

# BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY



## Newsletter

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(President 2007-2009)

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Final programme arrangements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint BORS/ORS meeting in Manchester, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June, are well underway with 38 oral communications, 4 Clinical Cases, 24 Oral Posters, 126 Posters, and over 20 invited speakers. Please see <http://www.brsoc.org.uk/brsbors2008/prog/finalprogramme.pdf> for full details.

There will be prizes for the best oral presentation, best oral poster and best poster, generously sponsored by the Furlong Foundation.

In June, Tony Miles and Carol Evans will complete their long term of office on the BORS Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony and Carol for their excellent service to the Society. Gordon Blunn and Xuebin Yang have been nominated as candidates for the Committee (please see résumés at [www.borsoc.org.uk](http://www.borsoc.org.uk).) Their positions will need to be ratified by the members at the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> June in Manchester.

We are still seeking a further Committee Member for 2008-11 (preferably a clinician), and a President Elect and Honorary Secretary Elect to shadow the current officers in post for one year, and to take up full office in 2009 for 2 years. According to the Society's Constitution, nominations may be made by any two ordinary members and the forms are enclosed. Nominations by **13<sup>th</sup> June, 2008** please in time for the AGM.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the North American BORS-ORS Travelling Research Fellows' visit, which was to coincide with our annual meeting, has had to be postponed until later this year. However, BORS now invites applications from UK biologists, engineers and orthopaedic surgeons involved in musculoskeletal research for the 2009 Travelling Fellowships by **20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008**. This will include the American ORS meeting in Las Vegas, 22-25th February, 2009.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> BORS/BOTA/APOS Prize Session for orthopaedic trainees who are members of BOTA or BORS will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the BOA Meeting in Liverpool. For abstract submission, by 1<sup>st</sup> July, please see [www.borsoc.org.uk](http://www.borsoc.org.uk). You can contact me through my secretary at [oad-admin@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:oad-admin@nottingham.ac.uk)

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The offices in which nominations are being sought are:

**President and Secretary Elect 2008 – 2009 (Full Office 2009 – 2011) and One committee member - Clinician**

Please submit nominations by **13<sup>th</sup> June, 2008** on the enclosed form to the *Honorary Secretary*:

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### REMINDER

### 2nd JOINT BORS/ORS MEETING

**The next joint meeting will be held in Manchester on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.**

### Programme Highlights:

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008  
Clinical Update Day**

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

**Tuesday & Wednesday  
24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> 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  
<http://www.brsoc.org.uk/brsbors2008/prog/finalprogramme.pdf>

**DR ROGER BAYSTON**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY 2007-9**

This year we have been making progress on updating the two main operating systems of the Society: the subscriptions payment procedure and the membership database. The Honorary Treasurer has described the problem with subscriptions, and we need your help with this. However, much of the Society's costs are related to mailings, and we are moving towards email as our primary contact with Members. We have requested update and confirmation of contact details, including email addresses, from all members but we have received only 91 replies so far out of a membership of 372! This will be the **last paper mailing**, so **please send in your contact details** so that you continue to receive newsletters and in particular notifications of meetings etc. You can send in the details by returning the form accompanying this Newsletter. If you do not remember whether you have already replied or not, then please reply anyway. This must be done within the next four weeks, so now is the time to get it off your desk!



The third task has been to carry out a review of the Society's Constitution. The full text of the proposed amended Constitution can be viewed on the website, but the main proposed changes are as follows: The categories of membership will now be Ordinary, Senior and Honorary. Senior Membership will be for former Ordinary Members who have retired from practice, and Honorary Membership will be awarded to individuals distinguished in a particular field relevant to the aims of BORS, or who are recognised as having made a significant contribution to the aims and activities of BORS.

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**2009 BORS-ORS TRAVELLING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS CALL 2009.** For further details see: <http://www.borsoc.org.uk>

The British Orthopaedic Research Society now invites applications from UK biologists, engineers and orthopaedic surgeons involved in musculoskeletal research for the 2009 travelling fellowships. This will include the American ORS meeting in Las Vegas, 22-25th February 2009. The biologists and engineers should be post-doctoral, and the orthopaedic surgeons should have spent a period in full time research. Applicants should be members of BORS by the time of application. Applications, which should consist of an up to date CV and a brief list of the titles of presentations applicants would be able to give, should be sent to Professor Hamish Simpson ([hamish.simpson@ed.ac.uk](mailto:hamish.simpson@ed.ac.uk)) and also to [linda.digance@ed.ac.uk](mailto:linda.digance@ed.ac.uk) ) **by 20th June 2008.**

**DR TRUDY ROACH**  
**HONORARY TREASURER 2007-9**

Since taking over as Honorary Treasurer, I have been trying to improve the situation with regard to membership subscriptions. Although direct Debit forms were signed by many of you, these were invalid AS a direct debit agreement had not been set up with the Royal Bank of Scotland. When I Enquired, I was told that the Royal Bank of Scotland only set up direct debit mandates for Business Accounts with a turn-over of over £500,000 – clearly we are not in this league! So far 81 members filled out these supposed direct debit forms, although only 60 were for £40. The forms were sent to the Royal Bank of Scotland but whilst most found their way to the member's bank; they were treated as standing orders. However, 15 forms seem to have gone astray, i.e. they were not acted upon, and no payment has been received. At present, we still have 72 members paying a membership fee of £6 and 173 members paying only £20. Of over 400 BORS members, only 48 members have paid the correct amount in 2008. There are also 53 members for whom I have no payment record at all, either for this year or the previous two years. On the other hand, I have 44 payment records with a name that is not in the BORS membership database. In other words, the situation with regard to members' subscriptions was in need of urgent attention.



My first task has been to set up a new bank account with a bank that will process direct debit mandates. I have found that only Lloyds Bank will provide this facility. It has taken a long time to complete all the necessary formalities, but I hope to have this account in place by the time of the Manchester meeting. I will then write to each member with details of his/her payment status and enclose the new direct debit mandate with the letter. I suggest we have a moratorium for unpaid fees prior to the current year, but I propose that we should request additional payments for those who have paid insufficient amounts for 2008.

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