

**Summer 2018 scientific meeting**

The summer scientific meeting of the association met at Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, on Tuesday 26th June hosted by Dr. Cecilia Brassett. Close to one hundred delegates attended the meeting, the majority from UK institutions and eleven colleagues from overseas (Australia, Singapore, Nigeria, Turkey, Vienna and Padua). Delegates were surgeons in training, physicians, medical students and anatomical scientists. Oral presentations (n=15) were varied and interesting, ranging from topics on education, limbs, head and neck, thorax and abdomen. Poster presentations (n=38) displayed the vast range of research on going in the subject of anatomy (gross, clinical, educational and imaging). The meeting was sponsored by nine companies whose products related to anatomical education.

Delegates were treated to tours around the Pepys library, conducted by Dr. Jane Hughes. Many of Samuel Pepys's more anatomically relevant manuscripts were on display (as well as his famous diary!).

**Plenary lectures**

Professor David Riches started the day's proceedings with his lecture on the history of anatomy teaching in the University of Cambridge (founded in 1209). Early anatomical teaching would have taken place by reading classical texts based largely on those of Galen. Caius (founder of Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge) studied medicine in Padua alongside Vesalius. Teaching by dissection commenced in 1565 under his leadership.

Professor Manohar Bance delivered an interesting and informative talk on cochlear implants. He explained the importance of knowing the anatomy of the region to enable custom built implants for patients, ensuring maximum effectiveness. The size and shape of the cochlea is variable and much work still needs to be done in mapping parts of the inner ear (crista fenestra and Rosenthal's canal).

**Conrad Lewin prizes**

BACA awards two Conrad Lewin prizes at each meeting. Prizes are for members who are students or members who are normally within five years of their final undergraduate graduation.

Best oral presentation was awarded to Mr. Matthew Farrow for his talk on 'Quantitative MRI and dynamometer measurements can distinguish myositis from healthy control muscle.'

Best poster presentation was awarded to Ms. Rachel Graeme-Wilson for her poster on 'Prevalence of complications in adults with congenital oesophageal atresia repair: Influence of initial management.'

We congratulate Matthew and Rachel on their great achievement.

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