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Dear Colleagues

This edition of Plexus comes with our best wishes for a happy and peaceful new year. This edition is slightly earlier than usual as the Executive of the IFAA met in Cordoba, Argentina at the end of September and we wanted to update you with information from that meeting before the end of the year.

Perhaps one of the outcomes of that meeting that will affect most readers is the decision to hold the next IFAA Congress in London from 9-11 August 2019. We hope that many of you will be able to join us at this meeting, so put it in your diaries now! A further congress is expected to be held in Turkey in 2021. All of the various federated international committees (FICs) and programmes (FIPs) are now active and have developed 5 year plans. Some details are presented in this newsletter, but I would encourage you to check the IFAA website www.ifaa.net for further information about their work and membership.

The IFAA Annual General Meeting will be held at the Congress in London. Six positions on the IFAA Executive will become vacant at this AGM. A nominating committee, will be established to receive and consider nominations for the following positions.

- Secretary General
- Treasurer
- Editor of Plexus
- Chair of FIPAT (Terminology Programme)
- Chair of FIPAE (Education Programme)
- Chair of FICSAP (Supranational Committee)

The President of the IFAA has recently written to all member societies describing the process for nominations and also to explain that the position of a third secretary will also be added to the Executive at the next AGM. The Executive Committee is only as good as its members so I do hope that you will consider nominating someone or consider being nominated yourself.

As I mentioned in the last Plexus, a survey was carried out to help us understand what information you wanted to receive in the newsletter. There were several themes which emerged. These were hearing more about member societies, learning about individual anatomists and advances in the discipline. In this edition, we have letters from our 2 newest members of the IFAA: Ethiopia and Uruguay. We welcome articles and information from all societies but historically these have not always been forthcoming! In an effort to try and garner more articles Nalini and I will be contacting societies on a rotational basis and strongly encouraging you to contribute!

A salutatory learning that emerged from the survey was how little people knew about the IFAA and Plexus. We do ask that you have an IFAA update as a standing item on your society's meeting agendas and please circulate copies of Plexus to your fellow anatomists and any other colleagues who are interested in Anatomy.

With best wishes

Helen and Nalini

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News from the President



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December 9, 2017

The President, General Secretary and Representatives,
Member Associations
IFAA

Dear President, General Secretary and Representatives (delegates) of IFAA Member Associations,

I hope that you have had a productive year in both teaching and research in the discipline of anatomy!

As President of the IFAA, and in accordance with Article 14 of the IFAA Constitution, I will very soon be calling for **nomination of members for the IFAA Executive Board (EXCO) by the IFAA Nominating Committee**. Voting for members for the next IFAA Executive Committee will occur at the IFAA General Assembly, to be held in 2019.

I am now writing to you on a matter of the composition of the Executive Board. As you will remember there has been a change to the IFAA Constitution in order to include an interim IFAA Congress in the middle of each 5-year Congress cycle. This was approved *ad referendum* by the IFAA Member Associations. With regards to the positions of Vice President of which there are currently two on EXCO, in the past the President of an IFAA Congress has become one of the Vice Presidents of the IFAA and the second Vice President's position has been an *elected* position. As the IFAA has agreed to have two Congresses within a five-year period, there would now be two Presidents of Congresses to be accommodated on the IFAA Executive as Vice Presidents. The IFAA Executive Committee has debated this matter and has deemed it necessary to appoint both Presidents of IFAA Congresses in a five-year period to the IFAA Executive Board as Vice Presidents. (Each Vice President will serve one term of office on the IFAA Executive Board until the next relevant Congress i.e. either the five-year Congress or the interim Congress). However, in order to ensure that there is no loss of elected posts on the IFAA Executive Board, the IFAA EXCO has agreed to the addition of a **further elected Secretary's post**. The Constitution (Article 14) currently allows for "the election of *at least two secretaries*", so the addition of a further Secretary's post is warranted. The new (third) Secretary's post is urgently required by the IFAA EXCO, as there has been a large increase in its work over the last few years.

Thus, I wanted to fully apprise you of this additional position, prior to sending out a full list of posts for which nominations are to be requested.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

With warm anatomical greetings,

Bev Kramer



Federative International Committee for Scientific Publications (FICSP) of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists: 2017 Report

The mission of the FICSP is to discuss issues and monitor publications in the anatomical sciences and provide a forum for Editors (currently about 20) of the official journals of the Associations to easily communicate and exchange information of mutual interest and concern. FICSP promotes the quality of content of publications in the fields of anatomy worldwide. The Committee aims to provide and develop collaboration and disseminate information between editors of the official anatomical journals of the Associations.

For 2017, FICSP has continued to correspond regarding publishing issues in anatomy including the ethics of anatomical publishing. Various seminars (e.g., industry sponsored) and meetings regarding this topic are periodically emailed to the group. Additionally, interesting topics from the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) are sent out to our members from time to time. The Committee has also for the first time, endorsed a set of quality improvement studies for anatomical publishing known as the "AQUA" studies^{1,2}. These were recently published and serve as a reference to those who publish in the anatomical sciences. FICSP has openly supported these via mention on the IFAA website.

R. Shane Tubbs
Chair, FICSP

1. Tomaszewski KA et al. [Development of the Anatomical Quality Assurance \(AQUA\) checklist: Guidelines for reporting original anatomical studies](#). Clin Anat. 2017 Jan;30(1):14-20. doi: 10.1002/ca.22800. Epub 2016 Nov 25
2. Henry et al. [Development of the anatomical quality assessment \(AQUA\) tool for the quality assessment of anatomical studies included in meta-analyses and systematic reviews](#). Clin Anat. 2017 Jan;30(1):6-13. doi: 10.1002/ca.22799. Epub 2016 Nov 18.

IFAA Executive meets in Cordoba, Argentina in September 2017

The IFAA Executive held its biennial meeting in Cordoba, Argentina. This coincided with the 2nd International Congress of Clinical Anatomists and the Vth Congress of the Argentine Association of Anatomists.

In the photograph below the Executive can be seen at work. Present at the meeting were Professors Bev Kramer (President), Richard Drake, Wojciech Pawlina, Susanna Biasutto, Phil Blythe, Changman Zhou (representing Yun-Quig Li), Helen Nicholson and Ceri Davies. Bernard Moxham and Andreas Winkelmann joined the meeting on Skype.



Some of the matters discussed at the meeting were:

- Mechanisms of communication with Member Associations including the IFAA Website
- New applications for Membership of the IFAA
- Recent survey on Plexus, the newsletter of the IFAA
- Strategic plans of the IFAA Programmes and Committees
- A new survey of emergent anatomists
- Appointment of the Nominating Committee for the nomination of portfolio holders of the Executive Committee which will take place at the next meeting of the IFAA General Assembly in 2019

The Nominating Committee of the IFAA

The above committee will be responsible for calling for nominations for positions on the IFAA Executive to be filled from 2019. The committee will consist of the following members:

Chair: Professor Beverley Kramer

Secretary: Professor Bernard Moxham

Members:

Europe:	José Luis Bueno
Oceania:	Rod Green
South America:	Sergio Tamayo
North America:	Kathy Jones
Africa:	Tamunotubo Jacks
Asia:	Yun-Qing Li

The committee will be in contact with Member Associations soon to request nominations.

The IFAA welcomes two new Associations to its fold

At its recent meeting in Argentina, the IFAA approved applications from the Uruguayan Society of Anatomy and the Ethiopian Society of Anatomy to membership of the IFAA. These memberships will be ratified at the General Assembly of the IFAA in 2019.



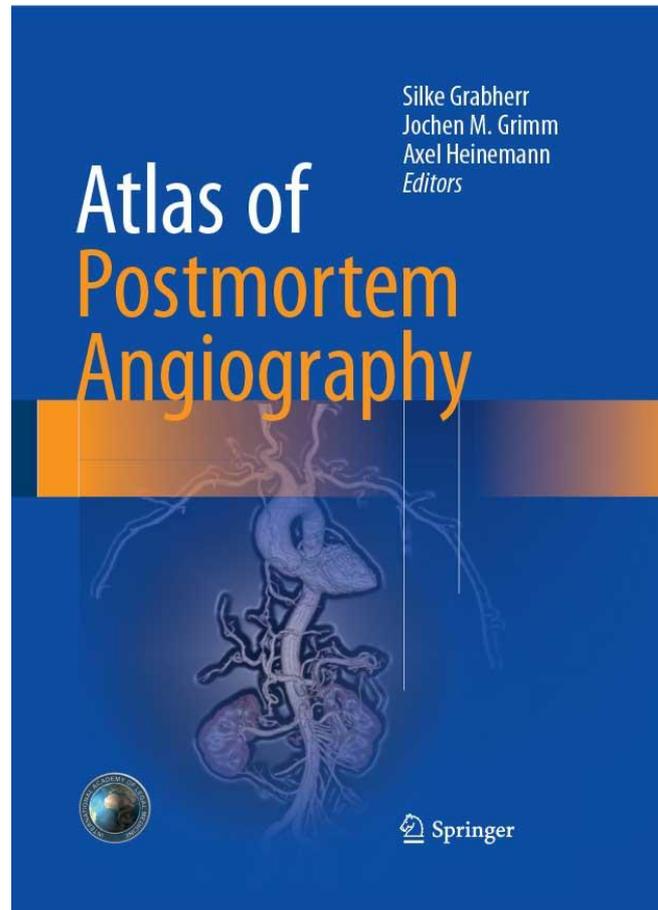
Professor Laura Borgno (in sunglasses), President of the Uruguayan Society with members of the society and Professor Bev Kramer, President of the IFAA. The photograph was taken in Cordoba, Argentine.

Book News

Atlas of postmortem CT angiography

Eds S. Grabherr, J.M. Grimm, A. Heinemann

This atlas of postmortem angiography provides a summary of techniques that have been developed and used in order to visualize the human vascular system. The indications, advantages, limitations, and pitfalls of the different techniques are explained in detail through the use of examples from real cases and a wealth of informative images, as well as knowledge from the latest scientific works. Helpful recommendations are made concerning interpretation of the obtained radiological images, which will allow readers to start their own work in the field of post-mortem angiography or to ease and improve their practice. The atlas may be of value for anatomists since it provides examples how to introduce postmortem imaging in human gross anatomy teaching and dissection of cadavers. One of the chapters is discussing this methodology and how to introduce it in undergraduate anatomy teaching and how to facilitate interpretation of topographical anatomy.



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Delegate to the IFAA

NEWS FROM MEMBER SOCIETIES

Anatomical Society of Ethiopia(ASE)

Anatomical Society of Ethiopia (ASE) was legally founded in 2016, by Dr. Amenu Tolera WIRTU. Preclinical faculties from Jimma, Gonder, Mekelle, Hawassa, Haromaya , Arba Minch and Yekatit 12 Universities, also contributed much for the establishment of this professional society, among others yet unmentioned.

Dr. Wirtu is the founder and 1st president of ASE. He is a neuroscientist, graduated PhD in Neurosciences from University of Verona, Italy, in 2015, under supervision of Professor Marina Bentivoglio, who is dedicated to educating the African people. He works as a professor at Addis Ababa University, College of Health Sciences, School of Medicine, and also is a consultant at A.M Dogliotti, College of Medicine and Pharmacy, University of Liberia, in collaboration with World Bank and Ministry of Health in Monrovia.

All means attempted to form this society before, this date April 10, 2016, by Dr. Masersha Abuhay, a Professor from University of Gondar, and his colleagues, remained unsuccessful for reasons incomprehensible. The 1st and 2nd general assemblies of ASE were conducted at Addis Ababa University, in September 2015 and 2017. The seven executive committee members that were voted in during official meetings were: President, Dr. Amenu Tolera, Vice President, Dr. Desalegn Tadesse, Secretary, Dr. Abebe Muche, Accountant, Ms. Edengenet Guday, Cashier, Mr. Abay Mulu, Members, Dr. Mekbeb Afework and Mr. Solomon Ergando. Currently, it comprises of most anatomists involved in teaching, research and service in universities in Ethiopia as well as special honorary expatriate members, who voluntary are supporting the organization in many ways.

The statute upon which this society is founded consists of 17 pages signed by 7 founding members representing the different universities in Ethiopia, and approved by the FDRE, ministry of justice documentation and registration head office, No: 90/00/5105/40/08, on date, 29/03/2008 E.C, in Amharic.

It was established to support and advance biomedical (preclinical) sciences education for the betterment of health throughout the country and beyond. It also aims to advocate, assist and defend the rights of its members through collaborations and communication with national and international members globally. Indeed, its main focus is in anatomy, histology, embryology, imaging and neurosciences, wherein, other paramedical and medical disciplines are also considered as stipulated by the law.

All issues addressed to ASE will reach us via:
email: anatomicalsocietyethiopia@gmail.com,
Facebook: [Anatomical Society of Ethiopia](#),

Physical Location: Black Lion Hospital, New White Building, Ground Floor Room 44,
Postal address: 9086, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Moreover, it is our hope that ASE will have its own official website in the future for
all activities. Our events will be announced in the near future through Plexus, the
newsletter of the IFAA.

Recently, Ethiopian Society of Anatomists became the 3rd affiliated member of IFAA
in Africa, next to South Africa and Nigeria. We would like to acknowledge you all for
accepting us to be part of these huge associations.



Some of the members of the ASE who participated in the 1st and 2nd General Assembly at Addis Ababa University, School of Medicine (Courtesy, Dr.Amenu Tolera Wirtu)



Dr.Amenu Tolera Wirtu

Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists
(ANZACA)

ANZACA 2018: 3-5 December 2018



SAVE THE DATE
Annual Conference

December 3-5, 2018

**James Cook University
Townsville, Queensland
AUSTRALIA**



8th ASIA Pacific International Congress of Anatomists (APICA)



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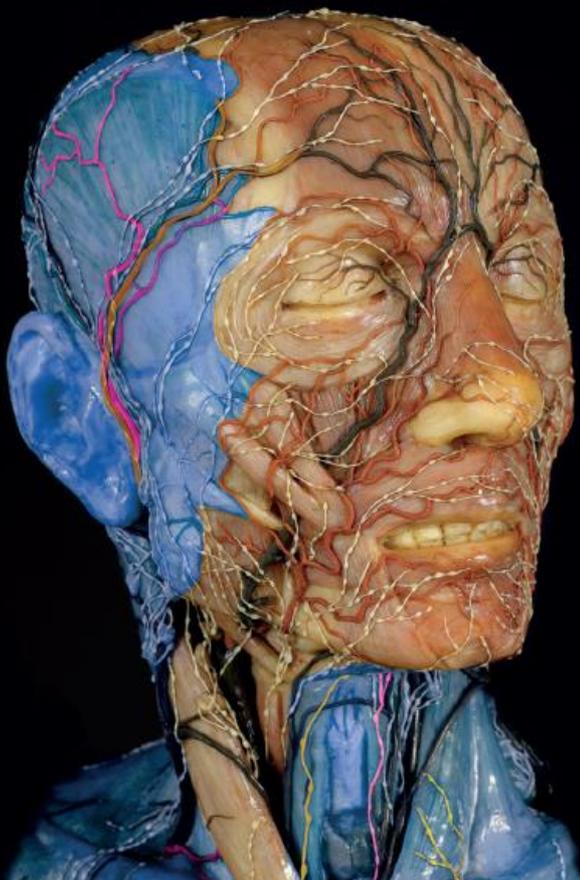
15TH EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF
CLINICAL ANATOMIST (EACA)

11TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF
CLINICAL AND APPLIED ANATOMY (ISCAA)

SUMMER MEETING OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF
CLINICAL ANATOMISTS (BACA)

29TH SPANISH ASSOCIATION OF ANATOMY (SAE)

24th to 26th JUNE
MADRID
2019



JOINT MEETING OF



ISCAA



www.eaca2019.com

10th international Symposium of Clinical and Applied Anatomy
(ISCAA)

Dear Colleagues and Friends

We are very glad to preliminary announce the **10th International Symposium of Clinical and Applied Anatomy (ISCAA)** that will take place from 13th to 16th September 2018 in the Moscow, Russia.

Our preliminary meeting e-mail dydykin_ss@mail.ru

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Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Head Anatomy Dept. Moscow State University of Medicine and Dentistry

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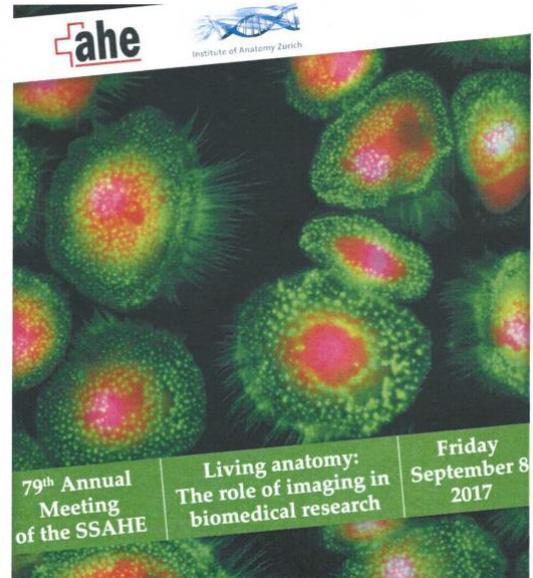
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SSAHE Annual Meeting

The 79th annual meeting of the SSAHE took place on 8 September 2017 at the University of Zürich, Switzerland. The meeting was themed "Living anatomy: the role of imaging in biomedical research" and was organized by Prof. Andrew Hall and Dr. U. Ziegler. The morning sessions highlighted the power of imaging analysis at a microscopic level, *in vivo* two-photon imaging and computational models (for details see on the SSAHE website: <http://www.ssahe.ch>)



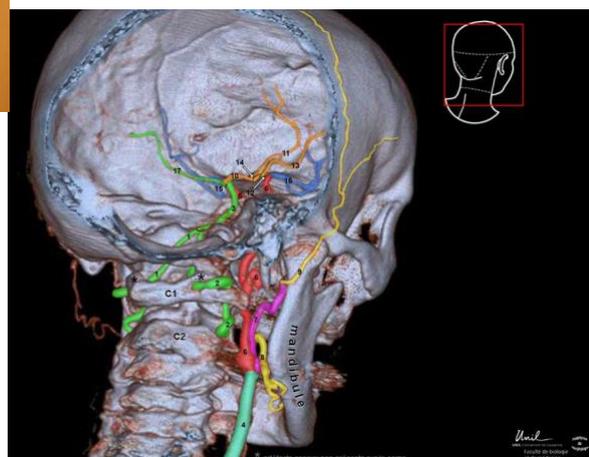
In the afternoon, the General Assembly was held in the same auditorium and headed by the President of the society, Prof. Dr. med. M. Mueller-Gerbl, University of Basel. The assembly was followed by the prize ceremony to honor the excellent work of PhD and Master thesis candidates.



The laureates, from left to right Dr. Anna Hirsch (Uni Basel), MMed. Samuel Natzeder (Uni Fribourg), Dr. Julia Radecke (Uni Bern), MMed Mihailo Obrenovic (Uni Lausanne).

The postmortem angiography reconstruction is used in the e-Learning module at the University of Lausanne, showing reconstructed and color-coded arteries (courtesy of M.

Obrenovic).



Contribution from Prof. Beat Riederer, Platform Morphology, University of Lausanne
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URUGUAYAN ASSOCIATION OF ANATOMY

Dear colleagues,

It is a great honor and privilege for our Uruguayan Association of Anatomy to have been accepted to be part of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists.

The Faculty of Medicine of the Republic of Uruguay opened its doors in 1876 and instruction in Anatomy began from the beginning.

We have had many great anatomists who have taught and researched in our Department over the years and whose results have transcended the limits of our country, becoming in some cases regional references of the discipline.



In May 2017, the Uruguayan Association of the Anatomy was founded after much work and with the invaluable support and effort of all the members of the Anatomy Department of the Faculty of Medicine, teachers and administrators and many former teachers. It was created in order to facilitate an open space for active exchange of knowledge, teaching, research and dissemination, which contributes to the professional and academic development of all its participants.

It is our greatest wish that through it, we can not only strengthen the academic and scientific links between its partners, collaborators, and guests as well as the rest of the anatomists that make up all the societies worldwide, but also that our society becomes a strong and solid link that allows to strengthen fraternal bonds and camaraderie among all of them.

We assume the big commitment to revitalize and hierarchize the concept of classical anatomy not only as an essential basic science in most branches of medicine and related sciences but also as a new way of seeing and approaching the clinic and imaging studies making it more conceptual, understandable and applicable according to current times.

Our Association is at your disposal.

With our best regards
Dr. Laura Borgno
President of the Uruguayan Association of Anatomy



CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

2017

20-23 September 2017
2nd International Congress of Clinical Anatomy
Cordoba, Argentina

2018

5-7 July 2018
ISMS
Prague, Czech Republic

8-12 July 2018
AACA
Atlanta, Georgia

13-16 September 2018
ISCAA
Moscow, Russia

28-31 October 2018
APICA
Korea

3-5 December 2018
ANZACA: Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists
Townsville, Australia

2019

24-26 June 2019
International Congress of Anatomia Clinica
Madrid, Spain

9-11 August 2019
XIX Congress of the IFAA
London

2021

FICA 2021
Antalya, Turkey

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Please send in details of congresses related to the anatomical sciences for inclusion in the calendar

Anatomy Journals: News from the Editors and Journal URLs

If you are the editor of a journal that does not appear in the list below, please email us the journal details for inclusion in subsequent issues

- **Anatomy and Cell Biology**
Editor-in-Chief: In-Sun Park
<http://www.acbjournal.org>
- **Anatomical Record**
Editor-in-Chief: Kurt Albertine
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291932-8494>
- **Anatomical Sciences Education**
Editors-in-Chief: Richard L. Drake and Wojciech Pawlina
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291935-9780>
- **Annals of Anatomy**
Editor-in-Chief: Friedrich Paulsen
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/09409602>
- **Argentine Journal of Clinical Anatomy**
Editor-in-Chief: Susana N. Biasutto
www.anatclinar.com.ar
- **Clinical Anatomy:**
Editor-in-Chief: R. Shane Tubbs
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291098-2353>
- **Developmental Dynamics**
Editor-in-Chief: Parker B. Antin
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291097-0177>
- **European Journal of Anatomy**
Editor-in-Chief: José Ramón Sañudo
<http://www.eurjanat.com/web/>
- **Journal of Anatomy**
Editors: Julia Clarke, Thomas Gillingwater, Anthony Graham, Stefan Milz
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291469-7580>
- **Journal of Morphological Sciences**
Editor: Romeu Rodrigues de Souza
<http://jms.org.br/index.php>
- **Surgical and Radiological Anatomy**
Editor-in-Chief: Fabrice Duparc
<http://link.springer.com/journal/volumesAndIssues/276>

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