



**BONE RESEARCH SOCIETY**  
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Formerly the Bone and Tooth Society. Founded in 1950 to advance calcified tissue research

## PRESS RELEASE

This year's annual meeting of the Bone Research Society will take place at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC) from 3-5 July. The meeting will be attended by over 200 doctors and researchers who are trying to find answers to some of the questions about why we get bone diseases, such as osteoporosis, and what can be done to prevent and treat such diseases.

In addition, a keynote lecture will be delivered by Professor Neva Haites, Head of the College of Life Sciences and Vice-Principal at the University of Aberdeen, on ethical considerations and medical research.

The meeting is being organised by a committed group of researchers from the University of Aberdeen. The meeting chairman, Professor David Reid, said *"We are delighted that the annual meeting of the Bone Research Society is coming to Aberdeen. It gives us an opportunity to welcome some international experts to Aberdeen as well as to showcase some of the excellent local work we are doing both in the laboratory and at the bedside. We are also delighted to be hosting over 30 young scientists from 5 Universities funded by the Oliver Bird Fund of the Nuffield Foundation – a highly exciting opportunity to network for some of the countries' best young talent studying bone and joint disease."*

Around 100 presentations will be made over the 3 days of the meeting, with lectures from leading international experts as well as talks and poster presentations from younger researchers, many of whom may be discussing their work at a major meeting for the very first time. The work presented at the Bone Research Society meeting is of a consistently high standard and several awards will be given during the course of the meeting.

The event will be supported by some of the leading pharmaceutical and diagnostics companies, including Amgen, Eli Lilly, Novartis, Nycomed, Pfizer, Procter and Gamble (with Sanofi-Aventis), Roche (with Glaxo-Smith-Kline), Shire and Strakan. They and other companies will be showcasing their latest products at an exhibition, also to be held at the AECC.

### **NOTES FOR EDITORS ABOUT THE BONE RESEARCH SOCIETY (BRS)**

The Bone Research Society is the oldest and largest scientific society in Europe dedicated to clinical and basic research into mineralised tissues. It was formerly known as the Bone and Tooth Society, and was established by a small group of scientists and clinicians as they met at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in London on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1950.

The Society's aims are to:

- Act as the premier forum for research into the calcified tissues, both clinical and basic
- Educate the public concerning diseases of calcified tissues, such as osteoporosis
- Act as the main professional body for scientists and physicians researching calcified tissues, and to interact with other organisations on these matters
- Undertake and support research into the science of calcified tissues and related areas

- Hold scientific meetings, and to publish and disseminate results from studies and research.

The Society's annual meeting attracts a wide audience from throughout the UK and, increasingly, from continental Europe and further afield. The presentations are traditionally balanced between clinical and laboratory studies. They are published in abstract form in the *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research*, a publication with world-wide impact. The participation of young scientists and clinicians is actively encouraged.

Recent meetings have been held in:

2006 – Southampton (jointly with the British Orthopaedic Research Society)  
2005 – Birmingham  
2004 – Oxford  
2003 – Sheffield  
2002 – Cardiff  
2001 – Warwick  
2000 – Cambridge

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## **ABOUT THE OLIVER BIRD FUND**

The Oliver Bird Fund is for research into the prevention and cure of rheumatism. It was established in 1948 by the late Captain Oliver Bird who suffered from osteoarthritis and it is administered by the Nuffield Foundation. An outstanding opportunity has been created for students interested in leading edge biosciences related to bone, joint and rheumatic disorders. The Oliver Bird Rheumatism Programme has awarded a total of £3,000,000 to five UK academic institutions to establish a cohort of 28 highly talented young scientists who will receive comprehensive doctoral training in rheumatic disease research and its translation for the benefit of patients. Aberdeen, Glasgow and Newcastle universities, King's College London and University College London have each been selected to set up an Oliver Bird Collaborative Centre.

For further details please see our web site

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