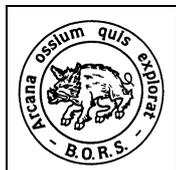


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2012 BORS Annual Meeting
Stratford Circus, London.
24th & 25th September
Save the Dates



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BORS 2012 Annual Meeting



After a long protracted period of discussion with the World Sports Trauma Association regarding a joint meeting with their conference in Oct 2012 at the QEII Conference Centre it became apparent that costs had escalated beyond our means. However, we are pleased to have found an excellent venue at Stratford Circus on the edge of the Olympic Park.

In this year of intense interest in sports and the Olympics we will have a theme within the Meeting on the impact of exercise and sports on lifelong musculoskeletal health – highlighted with invited keynote lectures. This will be in addition to the normal range of subjects. We shall also try to maximise the number of oral slots for submitted abstracts this year. The abstract template has been improved to allow for more detail, together with the scoring system. Abstracts selected for the meeting can then be placed on the **'Members Only'** section of our website. The 250 word summary of the abstract can be published as usual but the longer

version will provide a resource for members.

BORS is keen to work with commercial partners in supporting the meeting and fostering translational research.

Please let Iain McNamara iainmcnamara@gmail.com know of any commercial partners who could be interested in supporting this meeting. We shall integrate the commercial exhibits and posters with allocated times for viewing. We also intend to give the commercial sponsor a short slot to present their company profile and research interests.



This year we hope to try a public engagement session with four mini-lectures to a lay audience on the musculoskeletal system and responses to exercise, training, sports and rehabilitation after injury. We hope the audience will include sixth form students and teachers involved in sports and dance, together with a dance or gymnastic display. This will be followed by a buffet, drinks and networking!



**PLEASE ENCOURAGE
SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS
AND EARLY REGISTRATION**

The Meeting will also include a report from the group of four BORS International Travelling Fellows.

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BORS International Travelling Fellows 2012

This group comprised young investigators with clinical, biological, engineering and physiotherapy backgrounds. The Fellows were selected on a competitive basis to form this multidisciplinary group. We should like to express our extreme gratitude to the hosts, who provided accommodation, subsistence and scientific and cultural exchanges for the group.



The Travel Plan – with approximately one week at each venue

1. Visit the **Hospital for Special Surgery in New York** – hosted by Professor Mathias Bostrom.
http://www.hss.edu/physicians_bostrom-mathias.asp
2. Attend the **Orthopaedic Research Society in San Francisco** 4th - 7th February 2012 and a reception hosted by Professor Brian Johnson, President of ORS. <http://www.ors.org/>
3. Visit the **University of Sydney and North Shore Hospital**, hosted by Professors David Little and Chris Little
<http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/people/academics/profiles/davidl3.php>
<http://www.kolling.usyd.edu.au/research/ramond-purves/index.php>
4. Visit **Hong Kong and Mainland China**, hosted by Professors KS Leung; Ling Qin and Tingting Tang
<http://www.bme.cuhk.edu.hk/~ksleung.html>
<http://www.bme.cuhk.edu.hk/~lqin.html>
<http://www.ihs.ac.cn/en/ePI.asp?lw=all&id=68>
- 5, Visit **Charite University Berlin**, hosted by Professor Georg Duda
http://jwi.charite.de/en/institute/directors/prof_dr_georg_n_duda/

We have asked the Fellows for a report, and some pictures, for the BORS members section of the web site.

Continuation of the scheme will require support; we should like to explore a partnership with industry to sponsor a group of Fellows each year through an educational grant to BORS. I should be grateful if members with commercial links could explore this and let me know

of any companies that might have interest in this scheme.

BORS as a Registered Charity

We are still dealing with the process to achieve charitable status for BORS. The initial application was not approved, as it did not provide adequate evidence of public education. Some revisions to the Constitution were made and we hope these will allow us to achieve acceptance. We shall need an Extra-ordinary General Meeting for the membership to approve the amendments to the constitution. I hope we can do this by e-mail.

This initiative has taken a huge amount of work and on behalf of BORS I should like to express out sincere gratitude to **Xuebin Yang**, our **Treasurer** and **Iain McNamara** our **Secretary** for the work they have undertaken. We shall be arranging the electronic EGM as soon as possible.

BORS Website

We are aware of the need to update the website and provide links to submit abstracts, register for the meeting and view full abstracts. The **Webmaster Mark Birch** is looking after the site for BORS and we really appreciate his time. This is a voluntary role and therefore amendments depend on Mark's availability.

As the year flies by I should like to thank my colleagues on both the **BORS Committee** and the **Local Organizing Committee** for the 2012 meeting. Also **Beth Norton** our **Society Administrator** for the excellent work she does in supporting BORS for us all. I wish you all a very happy Easter and enjoyable Spring holiday. We look forward to floods of high quality abstracts and seeing you all in Stratford.

Allen Goodship – President