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Note from the President – Professor Helen Nicholson

Warm greetings to you all.

We are certainly living through some challenging times, and my thoughts are with those of you who are directly affected by the various conflicts around the world. I do hope that you and your families keep safe and well.

Over the last few months, we have lost two significant members of our Anatomy community. Professor Anne Agur passed away in January. She will be known to many as the editor of Grant's Atlas of Anatomy. Anne was also an active member of the IFAA's Federative International Committee for the Support of Anatomy Professionals (FICSAP). More recently we have heard of the death of Professor Harold Ellis, an inspiring teacher and author of Clinical Anatomy. We are immensely grateful for their many contributions to Anatomy and our thoughts are with their families and friends at this time.

The IFAA Congress is fast approaching, and I look forward to meeting many of you in Melbourne in August (13-16th). An exciting programme is planned with keynote speakers from across the world and a range of symposia featuring the many areas embraced by our discipline. If you have missed out on submitting your abstract in the earlier round, "Late-Breaking" abstracts are now open with a closing date of 30 June 2026. For more information on this and the Congress see <https://ifaa2026.org/en-AU>. We received a strong field of applications for the Emergent Anatomists Awards and I am delighted that the IFAA has been able to provide awards to twenty-one anatomists from low and low-middle income countries.

A meeting of the General Assembly of the IFAA will be held at the Congress in August. We ask each member association to provide Diogo Pais, the Secretary General, the names of your representatives so that we can ensure that they receive the meeting papers ahead of time and can represent their association at the Assembly. We have recently sent out a proposal to member associations and referendum for the IFAA to become an incorporated society. Over the last 122 years the IFAA has been an unincorporated society meaning that it is not a separate legal entity, has no protection over its name, members are personally responsible for the society's debts or other obligations, and it is not eligible to apply for some grants and funding. The Executive Committee has considered these issues and believes that it would be wise to register the IFAA as a not-for profit incorporated society. We are still awaiting the responses from some member associations, but should the proposal be approved, we will be discussing at the General Assembly any changes to the constitution that may be necessary to register as an incorporated society. Please come with your questions as we want to hear your views!

World Anatomy Day is celebrated annually on 15 October to commemorate the death of Andreas Vesalius in 1564. It is an important opportunity to showcase the importance of Anatomy within our communities. It is great to read in this edition of Plexus how World

Anatomy Day was celebrated last year in China. This year continuing the IFAA Congress theme, the topic of World Anatomy Day is "Anatomy for Everyone". I encourage you all to consider creative ways that you can celebrate this special day and of course we'd love to hear about your events!

I look forward to meeting many of you in Melbourne.

Note from the Editor

It is a pleasure to share this edition of Plexus with you. Bringing this issue together has highlighted both the depth and the diversity of activity across the anatomical community, with contributions spanning education, research, and global engagement.

This is also a reflective issue. We remember Professor Anne Agur and Professor Harold Ellis, whose influence on anatomy teaching and clinical education has been profound. Their work has shaped how many of us learned anatomy and, in turn, how we now teach it. Their legacy runs quietly but strongly through the discipline.

Alongside this, the reports featured in this issue offer a glimpse into how anatomy continues to evolve across different settings. The activities from the Belarusian State Medical University and the Polish Anatomical Association highlight the importance of academic collaboration, student engagement, and maintaining strong educational traditions. The personal account of an emergent anatomist and cardiovascular surgeon is a reminder of how closely anatomy and clinical practice remain intertwined, particularly as new technologies begin to shape research and surgical thinking.

The global perspective is further reflected in the coverage of World Anatomy Day activities in China, where anatomy is not only taught but actively shared with wider communities through outreach, creativity, and public engagement. These efforts reinforce the idea that anatomy extends beyond the classroom and plays an important role in shaping public understanding of medicine.

Looking ahead, the upcoming IFAA Congress in Melbourne will provide an important opportunity to bring these conversations together. With themes ranging from anatomical sciences education to clinical and imaging anatomy, it promises to reflect the same breadth seen in this issue.

Thank you to all contributors for sharing their work and experiences. Plexus continues to be a collective space, and it is this shared effort that gives it value.

With best wishes,

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OBITUARY

Dr. Anne Agur – In Memoriam



10th November, 1953 – 26th January, 2026

Professor Dr. Anne Maria Reet Agur (née Vilde), wife, mother, scientist, mentor, teacher and a dear friend to many, passed away on January 26, 2026 due to complications arising from a two-year long struggle with a rare cancer.

Like many of you reading this tribute, I knew of Anne before I met her. Her prolific work in the fields of anatomical sciences research, anatomy education, medical education and medical illustration (to name a few) was second to none. She was a model educator whom we could literally look up in journal articles and anatomy textbooks, but also look up to as a teacher and mentor. Dr. Agur was editor and later, co-editor of Grant's Atlas of Anatomy, 9th through 16th editions, and she collaborated with Dr. Art Dalley of Vanderbilt University to author several other textbooks. It is no exaggeration that Dr. Agur's life and work impacted thousands of people, many of whom have become excellent physicians, health science professionals, research scientists and educators in their own right, and who are now training the next generation of professionals. Without a doubt, Anne's contribution to science and medicine has been truly multi-generational.

Dr. Agur was born on November 10, 1953 in Toronto, Canada of immigrant parents from Estonia. Her many talents blossomed early in life as a gifted student in high school, who also did well in sports and played the cello and piano. Anne earned a BSc in Occupational Therapy at the University of Toronto and went on to complete a Masters in Anatomy, also at U of T, in 1978. She was hired as an instructor in the Anatomy Department of the university, later becoming Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Full Professor in the Division of Anatomy, Department of Surgery. Dr. Agur also held cross-disciplinary appointments in the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Toronto. She retired in 2025 and was appointed Professor Emeritus, after over 45 years of service to her *alma mata*, several regional and international professional associations, and her beloved students.

At the IFAA, Anne was an active member of the Federative International Committee for the Support of Anatomy Professionals (FICSAP), a committee on which I also served and which I currently chair. In spite of her poor health towards the end, Anne would attend meetings, or when she could not attend, send profuse apologies. Her efforts to continue to contribute actively to the careers of emerging professionals through the work of our committee were significant and now in hindsight, truly heroic. We in the FICSAP and larger IFAA family will miss her dearly.

Anne was celebrated by family, colleagues and friends at a memorial service in Toronto on March 18, 2026. Anne is survived by her husband, Enno and children Erik, Amy and Kristina, as well as by her large extended family consisting of brother, nephews, nieces and other relatives.

Anne's family requests that anyone wishing to honour her memory should consider making a donation to a charity of their choice, in lieu of flowers:

Estonian Scouts and Guides in Canada (<https://www.skaudigaidifond.ca>)

Estonian Foundation of Canada (<https://estonianfoundation.ca>)

Estonian Arts Centre/KESKUS (<https://www.estoniancentre.ca/capital-campaign>)

Yonge Street Mission (<https://www.ysm.ca>)

May her loving soul rest in peace.

Olusegun Oyedele, PhD.

Chair, IFAA FICSAP

This is the webpage provided by the funeral home where individuals may view a recording of the memorial service and, should they wish, leave condolences and tributes.

<https://www.humphreymiles.com/obituaries/Professor-Dr-Anne-Maria-Reet-Agur?obId=47270726>

OBITUARY

Professor Harold Ellis



Professor Harold Ellis receiving his CBE in 1987
CBE, MCh and FRCS
13th January 1926 – 25th March 2026

Professor Harold Ellis was a distinguished British surgeon, educator, and one of the most influential figures in modern medical teaching. Qualifying in 1948, at the inception of the NHS, he went on to serve as Professor of Surgery at the University of London and a consultant surgeon at Westminster Hospital, making significant contributions to both clinical practice and academic surgery.

He was best known for his extraordinary dedication to teaching. His textbook *Clinical Anatomy: Applied Anatomy for Students and Junior Doctors* became a definitive resource for medical students and surgeons worldwide. His ability to communicate complex anatomical principles with clarity left a lasting impact across generations. Even into his later years, he remained actively involved in teaching, inspiring students with his knowledge and enthusiasm.

Appointed CBE and honoured by the Royal College of Surgeons, Professor Ellis will be remembered not only for his achievements, but for his humility, generosity, and lifelong commitment to education. His legacy endures in the countless doctors whose training he shaped.

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Rubnikov S.P., Trushel N.A., Rudenok V.V., Pasiuk H.A.

Activities of the Department of Normal Anatomy at Belarusian State Medical University

The Department of Normal Anatomy at Belarusian State Medical University (Minsk, Republic of Belarus), led by Professor Natalia A. Trushel, Doctor of Medical Sciences, actively organised and participated in international events in 2025 focused on education and the involvement of young scientists in research. With the support of the Rector, Professor Sergey P. Rubnikov, Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, these events were delivered to a high standard and were well received by participants.

On October 3, 2025, the department hosted an International Scientific and Practical Conference on “Innovative Technologies in the Educational Process of Morphological Disciplines”. The conference, organised by the Department of Normal Anatomy, included multiple sessions, including dedicated presentations by young scientists.



Participants of the International Scientific and Practical Conference 2026

A total of 86 oral and 58 poster presentations were announced at the International Conference by participants from eight countries: Belarus, Russia, Uzbekistan, Bulgaria, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Malaysia. Approximately 300 authors from 29 cities participated, including anatomists, histologists, topographic anatomists, pathologists, doctors, and students engaged in morphological research.

The conference brought together a large international cohort of participants, including a significant delegation of teachers and students from I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University. Representatives and heads of morphological departments from several institutions also attended, including Voronezh State Medical University, Smolensk State Medical University, Tyumen State Medical University, Sarawak University (Malaysia), First Saint Petersburg State Medical University, Chuvash State University, Khanty-Mansi State Medical Academy, Ural State Medical University, Volgograd State Medical University, Samara State Medical University, and others.

Belarusian healthcare institutions were represented by organisations such as the Republican Scientific and Practical Center for Neurology and Neurosurgery and the City Clinical Pathological Bureau of Minsk. In addition, heads of morphological departments from all medical universities across the Republic of Belarus, along with morphologists and clinicians from Belarusian State Medical University, were in attendance.

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Head of the Department of Normal Anatomy at the Belarusian State Medical University, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor Natalia Trushel opens the international scientific and practical conference.

The plenary session was opened by the Vice-Rector for International Relations of BSMU, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor Vasily V. Rudenok, and the Vice-Rector for Scientific Work of BSMU, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor Mikhail Yu. Revtoich.

The first presentation, titled “The Department of Normal Anatomy BSMU: From Origins to Present”, was delivered by Associate Professor Lyudmila Alexandrovna Davydova, highlighting the development and achievements of the department.



Lyudmila A. Davydova, PhD, Associate Professor of the Department of Normal Anatomy, presents report on the establishment of the Department of Normal Anatomy BSMU

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The conference programme comprised four main sections: innovative educational technologies in morphological disciplines, modern approaches in morphological and clinical education, and two dedicated sections for young scientists focusing on experimental and clinical morphology. In addition, a poster session featured 58 presentations.

Following the conference, participants attended an excursion to the Nesvizh museum-reserve, offering an opportunity to explore the cultural heritage of Belarus.



Furthermore, on December 19, 2025, the Department of Normal Anatomy at BSMU hosted the XIII International Student Olympiad in Human Anatomy. The Olympiad consisted of preliminary and final stages, with the preliminary round held at participating universities to select three representatives from each institution. This stage included written assessments covering six anatomical regions, incorporating a range of question formats such as multiple-choice, short answer, matching tasks, sequencing, and interpretation of imaging (X-ray, CT, and MRI). All tasks were developed by the department's student scientific circle under the guidance of Oksana Budyko, with support from faculty members.

Participants included four medical universities from the Republic of Belarus and nine from the Russian Federation, reflecting broad regional engagement.

The opening of the Olympiad was accompanied by performances from the student folklore theatre "Med.uni.ca" and the violin ensemble "Perpetuum Mobile", creating a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere for participants and faculty alike.

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Performance by the folklore theater "Med.uni.ca"

At the opening of the XIII International Student Olympiad in Human Anatomy, the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs of BSMU, MD, Ph.D., Associate Professor Yuri A. Sokolov, addressed the participants and guests of the event with a welcoming speech, reminding them of the significance of human anatomy for future doctors and wishing them success in the upcoming competition. The Vice-Rector for International Relations of BSMU, Dmitry A. Chuykov, emphasized the importance and significance of holding such events aimed at developing and strengthening international cooperation among departments and universities. Professor Vasily V. Rudenok, and Professor Natalia A. Trushel, Head of the Department of Normal Anatomy at BSMU, welcomed the participants and wished them an excellent time at BSMU.



Opening of the International Student Olympiad in Human Anatomy at the Belarusian State Medical University

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Participants engaged in a comprehensive, multi-stage programme, including a homework assignment, theoretical and practical rounds, and a team-based “Anatomical Quiz”. Each stage required high levels of concentration, in-depth knowledge, and effective teamwork.

All teams demonstrated an excellent standard of preparation. Creative approaches in the homework component were complemented by strong performance in the theoretical round. The practical stage formed the highlight of the Olympiad, where participants confidently applied their anatomical knowledge to tasks aligned with final examination standards. The competition was both intense and highly impressive.



Olympiad participants at work

At the conclusion of the final round, with closely matched scores, the team from Belarusian State Medical University shared first place with teams from Grodno State Medical University and North-Western State Medical University named after I. I. Mechnikov. Individual participants were also awarded diplomas of I, II, and III degrees, and teams were recognised for excellence in the homework assignment.

The Olympiad also provided opportunities for networking and cultural engagement. On the first day, participants connected and exchanged ideas, while on the second day they took part in a guided tour of Minsk, which offered a memorable conclusion to the programme.

The event was further complemented by an anatomical drawing competition, with over 100 artworks exhibited, highlighting both scientific understanding and creative expression.

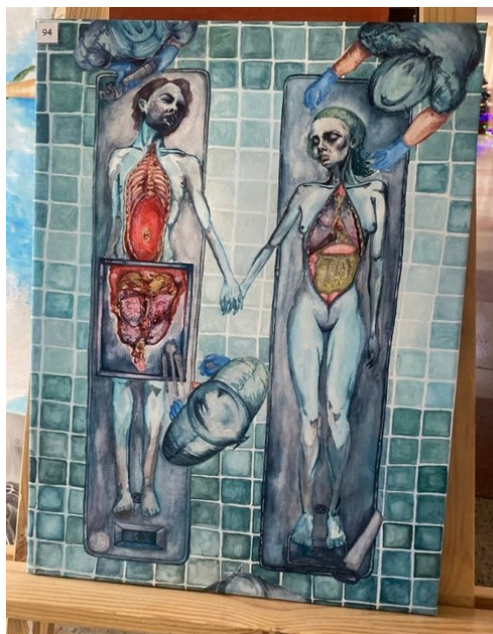
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Some of the paintings presented at the exhibition

1st place - "Autopsy," by Anna Prokopovich, General Medicine Faculty, 2nd place - "Anatomy of the Human Body," by Sithuki Dilansa Dissanayake, Faculty of International Students, 3rd place - "Life in the Hands," by Anastasia Serdyuchenko, Pediatric Faculty.

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The drawing that won 1st place was "Autopsy" by Anna Prokopovich.

The Department of Normal Anatomy continues to honour the memory of its teachers. On March 25, 2025, faculty members participated in a solemn ceremony marking the unveiling of a memorial plaque at School No. 2 in Kletsk, where the distinguished Belarusian morphologist Professor Pyotr I. Lobko studied.

Professor Lobko, an Honoured Scientist of the Republic of Belarus and former Head of the Department of Normal Anatomy at BSMU (1975–1996), is remembered for his enduring contributions to anatomical science and education. His words, "Anatomy is the most ancient science, never ageing, always modern; a science that holds immense prospects and always has a future," continue to inspire generations of students.



The ceremonial unveiling of a memorial plaque on the facade of School No. 2 in Kletsk.

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My Scientific Journey: An Emergent Anatomist and Cardiovascular Surgeon Ilya M. Vasalatiy

I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University (Sechenov University) Moscow, Russia



My name is Ilya M. Vasalatiy, a PhD student and cardiovascular surgeon at I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University (Sechenov University), Moscow, Russia.

My scientific journey began early at Sechenov University. During grades 10–11, I studied at the Sechenov Medical Pre-University, where I gained my first structured exposure to academic medicine. This experience helped me realise that I wanted not only to practise medicine, but also to contribute to knowledge that informs clinical decision-making.

A defining turning point came in my second year of medical school, when I joined the Sechenov University Centre for Scientific Career. There, I developed core research skills and learned to think in terms of questions, methods, and evidence. In my fourth year, I entered the School of Mastery at the Department of Operative Surgery and Topographic Anatomy, led by Associate Professor Olga V. Drakina and Professor Sergey S. Dydykin. This experience strengthened my understanding of surgery and introduced me to cardiovascular surgery as a field where anatomy, precision, and clinical responsibility intersect.

Through my mentors, I was introduced to Professor Roman N. Komarov, a leading cardiovascular surgeon. Working with him enabled me to combine my interests in science and cardiac surgery, approaching clinical problems through an anatomical and quantitative perspective.

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Under the guidance of Professors Komarov and Dydykin, I am currently working on developing a method for mitral valve reconstruction using autologous pericardium. This project requires detailed anatomical analysis, and, based on our findings, we have developed an initial software model to predict patient-specific mitral valve dimensions. Alongside this, we are preparing publications, patents, and conference presentations.

One of the main challenges has been analysing complex anatomical data. Recognising the limitations of traditional descriptive methods, I have learned programming and machine learning techniques to better interpret and apply our findings in a clinically meaningful way.

I am driven by fundamental problems that have the potential to influence surgical practice. Moving forward, I aim to expand our dataset and refine machine learning models to enhance the reliability and clinical applicability of our work. I am deeply grateful to Associate Professor Olga V. Drakina for her mentorship, and to Professors Sergey S. Dydykin and Roman N. Komarov for their guidance and support.

Activities of the Polish Anatomical Association in 2025

The Polish Anatomical Association plays a significant role in integrating the scientific community and supporting the development of anatomical education in Poland. Its activities encompass both the organization of scientific events and competitions for students, as well as initiatives aimed at commemorating distinguished representatives of this field. The past academic year provided numerous examples of such activity, illustrating both the contemporary dimension of teaching anatomy and the commitment to preserving its traditions.

At the same time, it is worth emphasizing the growing international recognition of Polish anatomists. Professor Michał Polgaj, Head of the Department of Normal and Clinical Anatomy and the Chair of Anatomy and Histology at the Medical University of Łódź, has been elected Honorary Vice President of the European Association of Clinical Anatomy (EACA) for the term 2025–2027. The official announcement was made during the joint EACA and ISCAA congress in Rouen, France. This is the first time in the history of the European Association of Clinical Anatomy that such a distinguished and prestigious position has been awarded to a Polish scientist. It is a clear recognition of Professor Polgaj's outstanding scientific, teaching, and clinical achievements.

One of the most important events organized within the anatomical community is the nationwide anatomical knowledge competition “Golden Scapula”. It is among the most prestigious initiatives addressed to students of medical faculties, with a history spanning several decades. The competition serves not only as a test of knowledge but also as a platform for integration among students from various academic centers.

The 38th edition of the competition, held in May 2025 at the Collegium Medicum of the University of Rzeszów, gathered participants representing numerous medical universities across Poland. The event consisted of two stages, including a practical part—focused on identifying anatomical structures on specimens—and a theoretical part in the form of a multiple-choice test. This format allows for a comprehensive assessment of students' knowledge as well as their ability to apply it in practice.

The significance of the competition extends beyond rivalry. “Golden Scapula” fosters the exchange of teaching experiences, enables comparison of educational standards among different institutions, and strengthens relationships between students and academic staff. In this way, it reflects the fundamental objectives of the Polish Anatomical Association, namely the advancement of science and the improvement of educational quality.

Another important aspect of the anatomical community's activity involves initiatives of a historical and commemorative nature. At the Medical University of Warsaw, an event was organized in memory of Professor Aleksandrowicz, an eminent figure in Polish anatomy whose scientific and educational contributions had a substantial impact on the development of the discipline. This event had not only a commemorative but also an educational dimension, as it highlighted the role of academic authorities in shaping future generations of physicians and anatomists.

Global perspectives of anatomy at 2025 World Anatomy Day in China
(Chinese Association of Anatomy Science)

October 15, 2025 marks the 7th World Anatomy Day since the 19th IFAA Congress in London in 2019, where the IFAA General Assembly decided to celebrate World Anatomy Day annually on October 15 to honour the father of anatomy, Andreas Vesalius, who died in 1564. Each year, a specific theme is chosen to engage anatomists across the world in the celebration.

The theme of this year's World Anatomy Day is "Global perspectives of anatomy: bringing together the global community and recognising differences while celebrating similarities". For the Chinese Association of Anatomy Sciences (CSAS), however, body donation remains a central and enduring theme.

On October 17 and 19, 2025, the World Anatomy Day – Global Perspectives of Anatomy event was held at Anhui Medical University at the Dashushan Cultural Cemetery. A total of 180 participants, including undergraduate students from various disciplines, international students, and faculty members from the Department of Human Anatomy, took part in the activities. Participants gathered to commemorate World Anatomy Day, reflecting on the vital role of body donation in medical education.



"I would rather have a student make a thousand mistakes on my body than make a mistake on a sick child." Dr Yamei Hu (1923–2025), a renowned Chinese paediatrician and Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), donated her body to the School of Basic Medicine at Peking Union Medical College (PUMC) on October 15, 2025. On this occasion, students of the 2024 cohort at PUMC participated in the commemorative activity "Inheriting Yamei Hu's Spirit and Upholding the Original Aspiration of Doctors" to mark World Anatomy Day 2025. The event highlighted her enduring legacy, emphasising the profound connection between anatomical education, body donation, and the values of dedication and service in medicine.

Events across the globe

Prior to her death, Academician Yamei Hu stated, “One day, I will lie on the experimental bench and become a ‘gross teacher’ for medical students, using my body to make one final contribution to medicine.” This wish was fulfilled, as her body was donated to PUMC following her memorial service for the purposes of teaching and research.

Through this selfless act, she has come to be regarded as a deeply respected “great teacher” by medical students, embodying the spirit of respecting life and dedicating oneself to medicine.



As part of the Global Perspectives of Anatomy activities celebrating World Anatomy Day 2025, an “Anatomy Model Clay Making” event was organised by the Sun Yat-Sen University Medical Journal, the Medical Voice Academic Science Popularisation Association, and the Sun Yat-Sen University Medical Specimen Museum in Guangzhou, southern China.

The aim of the activity was to help students transition from two-dimensional representations to three-dimensional understanding by creating clay models of human organs. Through this hands-on approach, students deepened their comprehension of human anatomy while also cultivating a sense of respect and reverence for life.

In response to this year’s World Anatomy Day theme, “Global Perspectives of Anatomy”, the Human Science Museum and Tianjin Medical Museum invited community members and young students to university campuses to participate in medical science popularisation lectures.

The museums’ collections highlight the development of medical education in Tianjin, reflecting the dedication and contributions of generations of healthcare professionals in saving and improving lives. World Anatomy Day is therefore not only a celebration for anatomists worldwide, but also an important opportunity to promote academic exchange, collaboration, and the philosophy that “anatomy practice speaks louder than words.”

Events across the globe



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On the morning of October 22, Qiqihar Medical College, located in the northernmost part of China, in collaboration with the Provincial and Municipal Associations for Science and Technology, organised a World Anatomy Day outreach activity at Yulong School in Longjiang County under the theme “Global Perspectives of Anatomy”. The event aimed to provide an immersive experience in medical science popularisation.

On-site demonstrations of human body specimens made anatomical concepts more accessible and tangible. Graduate students in basic medical sciences used a wide range of models and specimens to explain the structure and function of key systems, including the skull, musculoskeletal, digestive, respiratory, urinary, reproductive, cardiovascular, and nervous systems, while engaging actively with students’ questions.

During the practical component, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich manoeuvre were demonstrated, with students participating enthusiastically. Under one-to-one guidance from volunteers, participants practised essential emergency skills, creating a highly engaging and interactive learning environment.

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Around October 15, 2025, numerous institutions across China, including Peking Union Medical College in Beijing, Tianjin Medical University, Zhengzhou University Medical School in Henan Province, Hainan Medical University, Qilu Medical College in Shandong Province, Ningbo Health Vocational and Technical College in Zhejiang Province, Nanjing Medical University in Jiangsu Province, and Dali University in Yunnan Province, organised a range of activities to commemorate World Anatomy Day in diverse and engaging ways.



Events across the globe



Events across the globe



At the same time, the Senior Honorary President of the Chinese Association of Anatomy Sciences, Dr Changman Zhou, along with other members, attended the 75th Annual Conference of the Korean Association of Anatomists in Gyeongju on October 15, 2025. Associate Professor Xiangshan Yuan from Fudan University, Shanghai, and Associate Professor Yueming Wang from Shanghai Jiao Tong University, representing the Chinese Association of Anatomy Sciences, delivered the "Symposium for Young Scholars from

Events across the globe



Right 1. Seung-Ho HAN, Vice President of IFAA, past President of Korean Association of Anatomists, Professor College of Medicine Chung-Ang University.

Right 2. Yunlei GU, Vice President of Huayi Science and Education Co. Ltd., Suzhou, China.

Lift 1. Xiangshan Yuan, Associate Professor Fudan University in Shanghai.

Lift 2. Changman Zhou, senior Honorary President of Chinese Association of Anatomy sciences, Professor Peking University Health Science Center.

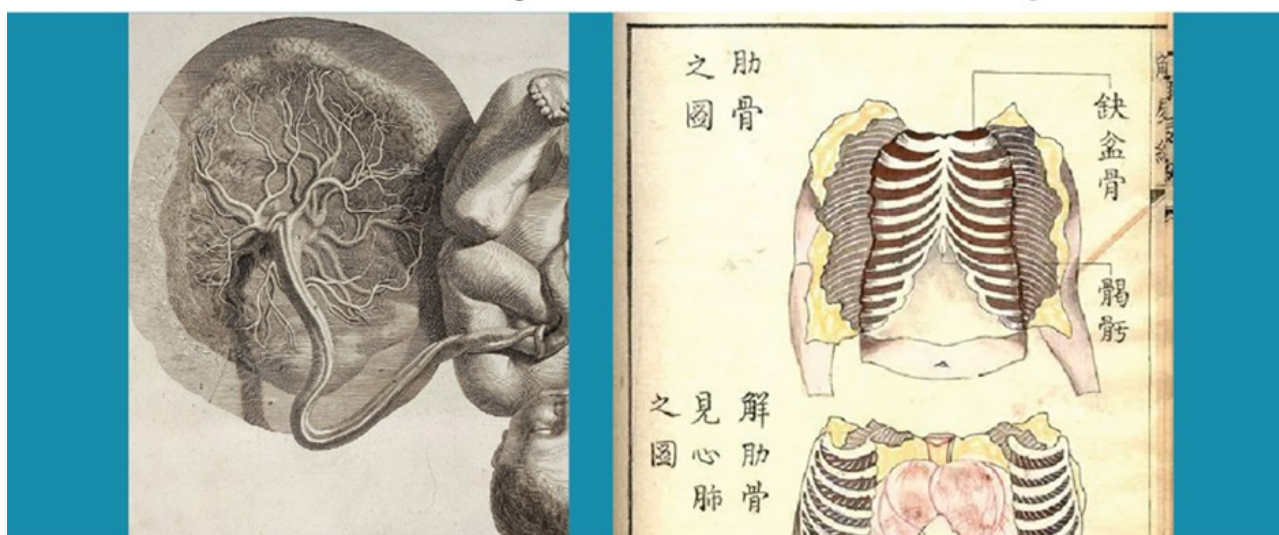
Lift 3. Yueming Wang. Associate Professor Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Anatomy Sciences Education: Art and Anatomy, A Different Perspective

ASE Anatomical Sciences Education

Special Issue Call for Papers

Art and Anatomy: A Different Perspective



When we consider the intersection of art and anatomy, it is often through the lens of Western art and medicine. In this issue, we will spotlight other voices and histories to enrich the conversation on the overlap of art and anatomy.

For more information or to submit a Letter of Interest, contact
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Deadline to submit: June 1, 2026

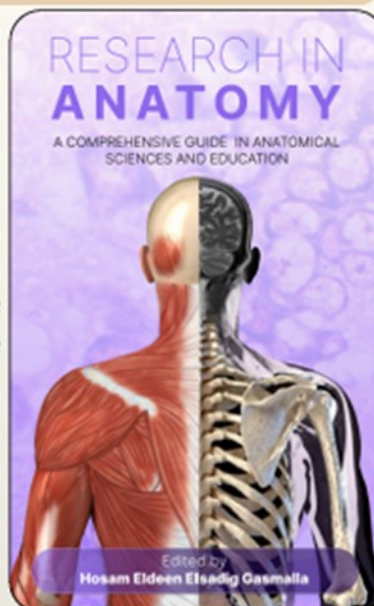
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Research in Anatomy

A Comprehensive Guide in Anatomical Sciences and Education

While many available texts cover research methods in general, this book focuses on approaches in anatomical studies. It serves as a valuable resource for postgraduate students, educators and researchers.

The book features contributions from renowned anatomists worldwide, including deans of medical schools, editors of scientific journals, and leaders of anatomical and medical education societies. The authors represent a diverse range of countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Turkey, Malaysia, India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Nigeria, and Sudan.



Link to the book: [Research in Anatomy | ScienceDirect](#)



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It is divided into two parts. The first part introduces the fundamentals of anatomical research across seven chapters, covering research designs, systematic literature searching, comparisons of human and animal studies, systematic reviews, data analysis, sharing findings, the role of cadavers, and anatomy education methods.

The second part presents specialised themes in areas such as developmental anatomy, surgical observations, morphometrics, medical imaging, and neuroanatomical techniques, while also exploring anatomical variability.

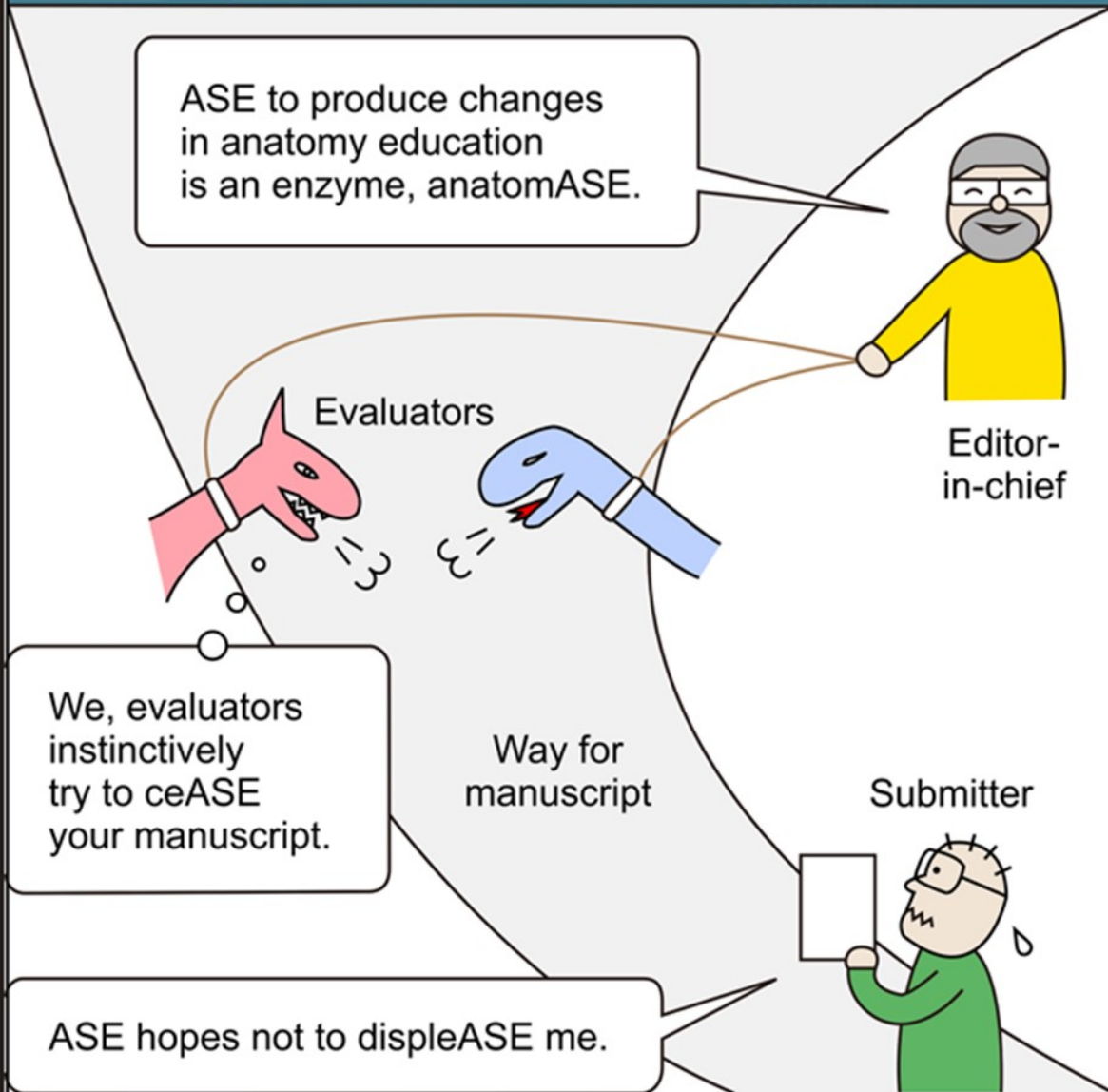


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He graduated from medical school at Al-Neelain University in Sudan and practised medicine for a few years before transitioning to a full-time role in anatomy, currently affiliated with Brunel University London, UK

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Anatomical Sciences Education is an international journal publishing evidence-based opinions, innovations, and research in education in the anatomical and physiological sciences. In particular, education in gross anatomy, embryology, histology, neurosciences, physiology, biomedical, and life sciences.

IFAA 2026 (13–16 August) Melbourne, Australia

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IFAA has been held
in many countries.

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1903 Geneva, Switzerland
1910 Brussels, Belgium
1930 Amsterdam, NLD
1936 Milan, Italy

1950 Oxford, UK
1955 Paris, France
1960 New York, USA
1965 Wiesbaden, Germany
1970 St Petersburg, Russia
1975 Tokyo, Japan
1980 Mexico City, Mexico
1985 London, UK
1989 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1994 Lisbon, Portugal
1999 Rome, Italy
2004 Kyoto, Japan
2009 Cape Town, RSA
2014 Beijing, China

2019 London, UK
2022 Istanbul, Türkiye
2024 Gwangju, Korea
2026 Melbourne, Australia
2029 Santiago, Chile



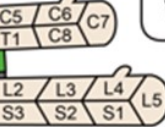
In 2026, IFAA is held
on the Australian continent
for the first time.
It is a historic event.

Look at
the logo
of IFAA
2026.



The logo follows
the traditional Aboriginal
painting style of Australia.

The human figure is
divided into segments,
symbolizing the diverse
and interconnected
anatomical communities.



The logo
resembles
derma-
tomes.

The human figure reaches
upward, symbolizing
the aspiration of
anatomical science and
the welcoming of
overseas anatomists.



The logo resembles the
action of the deltoid muscle.
How anatomical the logo is!

IFAA 2026 is expected
to achieve the 4 As:

Academic and
Amusing
Anatomy in
Australia.

Not only Melbourne
(the host city) but also
Sydney is a wonderful
place to visit.

What is the difference
between the two
metropolitan cities?



In my experience, Mel-
bourne, with its charming
old town atmosphere,
feels closer to Europe.



Sydney, with its modernized
urban landscape, feels
closer to the United States.

Discover the difference
for yourself.

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Brisbane, another attractive city, is the third largest.



M = million people

Brisbane (2032): 2.6 M

Sydney (2000): 5.2 M

Melbourne (1956): 5.3 M

Notably, Australia hosts three Olympic Games. (year)

During my childhood,
I learned the difference
between Australia and
Austria.



Australia has kangaroos;
Austria has
classical music.

Nowadays, Australia also has rich art and culture.



One example is Cate Blanchett from Melbourne.

MELbourne is
a city of MELody.



Discover something about
Australian art and culture
for yourself.

The hosting association
of IFAA 2026 is ANZACA.



Australian and New
Zealand Association
of Clinical Anatomists

Like ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps), ANZACA anatomists collaborate very well.



Unlike ANZAC, ANZACA anatomists are peaceful and kind to overseas visitors.



The ANZACA conference is held annually in December.



Any anatomist in the world may attend.

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As a Korean, I have participated three times to be warmly welcomed.

APICA/ANZACA Conference 2023
10th APICA
20th ANZACA Congress



Hobart (2010)
Brisbane (2013)
Dunedin (2023)

At the ANZACA conference, I experienced the summer season in December.



Oddly, December is not cold.

During IFAA 2026 (August 13–16), I will experience winter in August.



Regardless of the season, the climate in Melbourne is pleasant.

Don't miss the delicious food in Melbourne. My favorite is steak, which is both tasty and affordable in Melbourne.

OUTBACK
STEAKHOUSE®

"Outback" refers to the vast, sparsely populated interior of Australia.

Supination and flexion of forearm



These actions of the left biceps brachii are required to pick up a piece of steak with a fork.

If you have enough time, visit New Zealand as well.



New Zealand is quite a different country, shaped by the Māori people.



Prof. Helen Nicholson, the President of IFAA, works in Dunedin, New Zealand.



She is a member of ANZACA.

I am happy as a member of the hosting association.



Do not miss this great opportunity in Melbourne for your academic and social career.

UPCOMING EVENT

IFAA 2026 | 22ND CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF ANATOMISTS



Congress News and Call for Symposia Proposals

Dear Anatomy Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 22nd Congress of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists -IFAA2026 - to be held in Melbourne, Australia from the 13–16 August 2026.

The subject of this Congress is **Anatomy for Everyone**, and it is indeed our hope that anatomists, as well as those with strong ties to anatomy, will attend and be stimulated by a first class scientific program, and by engaging with colleagues from across the world. The core themes of this Congress are:

- Anatomical Sciences Education
- Surgical and Clinical Anatomy
- Imaging Anatomy
- Neuroscience and Cell Biology
- Ethics and Law
- *Anatomy for Everyone*, including Biological and Forensic Anthropology, Histology, Developmental Anatomy/ Embryology

Each theme will include an exciting selection of bespoke symposia which will form the backbone of a stimulating programme featuring world experts and emerging thinkers. The Congress will also feature podium and poster presentations highlighting the cutting-edge research and education practices from diverse anatomy specialties. We are particularly pleased to offer numerous opportunities for early career academics throughout the Congress, including IFAA sponsorship to attend and present, alongside valuable networking possibilities.

Here are some news highlights:

Stay up to date with the Congress information, please sign up to receive our newsletters at <https://ifaa2026.org/en-AU>

Register for the congress at access early bird rates at <https://ifaa2026.org/en-AU/pages/registration/registration>

*** The Call for Symposia Proposals is now open. Access information and submit a proposal at <https://ifaa2026.org/en-AU/pages/program/call-for-symposia>

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Enter our Koala competition to win free registration at <https://ifaa2026.org/en-AU/pages/destination/koala-competition>

We look forward to seeing you in Melbourne and encourage you to mark your diaries for the 13th to the 16th of August 2026. Together, we will make IFAA 2026 a memorable event.

Warm regards,

Professors Nalini Pather & Quentin Fogg

IFAA 2026 Congress Chairs

