

Winter 2018 scientific meeting

The summer scientific meeting of the association met at Northumbria University, on Thursday 13th December hosted by Dr. Sara Sulaiman and Dr. James Coey. Eighty delegates, the majority from UK institutions, met in the Great Hall of the Sutherland Building for the day. Delegates were surgeons in training, physicians, medical students and anatomical scientists. There were 16 oral presentations and 29 poster presentations covering all regions of the human body and in the disciplines of gross, microscopic, clinical, radiological anatomy as well as anatomy education. The meeting was sponsored by six companies whose products related to anatomical education.

Plenary lectures

Professor Marios Loukas, Dean of Research at St George's University, Grenada, delivered the first plenary. This was a highly stimulating session which held the audience in full attention to the vast range of fascinating anatomical discovery which covered cardiac arterial supplies, nerve supplies to the brachial plexus and the phrenic nerve supply to the suprarenal glands. The clinical application of these reports is very clear and will undoubtedly find application to surgical processes using nerve transplantation and endoscopic procedures.

Mr. Stephen Clark, consultant cardiothoracic surgeon, delivered the second plenary on the anatomy of heart disease and cardiopulmonary transplantation. Heart failure and its anatomical consequences were made clear. Transplantation has significant survival over just medical treatment and the first transplant is thought to have taken place in 280AD. Domino transplantation, boat rail and bicaval techniques were described in detail. Future promising therapies such as xenotransplantation, anti-inflammatory gene therapy and stem cell therapy were discussed.

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 Dr. Jonathan Chu for his talk on 'What is an "Average" Chin?'

There were several posters eligible for the Conrad-Lewin poster prize. Though these were all informative and of a good standard, it was felt that on this occasion, no one poster merited the prize.

We congratulate Jonathan on his great achievement.

Dr. Bip Choudhury
BACA Meetings Secretary