

BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY



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BORS 2010 MEETING CARDIFF

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PROFESSOR ALLEN GOODSHIP PRESIDENT



The Annual Meeting in Cardiff is approaching fast and I should like to encourage all members to attend. It is important to support our Society and to use this single annual meeting as a good opportunity to keep in touch with colleague and to make new contacts for research collaborations. The Meeting follows the inauguration of the Cardiff Centre of Excellence in Biomechanics in Osteoarthritis and we hope this will also provide exciting opportunities for collaboration.

Plans are progressing well for the combined meeting with the Bone Research Society in Cambridge in 2011; this is a strategically important meeting and builds on previous joint meetings to provide added value for members of both Societies. Watch the BORS website for further details.

We congratulate Brigitte Scammell on her promotion to a Chair in Orthopaedics at Nottingham - our first lady Professor. Brigitte has also made huge contributions to BORS and continues in her role of pioneering our International travelling Fellows scheme.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the recent death of Trudy Roach, she contributed greatly to BORS and was to give a keynote lecture at the Cardiff BORS meeting. The lecture will now be given as a tribute to Trudy by Dr Ko Hashimoto. She will be missed by all and our thoughts are with her family and friends.

We are progressing negotiations for a presence at the Combined ORS in Kyoto in October and to host a workshop at that meeting.

BORS is also a partner in the forthcoming BOA meeting at which Professor David Murray is a keynote speaker and BORS is also proposing a joint session at the Hip Society.

We are exploring the registration of BORS as a UK Charity.

In order to encourage involvement of young investigators we are calling for nominations for two young investigators to join the BORS committee.

So, as you will see, there are a number of exciting developments and we hope all will participate actively and progress the standing of our Society.

Allen Goodship
PROFESSOR GORDON BLUNN
HONORARY SECRETARY



This year's meeting in Cardiff promises to be a very interesting and successful event.

Invited speakers include:

Professor Alan Grodzinsky Director of MIT's Center for Biomedical Engineering,

Professor Dr Hans Joachim-Wilke, Vice-Director of the Institute for Orthopaedic Research and Biomechanics at the University of Ulm/Head of Spine Research.

Dr Ko Hashimoto (who worked with Dr. H.I. (Trudy) Roach on epigenetic aspects of osteoarthritis and, as a tribute to Dr Roach, will give her presentation).

Professor David Marsh, Professor of Clinical Orthopaedics, UCL, Institute of Orthopaedics and Musculoskeletal Science.

Professor Philip Noble, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, USA,

Professor Jo Price, Head of Bristol University Veterinary School/Head of The Department of Clinical Veterinary Sciences,

Professor Alan J Silman, Arthritis Research UK's first Medical Director,

There will be sessions on: the Bone & Joint Decade, Biomechanics, Cell & Molecular Therapeutics, Degenerative Joint Disease and a Young Investigator Symposium.

Gordon Blunn

DR XUEBIN YANG HONORARY TREASURER

BORS Bursary

We received 110 abstracts for the BORS Annual Meeting 2010 (Cardiff). 15 authors applied for BORS bursaries. After careful consideration by the Committee, 10 applications were successful. A cheque for £100 will be presented to them at the BORS Meeting in Cardiff.



Travelling Fellowships

The BORS Travelling Fellowships are designed for young members of staff, who are embarking on a research career, to visit a laboratory either abroad or in the UK. The express aim of the visit must be to acquire

skills not available to them in their own place of work. The maximum amount available per award is £1,000.

Eligibility: UK resident, up to the age of 40, undertaking research within the orthopaedic domain - applicants must be members of BORS.

Application: Applications can be submitted to the Administrator (**Beth Norton**, Division of Orthopaedic and Accident Surgery, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, NG7 2UH. Email: oas-admin@nottingham.ac.uk), at any time, for consideration by the Committee and should include:

- a) A curriculum vitae.
- b) An outline of the intended visit (including why the visit is felt to be necessary, and the proposed technique to be studied.) A financial statement of the estimated costs (broken down) and any other funding bodies approached.
- c) A letter from a senior member of staff at the host institution indicating that the visit is sanctioned by them and that the necessary work can be achieved within the constraints of the application.

BORS International Travelling Fellowships

The British Orthopaedic Research Society (BORS) has initiated a 'BORS International Travelling Research Fellowship'. The purpose is to promote international interaction, collaboration and enthusiasm for orthopaedic research among young scientists and orthopaedic surgeons. It is expected that as a result of their shared experience, the travelling fellows will form strong, enduring professional and social ties both with each other and the other orthopaedic researchers they encounter.

The group will comprise 2 biologists, 2 engineers and 2 clinicians. Fellows will travel for approximately 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.

Xuebin Yang