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## Editor's Letter

This issue carries some important news for our community. We include tributes to two colleagues we have lost: Stephen Franey MBE, whose memorial event at King's College London is reported in full, and Tony Sefton, remembered warmly by those who knew him. Both were long-standing and much-valued members of the IAS, and their contributions to the Institute and to the wider field deserve to be properly marked.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find a full recap of the Spring Meeting and AGM, held online in April, along with updates from council on qualifications, competitions, the journal, and the autumn meeting in Liverpool in September. There is also a spotlight on Benedicta Quaye's recently published article on vitiligo.

As always, if you have something you would like to contribute to a future issue, I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please get in touch at [Rebecca.Aitken@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Aitken@liverpool.ac.uk).

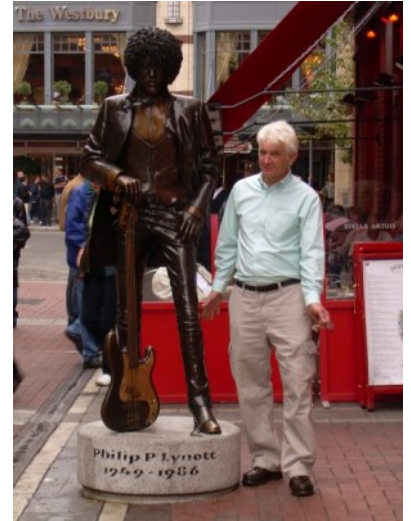
Rebecca Aitken

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## Thomas (Tony) Sefton - A tribute



It's with great sadness that the IAS Council learned of the death of our wonderful colleague and friend, Tony Sefton. Here is a tribute from our Vice Chair, Steve Gaze:

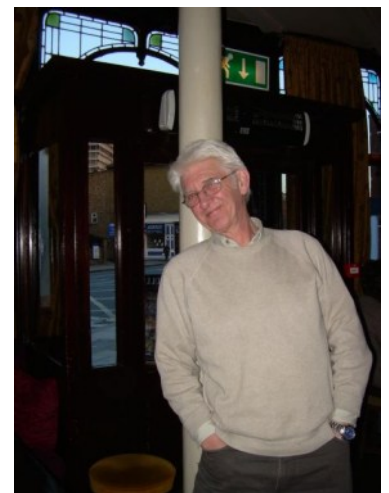
Tony was a very proud Liverpoolian and Liverpool supporter and he began his career at the Anatomy Department in his home City. It was here as a young man he pursued his passion for music and joined a pop band the Citadels. On a night out at the Cavern club in the early sixties he actually met and chatted with Paul McCartney and John Lennon!

Tony moved with his family, Joyce and Sons Pete and David to Weston Super mare where he began working for Phillip Harris Biological. It was here where he enrolled in the very first Plastination workshop working shoulder to shoulder to shoulder with Gunter Von Hagens.

Tony moved to the Middle East in the 90's helping to set up the first ever Medical School in Oman over the next 11 years. In the early 2000's Tony made his final career move to Bristol Anatomy Department where he quickly became a very well respected and liked member of the team.

His strengths were in skeletal work and potting particularly but Tony would always turn his hand to anything that needed doing. He was a very proactive member of the IAS, attending many Scientific meetings and winning the Open and Museum prize competitions.

Tony's stories of the old days were legendary! You will be missed my friend. Rest in Peace Tony.






**WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND**

**2026**

**IAS AUTUMN SCIENTIFIC MEETING**



**Date:** 2nd-3rd September 2026  
**Location:** Human Anatomy Resource Centre (HARC) in Liverpool



“Join us for a vibrant meeting where emerging professionals and established experts share perspectives, skills, and innovation. With interactive workshops in 3D printing, embalming, and HTA, plus technical and academic talks across Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Anatomy, and beyond, there’s something for everyone. The HARC team is excited to welcome you to our city and department.”

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# 2026 IAS Autumn Scientific Meeting

Human Anatomy Resource Centre  
(HARC) in Liverpool



2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2026

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For more information visit:

 [www.anatomical-sciences.org.uk](http://www.anatomical-sciences.org.uk)



For full details on how to enter please visit the IAS website by using the web address below or by scanning the QR code



Our Eventbrite is live! Please follow the link below to sign up to the in-person meeting in September!

[IAS Autumn Scientific Meeting 2026 - University of Liverpool Tickets, Wednesday 2 September-Thursday 3 September • 9 AM-4 PM | Eventbrite](#)

For more information please visit the IAS website which also includes the programme of events at the conference:

[Events and Meetings - The Institute of Anatomical Sciences](#)

Or if you would prefer to peruse the programme directly please click below:

[IAS-timetable.pdf](#)

## Is there any financial support available to attend?

The IAS Garry Thomson Educational grant is available for paid up members to apply for, to help with funding conference attendance. Please see [the website](#) for more details.

## Refunds

The IAS can offer a refund of ticket price (minus a small admin fee) up to the point where catering has been confirmed/ registration closes. After this time, no refunds can be provided.

# IAS Prize Competitions

Open to all IAS members and non-members

Marjorie England  
Dissection Prize



IAS Student  
Dissection Prize



Terrence Williamson Museum Prize



IAS Open Competition



Animal or human specimens !

**Note:**

- The specimen will be judged against published criteria, technical and intellectual complexity and usefulness as a teaching aid

Single or multiple museum displays !



Osteological specimen



Dissection/pathological specimen



Corrosion casts/models



Plastinated, air-dried, freeze-dried, plastic or resin embedded specimens



Anatomical drawings, paintings or sculptures



Book chapter



Video or film



Histological slides



Teaching aids



Computer program



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**Sunday 9th August 2026, 11:59pm**

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation

With the Annual Autumn IAS Meeting in sight, we would like to remind you of our competitions.

All competitions are open to **members and non-members** of the IAS. All competition entries will be displayed during the annual Autumn Scientific Meeting.

The winners and merits of each category will be announced during the meeting and they will be published in the IAS News Magazine edition and on the IAS website.

All category winners will receive a personalised certificate and an engraved crystal plaque bearing their name, the name of the category and IAS logo. Good luck everyone!

Click to see a list of [prizewinners for past competitions](#), and a [potted history of the categories](#). Here you can see [competition gallery](#) with some of the winners across categories. Alternatively, scan the QR code below:

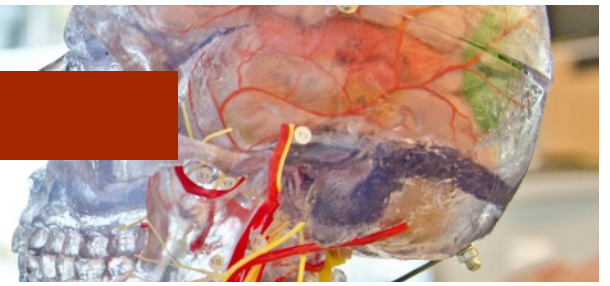
**The competitions are currently open for submission.**

**Deadline: 23:59 on 9th August 2026**



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# SPRING MEETING 2026 - RECAP



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Spring Meeting

IAS Spring Meeting  
Anatomical Science - Info

## A Day Well Spent: The IAS Spring Meeting 2026

The IAS Spring Meeting 2026 took place online on 10th April, opening as always with the AGM before giving way to a full day of talks. Chaired by Sarah Nicholl, Desiree Botana and Natasha Russell, the day brought together members from across the UK and further afield for what proved to be an enjoyable and varied programme, with topics ranging from the inner

ears of elephant shrews to the forensic investigation of a case that made national headlines.

### The AGM

The AGM covered the usual business of the Institute efficiently and in good spirits. Council welcomed several new officers, including Benedicta Quaye as incoming Journal Editor, Natasha Russell as Meetings Coordinator, and Rebecca Aitken as News Magazine Editor, as well as new Deputy roles filled by Rashmi Mudali in education and Craig Molloy-Humphreys in public relations. It was noted with some satisfaction that every vacant council position had a candidate standing, which speaks well of the health and enthusiasm of the Institute.

Before the formal business was concluded, Sarah took a moment to acknowledge the loss of Steve Franey, former Meetings Officer and Vice Chair, who passed away earlier this year. Steve was a long-standing and much-loved member of the IAS, and his absence will be felt at Liverpool in September and at every meeting that follows.

On the practical side, the autumn meeting was confirmed for Liverpool on 2 and 3 September. Members were also reminded that the Gary Thompson Educational Grant and the IAS Project Grant are open to applications, and that the 2026 competition season is now underway with a closing date of 9 August.

## Hammers, Anvils and Wheelbarrows: The Hardware of Hearing

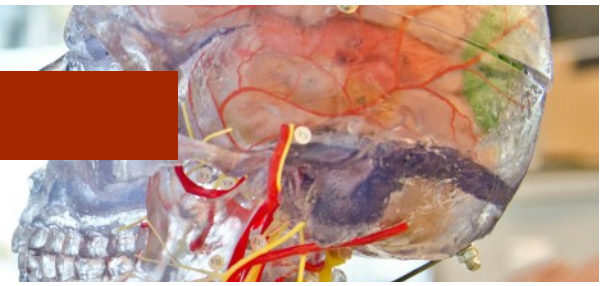
The scientific programme opened with Professor Matthew Mason of the University of Cambridge, whose talk on the comparative anatomy of the mammalian middle ear was both accessible and genuinely surprising.

Drawing on years of micro-CT imaging work, much of it carried out alongside undergraduate students, Mason made the case that middle ear cavity volume and ossicular connectivity are far better predictors of hearing range than the traditional lever-ratio model. The results are striking. The Mongolian gerbil, smaller than a rat, has a middle ear cavity four times larger in volume, a solution to the desert-dweller's need for good low-frequency hearing. The elephant shrew from Namibia takes this further still: its auditory bullae have expanded so dramatically around the skull that the combined volume of its two middle ear cavities exceeds that of its brain. More air than brain, as Mason put it, which raised a few appreciative laughs. At the other end of the spectrum, the hedgehog has bony fusion between the malleus and tympanic bone, producing the high-stiffness ear of a high-frequency specialist. It was a beautifully constructed talk, and a useful reminder of how much undergraduate teaching relies on models that are broadly right but quietly incomplete.

## Straight to the Heart of It: Best Practice in Practice

Natasha Russell, Technical Manager at the University of Birmingham, gave members an informative and at times eye-opening overview of the work of the Anatomy Association and Advisory Committee over the past year. The AAAC brings together representatives from the Anatomical Society, the British Association of Clinical Anatomists, and the IAS, meeting twice yearly to work on shared regulatory challenges and to develop guidance for members across the British Isles.

## SPRING MEETING 2026 - RECAP



The past year has seen the IAS team revise guidance on osteological collections, which sit outside the consent requirements of the Human Tissue Act but still require thoughtful management in terms of use, storage, and disposal. Updated guidance for members is on its way. The AAAC has also been gathering views on public display, an area where regulatory clarity is genuinely lacking. Holding an anatomy HTA licence covers storage but does not automatically confer permission for public display, a distinction that has caught more than a few institutions out, and guidance is being developed collaboratively across the three societies.

The committee has also found itself dealing with some rather more unusual matters this year, including responding to a Metropolitan Police request for information following the discovery of historical anatomical potted specimens in a graveyard. Natasha ran a live survey during her session and encouraged anyone who was not present to complete it [IAS - Public Display of Human Anatomical Material](#).



### Revitalising an Anatomy Journal: Current Developments, Editorial Vision, and Opportunities for Authors

Benedicta Quaye, incoming Journal Editor and Assistant Professor at Lancaster Medical School, presented her vision for the IAS journal with real clarity and ambition. Benedicta set out three priorities: quality, relevance, and visibility.

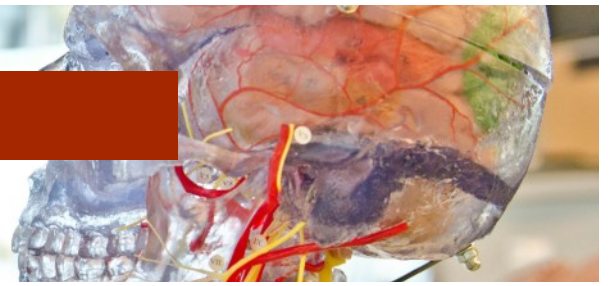
She was particularly direct about the need for peer reviewers, noting that the journal currently struggles for capacity, and called on members to volunteer. Good contributors, she reminded us, are developed rather than found, and part of the journal's role is to support authors rather than simply wait for polished submissions to arrive. Her wider ambitions for the journal include broadening its reach internationally, welcoming a more diverse range of voices, and ensuring the publication is known and respected beyond those who already know it well. Her call to action was straightforward: submit your work, volunteer to review, mentor someone coming up, and tell people the journal exists.

### How to Apply Visualisation Technologies to Anatomy & Beyond

Matthieu Poyade, Reader in Immersive and Interactive Technology at the Glasgow School of Art, opened the afternoon with a thoughtful exploration of how digital tools are changing the way anatomy is taught. His starting point was a simple but important observation: anatomy is hard. It is visually complex, linguistically demanding, and for many students emotionally challenging too. Communication is therefore not incidental to the discipline but central to it.



The range of tools now available, from 3D interactive models and tablet applications through to virtual reality, 3D printing, and simulations with physical feedback for skills teaching, all share a common aim: to give students the freedom to explore at their own pace, to annotate, to question, and to return to formal instruction better equipped.



Poyade also made the case for less obviously technological approaches, noting that methods as varied as knitting and baking have a genuine place in a well-constructed anatomy curriculum. His team at the Glasgow School of Art has developed a freely accessible 3D cadaveric model for Scottish university students, produced in partnership with the Scottish Funding Council, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and several other funders.

## HTA Update - Focus on HTARI Reporting for Anatomy Sector

Nima Sharma from the Human Tissue Authority gave a timely and practically focused update on HTARI reporting for the anatomy sector. The new external user guide, website content, and portal went live on 1 December 2025, and there are two points worth highlighting for members: near misses that were only avoided by chance should be reported, not just incidents where harm actually occurred, and all reportable incidents must be submitted within five working days of discovery. It was one of the most immediately practical sessions of the day and generated plenty of discussion, with members encouraged to explore the updated portal and guidance at their earliest convenience.

## Investigation into the Croydon Cat Killer

Henny Martineau from the Royal Veterinary College rounded off the afternoon with a talk on the forensic investigation into the Croydon Cat Killer case that had the room gripped from start to finish. Henny carries out veterinary post-mortems in a role comparable to working at Langford, and her talk explored the often surprisingly difficult challenge of distinguishing injury patterns consistent with road traffic accidents from those caused by deliberate harm. The discussion around confirmation bias and search satisfaction was particularly thought-provoking, with clear parallels to the interpretive challenges many of us encounter in our own work. It was a fitting close to what had been a genuinely stimulating day.

### Useful resources:

Email addresses for some of our speakers provided in the chat for anyone who wanted further information on their talks:

[M.Poyade@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:M.Poyade@gsa.ac.uk)

[nima.sharma@hta.gov.uk](mailto:nima.sharma@hta.gov.uk)

[HMartineau@rvc.ac.uk](mailto:HMartineau@rvc.ac.uk)

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### Natasha Russells survey:

[IAS Public Display of Human Anatomical Material Survey](#)

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If you forgot to provide feedback about the Spring Meeting please follow the following link

[IAS Spring Scientific Meeting 2026](#)



## **Congratulations to our New Council Members!**

The IAS would like to congratulate our newest council members who were voted in at the AGM on 10th April. Thank you to everyone who voted.

**News Magazine Editor** - Rebecca Aitken

**Journal Editor** - Benedicta Quaye

**Deputy Journal Editor** - Otis Enedegbo

**Education Officer** - Rashmi Mudali

**Deputy PRO** - Craig Molloy-Humphreys

**Meetings Co-ordinator** - Natasha Russell

Any future availability on the council will be advertised on the IAS socials, the website and in the magazine, so don't worry if you missed out this time!

Please feel free to contact the IAS to enquire about positions you are interested in, you can gain more information about the role as well as register interest. Please contact us using the contact form [here](#).

[Click here for further information on the IAS website.](#)

## **Prize Winner!**

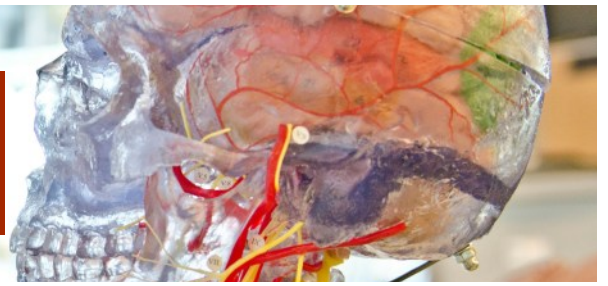


We would like to extend our hearty congratulations to our Vice-President, **Wendy Birch**, on being awarded the prestigious Symington Memorial Prize. Awards are made every two years at the recommendation of the Council of the Anatomical Society. Wendy will receive the prize at their Winter Meeting to be held in Trinity College Dublin this December, with an encomium outlining her many significant contributions to the anatomical community. The prize was established in 1920 by Queen's University Belfast in commemoration of Professor Johnson Symington, and is awarded by its Academic Council. As the recipient of this award, Wendy will also be invited to deliver a lecture at QUB next year.

Have some educational or general news that you would like to share and highlight to fellow members? Please contact [Rebecca.Aitken@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Aitken@liverpool.ac.uk) or any of our council members to showcase the achievement in the next edition.

# STEPHEN FRANNEY MBE - MEMORIAL EVENT

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON



by Sarah Nicoll – IAS Chairperson



Stephen Franney at the IAS Autumn Scientific Meeting in St Andrews in 2022

On Monday 18 May, a memorial event was held at King's College London (KCL) in honour of Stephen Franney. As many of you will know, Stephen served for many years as the IAS Vice Chairman and Meetings Officer, in addition to being a longstanding and valued member of the IAS.

The event was very well attended, with Stephen's family present alongside many of his colleagues from King's, as well as friends and associates who had travelled from further afield. Representing the IAS were Wendy Birch (Vice President), Cecilia Brassett (Vice President), and Steve Gaze (Vice Chairperson) and myself. Former IAS President Professor Ceri Davies was also in attendance.

The event began with a service in Guy's Chapel, introduced by the Reverend Jim Craig, Chaplain to the KCL Guy's Campus. This was followed by a series of heartfelt tributes from Stephen's colleagues at KCL and representatives of the Technicians Commitment, an initiative he played a significant role in establishing. A reading was then given, followed by prayers led by the Reverend Tim Ditchfield, College Chaplain.



Left to right: Wendy Birch, Cecilia Brassett, Ceri Davies, Steve Gaze and Sarah Nicoll

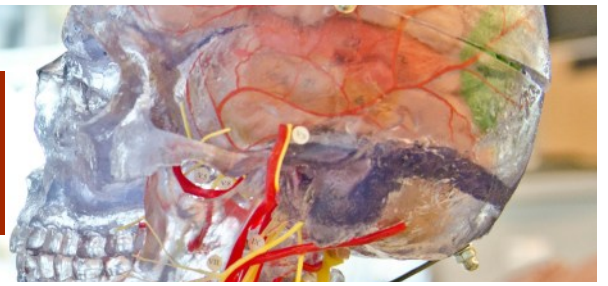
Following the service, attendees were invited to take part in the planting of a memorial tree in the Memorial Gardens at the KCL Guy's Campus. The tree is accompanied by a plaque dedicated to Stephen, and a nearby bench bearing a further plaque provides a peaceful place for reflection and remembrance within the gardens.

The plaque on the bench reads:

***In memory of Stephen Franney MBE  
19/02/1958 to 27/12/2025  
Who made Kings technicians visible***

# STEPHEN FRANNEY MBE - MEMORIAL EVENT

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON



Tree planted in memory of Stephen



With Stephens Bench (Left to right): Sarah Nicoll, Wendy Birch, Steve Gaze, Cecilia Brassett, and Ceri Davies.



Plaque in front of the tree dedicated to Stephens

After the tree planting, a reception was held in the Henriette Raphael Building, where refreshments were served and guests had the opportunity to meet, share memories, and celebrate Stephen's life. During both the chapel service and the reception, a touching slideshow was displayed featuring photographs of Stephen at home, with his family, at work, on holiday, and receiving his MBE from The King.

If you knew Stephen and are ever in the area of the KCL Guys Campus please do take a moment to visit the tree and plaque, and perhaps sit on the bench and remember him.

Finally, on a related note, at the recent IAS Council Meeting (see the IAS Council Meeting Summary elsewhere in this edition of the IAS Magazine) we discussed our own plans to honour Stephen's memory, and will be bringing you more information soon.



## JOIN THE IAS COUNCIL!

Looking for a new and exciting opportunity?

Look no further!

### VACANCIES

- **Journal of the IAS Communications Officer**
- **Deputy Secretary**

The IAS is a supportive and enthusiastic team of working professionals who are dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the Institute for all its members. Being part of the Council is a great way to contribute, connect with like-minded peers, and help shape the future of the IAS.

Council meetings are held twice a year: one in January (online) and another in June, which takes place in person but also offers an online option — so you can participate from anywhere in the world.

If you are curious about any of the roles or would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. For more information - and to apply - contact [info@anatomical-sciences.org.uk](mailto:info@anatomical-sciences.org.uk)

Whatever your background or experience, your contribution is valued. And don't worry! You won't be thrown in the deep end. Our current Council members will be there to support and guide you as you settle in.

# IAS COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – JUNE 2026

By Sarah Nicoll – Chairperson

The IAS Council recently met for our summer meeting on Thursday, 4th June, hosted at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) in London.

Over the last few years, we've shifted to a hybrid format for our June meetings, allowing council officers to join either in person or virtually. This arrangement has been great – as not only has it boosted attendance, but it also helps keep our travel expenses down so we can utilise those funds elsewhere within the institute.

A big thank you to everyone who traveled to London (and battled the tube disruptions!) and also to those who joined online.

Here are the key highlights and updates from our discussions:

## Events & Mark Your Calendars!

### IAS Spring Scientific Meeting and AGM 2026

**(Online):** An excellent and well-received meeting. Thank you to Desiree (Meetings Officer) and Natasha (Deputy Meetings Officer) who both organised and chaired the meeting. Thank you also to everyone who provided feedback after attending, which was positive and constructive and following discussion we have generated a few actions to carry forward.

### IAS Autumn Scientific Meeting 2026 (Liverpool):

Booking is officially open, and the provisional programme is live on our website. Don't forget to use the member discount code sent to your email when you book! Thanks to everyone involved in organising.

**2026 Competitions:** The judging panel is now set, and we've carved out space in the Liverpool programme for entry displays and the awards presentation. If you, your colleagues, or your students have work to be proud of, please submit it so we can celebrate it! The deadline is **23:59 on Sunday, 9th August 2026.**

**Looking Ahead:** Dates for the 2027 AGM and Spring Scientific Meeting are locked in and will be advertised very soon.

## IAS Publications

**IAS Magazine:** Keep an eye out for upcoming editions from our new Magazine Editor Rebecca! We are bringing back the popular "Meet the Membership" interviews, which will be conducted by our IAS President and Deputy Magazine Editor, John Ben.

**The Journal:** Our Journal editors, Benedicta and Otis, are doing fantastic work revitalising the *Journal of the Institute of Anatomical Sciences*. New articles are on the way and will be published very soon.

## Council Updates & Opportunities

**Welcome to our new Vice Chair:** Following the sad loss of Stephen Franey, Carys (previously our Secretary/Deputy Secretary) has kindly agreed to step into the Vice Chair role. Carys has been an IAS member since 2006 and on Council since 2011, bringing a wealth of experience to the position.

**We need you!** Because Carys has transitioned roles, the **Deputy Secretary** position is now open. If you're interested in joining the Council team, check out the "Positions Vacant" page in this magazine and get in touch.

**Remembering Stephen:** We have a plan and are putting together a small working group to finalise a meaningful way to honour and memorialise Stephen Franey. We look forward to sharing these plans with you all in the near future.

## Education

**Qualifications:** We currently have a healthy number of candidates enrolled in our Diploma in Anatomical Technology and Sciences (DATS). Advertising for all our qualifications continues via Social Media, our website and the IAS Magazine.

**Grants:** Kirsty and Carys gave an update on any new and previous grant applications. Remember, we have the Garry Thompson Educational Grant available to facilitate your attendance at the forthcoming IAS Autumn Scientific Meeting if you need it! More information is available on the IAS website.

**Thinking about boosting your credentials?:** We highly encourage looking into our DATS, CABS, or CATS. Feel free to reach out to the team at [education@anatomical-sciences.org.uk](mailto:education@anatomical-sciences.org.uk) with any questions.

## Finance & Operations

**Financial Health:** Our Treasurer, Tom, shared that while our finances have naturally fluctuated over the last few years, the IAS remains in a healthy position. We discussed and are focusing on sensible strategies to keep it that way so we can continue offering our members the grants and subsidised meeting fees.

**Branded Merch:** Our PR Officer, Brian, is working on some new IAS merchandise. Look out for it at the Autumn Scientific Meeting in Liverpool!

**Tech Upgrades:** Our Webmaster, Olly, has overseen the upgrade to our email and cloud sharing hub, making it much easier for the Council to share and collaborate, as well as archive important documents and information.

**Team Shout-outs:** We also received great update reports from Natasha (Social Media) and Rachel (Membership) on the rest of the hard work happening behind the scenes.

The meeting wrapped up around 4:00 PM with the in-person attendees heading back out shortly thereafter to navigate the London transport network.

Thanks to everyone on the IAS Council for the work they put in to keep the business of the IAS running as smoothly as we can. Also, a huge thank you to Laura (our IAS Admin) for now tackling the massive job of putting together the minutes and action lists from this meeting.

If you ever want to check out who holds which position on the team, feel free to visit [The Council](#) page on our website. I'll be back with another update after our next meeting in January 2027!

Best wishes,

**Sarah Nicoll**

*IAS Chairperson*

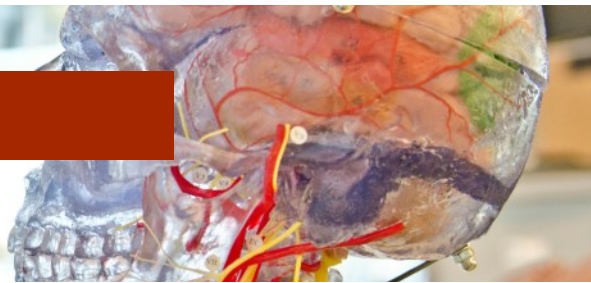


Thanks to all who attended.



Lunch was provided for the in-person attendees, including homemade cake!

## ARTICLE CONTRIBUTION - VITILIGO



Our very own Journal Editor, **Benedicta Quaye**, has had an article published in *The Conversation*. This is an independent, open access, online news magazine that showcases news and informed comment written by academic experts and edited by professional journalists.

[Vitiligo affects around 1 in 100 people worldwide – yet the skin condition remains misunderstood](#)

Please visit the article on the link above to show support.

The article explains that around one in every 100 people worldwide has vitiligo, a chronic autoimmune skin condition that causes the skin to lose pigment in patches, making it one of the most common skin disorders. Several studies also suggest many cases remain undiagnosed, meaning the true figure may be even higher.



“ Societal perception needs to be corrected because at its core, vitiligo is a condition rooted in cellular biology and immune dysfunction. Knowing this is crucial because it significantly affects [how society responds](#) to those affected with visible medical conditions such as vitiligo. ”

Benedicta explains the biology behind the condition: vitiligo occurs when the immune system mistakenly targets and destroys melanocytes (the specialised cells responsible for producing the pigment melanin) causing affected areas of skin to become lighter or completely white. Triggers can include genetics, stress, severe sunburn, or exposure to certain chemicals found in cosmetics and household products. Because vitiligo is linked to immune dysfunction, those living with it may also be more likely to develop other autoimmune conditions, such as thyroid disease.

Despite how widespread vitiligo is, the article highlights how deeply misunderstood it remains.

People with vitiligo still face stigma and intrusive questions, and may experience lower wellbeing as a result. The article refers in particular to model Winnie Harlow, who has non-segmental vitiligo, a powerful example of how people with fame and social standing can promote awareness and help close gaps in public knowledge.

Ultimately, Benedicta argues that societal perception needs to shift, because at its core vitiligo is a condition rooted in cellular biology and immune dysfunction, not something to be feared or stigmatised, and understanding this is crucial to how society responds to those living with visible medical conditions.

# The Journal of the IAS

## Contribute

The *Journal of the Institute of Anatomical Sciences* is the premier platform for cutting-edge research, technical and clinical insights in anatomy. As the official publication of the IAS, it connects scholars, educators, clinicians, and technical staff worldwide, showcasing high-quality, peer-reviewed work that advances our understanding of the human body.

From detailed human and animal studies to applied research, novel dissection methods, and innovations in specimen preservation and display, the IAS Journal celebrates excellence and pushes the boundaries of anatomical science. We also champion anatomy education, welcoming contributions from undergraduates, postgraduates, early-career researchers, and technical staff offering a platform to share their work.

By promoting best practices, highlighting groundbreaking work, and fostering an inclusive research community, the IAS Journal preserves, celebrates, and elevates the science of anatomy for the future.

Please contact [Benedicta Quaye](#) at or visit [The Journal of the IAS](#) to submit your research. [Visit or explore our archive](#) today and join a global conversation shaping the future of anatomical science.



For our hard copy readers who can't click links, please contact [b.quaye@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:b.quaye@lancaster.ac.uk) if you are interested in peer reviewing.

## Peer Review

The *Journal of the Institute of Anatomical Sciences* is currently inviting expressions of interest from academics, practitioners, and technical staff members to act as peer reviewers. We welcome colleagues with expertise or experience across anatomy, biomedical sciences, medical education, and related interdisciplinary fields, including those working in laboratories and technical roles who contribute to research and practical applications. Individuals who have never acted as peer reviewers before are especially encouraged to apply, and full guidance and support will be provided to help them develop the necessary skills. Reviewers will play a key role in supporting the journal's commitment to rigorous, timely, and constructive peer review, helping to drive its relaunch as a vibrant platform for high-quality research, technical reports, and scholarship in anatomical sciences.

Please contact [Benedicta Quaye](#) for a form to complete.

# EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT

The IAS is committed to helping members to gain further practical experience and develop new skills.

There are a choice of three qualifications:

1) [Certificate in Anatomical Bequeathal Services \(CABS\)](#) for bequeathal and secretary staff.

2) [Donald Farr Certificate in Anatomical Techology and Science \(CATS\)](#) for technical staff.

**Already done the CATS or want a more in-depth qualification? No problem:**

3) [Diploma in Anatomical Technology and Science \(DATS\)](#).

Develop your theoretical, practical and technical experience associated with anatomy. These awards are open to all IAS members.

Unsure about the fees? Your employer may cover the cost!

## FEES

CABS - £200 total cost, £50 on submission of application and remainder of £150 once viva has been set.

CATS - £200 total cost, £50 on submission of application and remainder of £150 once viva has been set.

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## WORKSHOPS

Please visit our Workshop page by following this link: [Workshops - The Institute of Anatomical Sciences](#) . Any upcoming workshops will be advertised here.

IAS members are also eligible for the [Garry Thomson Educational Grant](#) to cover the costs of the workshop if your workplace are unable to fund it.

### Available Workshops:

#### **Potting Course:**

1 day training workshop on Anatomical Perspex Pot Renovation and Fabrication was run by the IAS and School of Anatomy, University of Bristol.

Interested? please email us at: [info@anatomical-sciences.org.uk](mailto:info@anatomical-sciences.org.uk) and we will let you know as soon as another workshop is booked.

The Institute of Anatomical Sciences is built on the passion, experience, and generosity of its members. Every one of us brings something unique to the field — innovative techniques, creative teaching methods, specialist knowledge, or years of hands-on skill.

#### Why host a workshop?

- **Grow your professional profile**
- **Support colleagues and early-career members**
- **Strengthen the UK & international anatomy network**
- **Showcase the expertise within your own institution**
- **Contribute to the future of anatomical sciences**

If you've ever thought *"Other teams might benefit from this..."* or *"I wish more people knew how to do this safely/effectively..."* then you already have a workshop topic waiting.

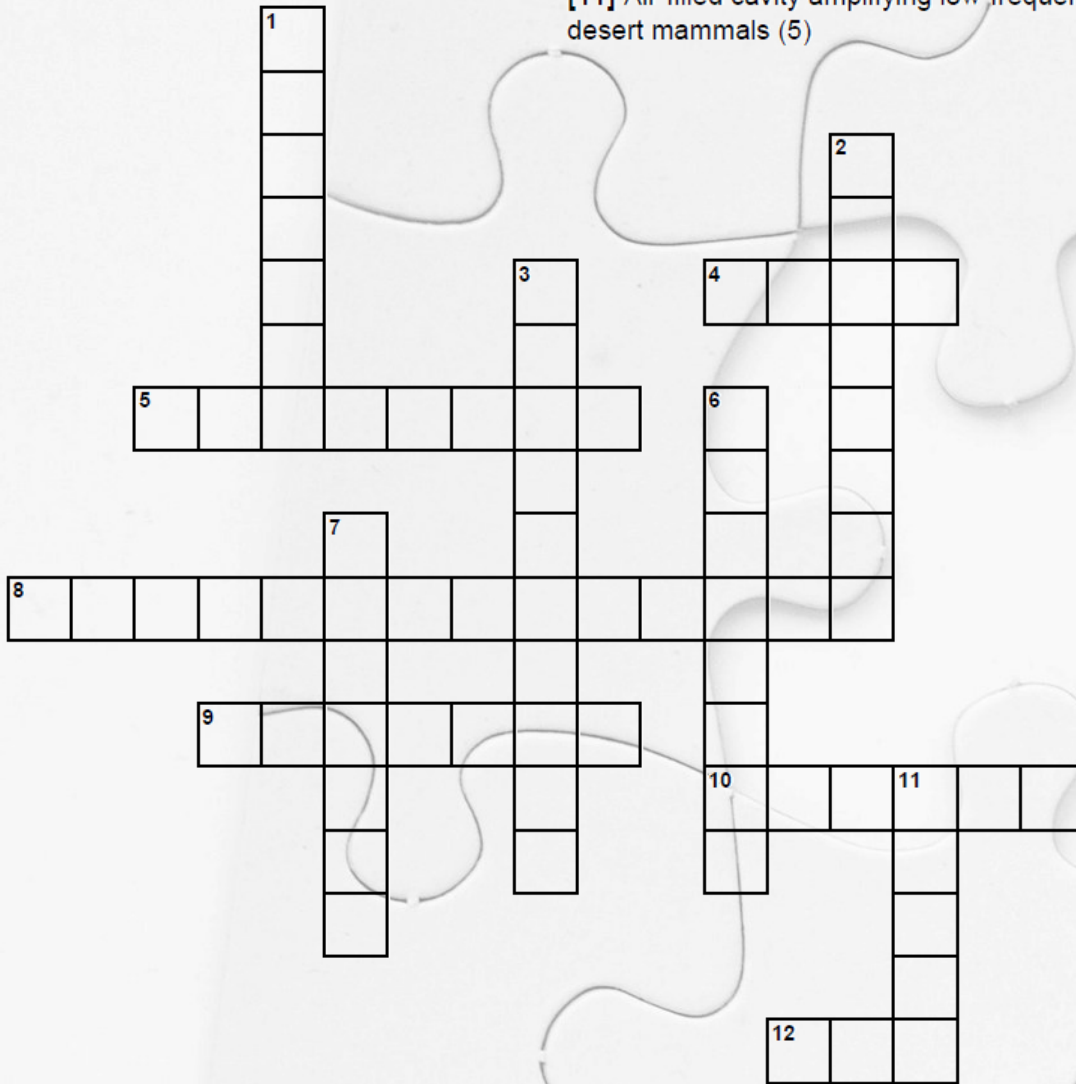
# BRAIN BOGLER

## Across

- [4] IAS certificate for technical staff, abbreviated (4)
- [5] Three tiny bones of the middle ear, collectively (8)
- [8] Technology allowing immersive three-dimensional anatomical exploration (7,7)
- [9] Pigment produced by melanocytes (7)
- [10] Desert rodent whose middle ear cavity is notably larger than a rat's, despite its smaller size (6)
- [12] Regulatory body overseeing anatomy in the UK, abbreviated (3)

## Down

- [1] Accumulation of fluid in the peritoneal cavity (7)
- [2] Branch of biology concerned with cells and their structures (8)
- [3] Process by which submitted papers are evaluated by experts (4,6)
- [6] Chronic autoimmune skin condition causing loss of pigment in patches (8)
- [7] Hammer-shaped bone discussed at the Spring Meeting (7)
- [11] Air-filled cavity amplifying low-frequency hearing in desert mammals (5)



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- Featured speaker spotlights & conference updates
- Behind-the-scenes peeks at anatomy in action
- Fascinating facts and throwbacks from the history of the field
- Job posts, funding calls, and specialist technical courses
- Member highlights (yes, maybe even you!)

## Follow Us on Social Media!

The Institute of Anatomical Sciences is now more connected than ever - and we want you to be part of the conversation!

Whether you're a student sketching structures in the lab, a researcher decoding tissue mysteries, or a teacher inspiring the next generation of anatomists, our social media channels are here to bring the anatomical community together in real time.

We'd love to see your posts too - tag us, share your work, or just say hello! Whether you're sculpting skulls in plasticine or scanning them with spectroscopy, we're building a vibrant online community where anatomy lives beyond the dissecting room.

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In alphabetical order:

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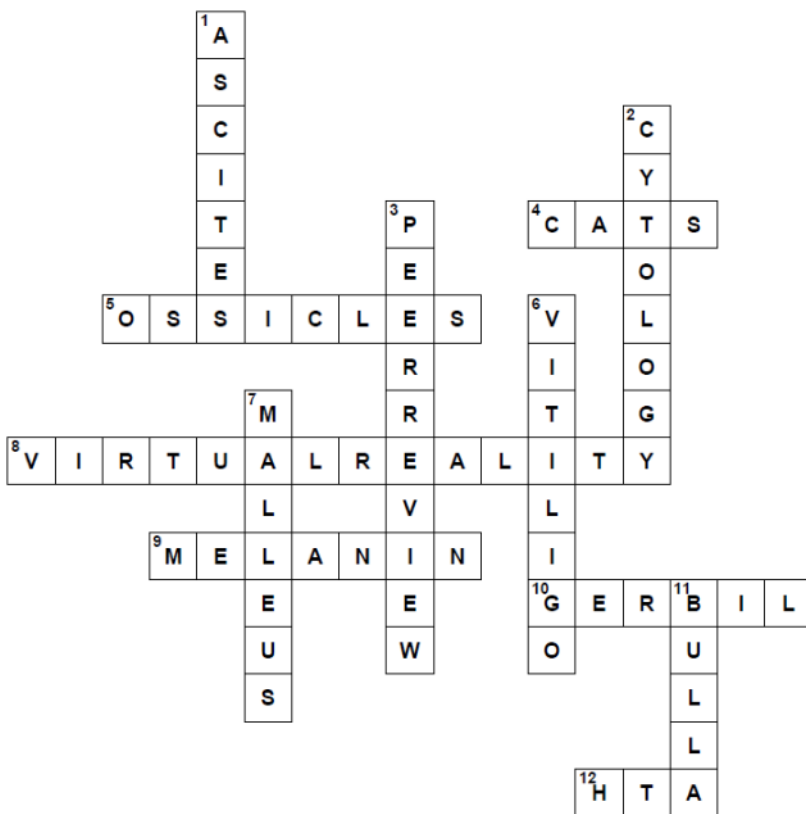
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