



# PLEXUS

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Plexus is the official newsletter of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA) and serves as the Federation's primary communication and institutional record. During the 2024–2025 reporting period, two major issues (April 2025 and September 2025) were

published, providing comprehensive global coverage of scientific, educational, ethical, and governance activities across the anatomical sciences community

Across these issues, *Plexus* documented major international scientific meetings including the 21st IFAA Congress in Gwangju, APICA 2025 in Guangzhou, ISMS Lisbon, IASCBC Kuala Lumpur, the ASSA 50th Annual Conference, and SOCACON 2025 in India. SOCACON alone involved over 600 delegates and more than 250 scientific presentations, reflecting the scale and academic breadth of contemporary clinical and applied anatomy worldwide

A core priority of *Plexus* this year was support for early-career anatomists. Extensive coverage was given to the President's Emergent Anatomists Programme (PEAP), including networking events, mentoring, incentive award recipients, and international congress participation. These reports demonstrated how PEAP continues to strengthen capacity, equity, and international integration in anatomy education and research, particularly for colleagues from low- and middle-income regions

Ethics and professional standards formed another central theme. *Plexus* published the first full annual report of the Federative International Subcommittee on Body Donation (FISBoD), which engaged with 12 anatomical associations across four continents to promote ethical, sustainable body donation programmes. In parallel, FICSP activities at the IFAA Congress in Gwangju provided training in publication ethics, plagiarism avoidance, and journal selection through symposia and Meet-the-Editor sessions attended by approximately 80 anatomists per event

The newsletter also highlighted the growing role of anatomy in public engagement and social responsibility. Outreach activities included school and community anatomy programmes in South Africa, Family Fun Anatomy Day in Malaysia, Chinese University Anatomy Summer Camps, museum-based education in Chile, and STEM initiatives using 3D printing in rural communities. These projects demonstrate how anatomy education is increasingly contributing to public understanding, inclusion, and science communication worldwide.

*Plexus* further maintained its tradition of publishing student reflections, donor-centred narratives, and creative contributions, reinforcing the humanistic values that underpin anatomical education.

Thus, during the 2024–2025 period *Plexus* functioned as the IFAA's authoritative record of global activity, a platform for governance and ethics, a voice for emergent anatomists, and a showcase for international collaboration. The newsletter significantly strengthened communication, visibility, and cohesion across the Federation and continues to be a central pillar of IFAA's educational and professional mission.