http://www.borsoc.org.uk>. The purpose is to promote transatlantic interaction, collaboration and enthusiasm for orthopaedic research among young scientists and orthopaedic surgeons. BORS and ORS hope that the fellows will form strong, enduring professional and social ties both with each other and the other orthopaedic researchers they encounter, as a result of their shared experience. BORS is very grateful to Professor Hamish Simpson (BORS) and Professor Christopher Evans (ORS) for setting up these fellowships. On alternate years, a group of US fellows will visit the UK and vice versa. The group will comprise 2

biologists, 2 engineers and 2 clinicians. They must be members of BORS and be under 40 years of age at the time of application. Fellows will travel for about one month to the host country, where they will visit approximately 6-8 orthopaedic research centres. At each centre, the fellows will give talks about their own research and listen to research talks from members of the host institution. They will also visit laboratories and engage in similar collegial activities pertinent to research. It is expected that they will visit each centre for 2-3 days.

BORS is seeking host institutions for the period immediately following the 2nd Joint BORS/BRS Meeting in Manchester, June 23rd – 25th 2008.

Host institutions are asked to arrange accommodation for the fellows in private homes or hotels, for the time the fellows will be with them. For further information, please contact:

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