



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the final ANZACA newsletter for 2025. Over the last few months there has been a lot of activity of the conference organising front, and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our ANZACA 2025 virtual conference – *Anatomy in Action*. This was attended by approximately 140 delegates who enjoyed presentations from our two keynote speakers (Professor David Morton, University of Utah; and, Professor Elle Gregory, Queensland University of Technology) and a variety of oral and lightning round talks held over several sessions. A big thank you as well to our panel members – Leanne Kenway (Griffith University), Kat Sanders University of Sydney), Natalia Bilton (Charles Sturt University) and Catherine Collins (University of Otago) – for an interesting and engaging discussion around how cultural perspectives on death and dying impact the study of anatomy. Congratulations to our prize winners, who are included below and thank you to our sponsors, Wolters Kluwer and Echo360.



As the IFAA 2026 Congress – *Anatomy for Everyone* – inches ever closer, we would love to showcase the work of our ANZACA members, so please do consider coming along, and submitting an abstract if you haven't already. This promises to be an exciting event, with more information on the following pages about support and opportunities for ANZACA members. We also welcome any feedback that we can include in an ANZACA response to the Review of Human Tissue Laws in Australia.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou (Season's greetings for Christmas and the New Year),  
Steph ([stephanie.woodley@otago.ac.nz](mailto:stephanie.woodley@otago.ac.nz))



## “ANATOMY IN ACTION” – ANZACA 2025

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent virtual conference, held on 4–5 December 2025. Congratulations to our ANZACA members who were presented with the following 2025 Conference awards:

### Best Clinical Anatomy Oral Presentation

1. Zoe Tibbutt (University of Otago)
2. Megan Wilson (University of Otago)
3. Megan Papp (University of Otago) – Sponsored by Echo360

### Best Education Oral Presentation

1. Anthony Tran (University of Sydney)
2. Frances Deen (La Trobe University) - Sponsored by Wolters Kluwer
3. Leanne Kenway (Griffith University) - Sponsored by Echo360

### Best Clinical Anatomy Lightning Talk

Luke Bialostoki (University of Otago)

### Best Education Lightning Talk

Rex Barton-Smith (University of Melbourne)

## IFAA 2026 – TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR ANZACA MEMBERS

### Travel support

We are pleased to be able to offer **20 travel awards, each valued at \$500 each**, to support our ANZACA members to attend IFAA2026 in Melbourne, August 2025. More information about the application process will follow early in 2026.

Thank you to the team working behind the scenes to help organise the IFAA 2026 Congress. A reminder of some key information below.

### Call for Abstracts

**Closes Saturday 14 February, 2026**

### Abstract Review

If you would like to be an abstract reviewer, please register [here](#).

### Meet our invited speakers

We are delighted to announce an exciting line-up of internationally recognised keynote speakers, with more information to follow soon:

- Anatomical Sciences Education: Dr Sue Mayes, Melbourne, Australia
- Surgical and Clinical Anatomy: Professor Murat Bozhurt, Ankara, Türkiye
- Imaging Anatomy: Associate Professor Samantha Holdsworth, Auckland, New Zealand
- Neuroscience and Cell Biology: Jonathan Kipnis, St Louis, USA
- Ethics, Law and Medical Humanities: Professor Marcia Langton, Melbourne, Australia
- Anatomy for Everyone: Luca Fiorenza, Melbourne, Australia



### Sponsorship

Any contacts would be gratefully appreciated – details can be passed on to the local organising committee please.

See the latest updates in the recent IFAA2026 [Ezine](#)

## ANZACA Constitution

At our recent AGM, a new Constitution was adopted, to align with the New Zealand Incorporated Societies 2022 Act. The new Constitution is now available on the [ANZACA website](#).

## Review of the Human Tissue Laws in Australia – Discussion Paper

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) has published the Discussion Paper for its Review of Human Tissue Laws. The Discussion Paper sets out 49 proposed reforms for feedback and also asks a number of questions. Those with an interest in the review are invited to provide submissions until 23 January 2026.

**Read the Discussion Paper [here](#).**

If you would like to contribute to an ANZACA response, please send any comments to Steph Woodley ([stephanie.woodley@otago.ac.nz](mailto:stephanie.woodley@otago.ac.nz)) by 16 January 2025.

## Terminologia Anthropologica

**Please see the message below from Ian Whitmore, Interim Chair of FIPAT**

The Federative International Programme on Anatomical Terminology (FIPAT) would like to make use of any expertise your society and its members (and any other experts known to your society in your country) may have in Anthropology.

We would be very grateful if your Anthropological experts could look at the enclosed Terminologia Anthropologica and comment on its accuracy and completeness. If terms are thought to be missing, please list those and explain how and why they should be added. If terms are incorrect, also please list them and explain how they are wrong and how they should be corrected. It is anticipated that this task will take some time, so we are asking for replies by June 2026.

If you would like to contribute your expertise to this project, please contact Steph Woodley who can put you in contact with Ian ([stephanie.woodley@otago.ac.nz](mailto:stephanie.woodley@otago.ac.nz))

## Textbook – Research in Anatomy

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.

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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The editor is a medical doctor and educator with nearly two decades of experience in anatomy teaching and research for undergraduate and postgraduate students. His expertise spans Sudan, Rwanda, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom. 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

