

The Anatomical Society is proud to host:  
***The 19th Congress of the International Federation  
 of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA 2019)***

**ExCel, London, UK / 9-11 August 2019**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists was successfully held in London, United Kingdom from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

### Key highlights of IFAA 2019

IFAA 2019, hosted by the Anatomical Society, attracted 931 delegates to London, 34 years after it was last held there in 1985.

The Congress was held at London ExCel, offering a stimulating and varied programme including 5 excellent plenary sessions, a range of 31 symposia, and 101 oral scientific presentations, spanning the breadth of activities in the anatomical sciences.



5 industry sponsored symposia were also held, addressing topics from formative assessments in clinical anatomy, to augmented reality, virtual reality and 3D models.

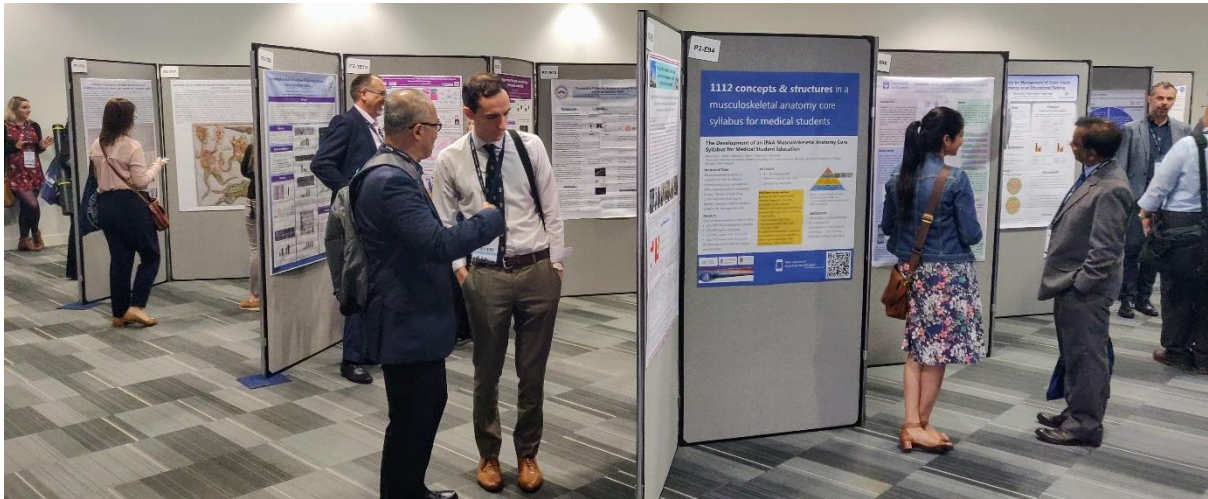
Emeritus Professor Susan Standring opened the Congress with a plenary lecture on 'The History of Gray's Anatomy'.

518 posters were available to view over the 3 days covering a wide range of topics, from anatomical science to clinical education. There was also a display of 40 anatomical art posters. And Professor Clive Lee gave a plenary lecture on 'Art and Anatomy'.



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IFAA 2019 also offered excellent opportunities to interact with 20 leading exhibiting companies demonstrating the latest developments in the industry. Delegates enjoyed networking in an immersive and fun experience at the Medieval Banquet, located in the beautiful and historic St Katharine Docks alongside the River Thames, where they were entertained by Henry VIII and his court of knights, troubadours, contortionists, magicians, jugglers, minstrels and medieval tumblers whilst dinner and drinks were served.



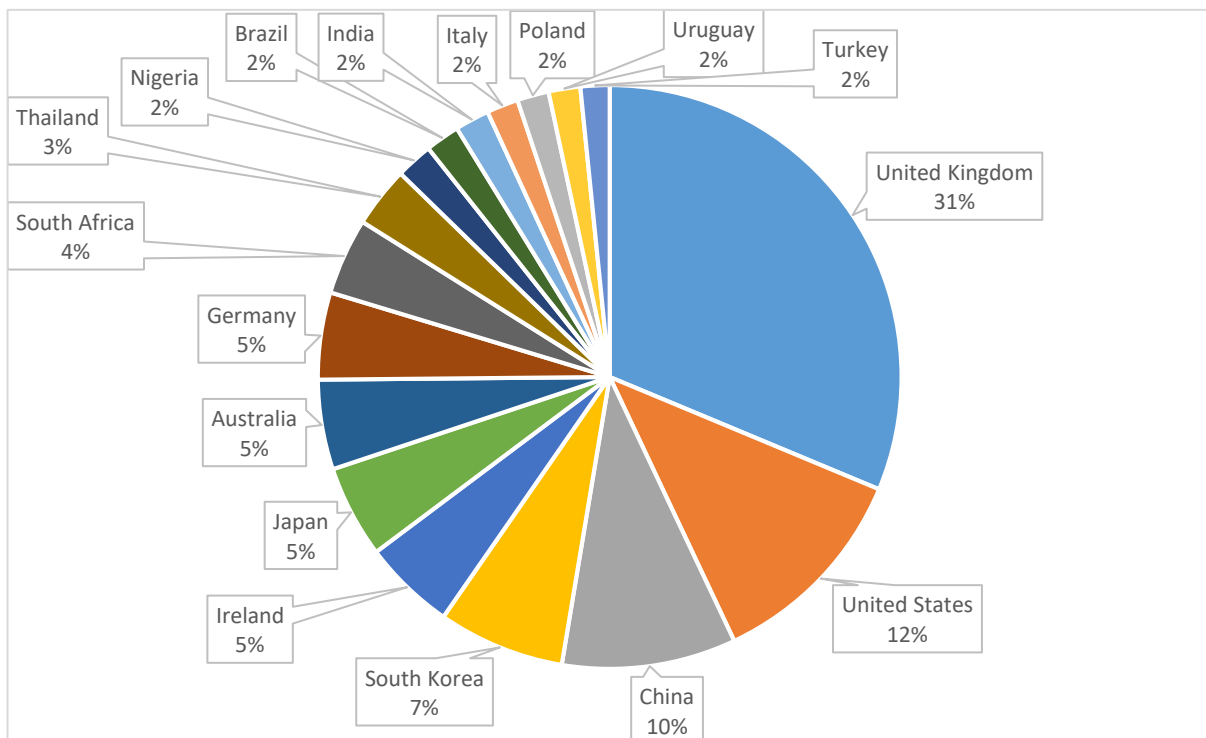
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**Registration Summary**

- Total attendance: 931
- Countries represented: 73
- Number of attendees by Country (including only the top 17 Countries):

United Kingdom	214	Thailand	23
United States	80	Nigeria	14
China	66	Brazil	13
South Korea	48	India	13
Ireland	35	Italy	12
Japan	35	Poland	12
Australia	34	Uruguay	12
Germany	33	Turkey	11
South Africa	29		



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### **Scientific Programme Summary**

The scientific programme of the 19th IFAA Congress provided a unique opportunity for anatomists from around the world to debate and generate vibrant discussion on anatomical research, teaching and many other matters of importance to our discipline. Thanks to the 8 parallel sessions, participants were able to tailor their personal agenda to suit their own interests. The scientific offer encompassed three main streams: clinical practice, anatomy education, and anatomical science.

#### ***Enhancing Clinical Practice***

The widespread and important utilisation of cadaveric material to enhance clinical practice was an important thread at the IFAA 2019 Congress. Symposia addressed key areas including the use of cadavers in the development and practice of clinical and surgical procedures, the use of ultrasound as an educational tool, forensic clinical anatomy, craniofacial defects and fascia. We heard about relevant anatomical variations, simulation and developments from all around the World, in addition to a fascinating keynote on transgender surgery from Mr Phil Thomas.

#### ***Innovation And Advancing Best Practice In Anatomy Education***

Anatomy Education is undergoing considerable change worldwide, driven by many factors including a reduction in available teaching time, staffing issues, cadaver availability and cost, the availability of new technologies and changing views on pedagogy. Therefore, Anatomy Education was a major theme of IFAA 2019. The Congress included 15 symposia covering a wide variety of Anatomy Education topics, including assessment, education innovation, ethics, the use of cadavers, digital technology, ultrasound and the use of social media.

#### ***From The Brain To Tissue Engineering, And From The Mesentery To Desmosomes, We Got It Covered***

Anatomy and morphology underpin many branches of scientific, medical and veterinary research. At IFAA 2019 significant insights were presented into aspects of neuroanatomical, histological and embryological research, and also the use of anatomical techniques in fields such as reproduction, evolution and development. The symposia addressed areas including motor neurone diseases, desmosomes, tissue engineering, the mesentery, fascia, tumours and craniofacial defects amongst others.

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### Oral and Poster Presentations Summary

<b>Total Abstracts Accepted for Symposia</b>	211
<b>Total Abstracts Accepted for Orals</b>	101
<b>Total Abstracts Accepted for Posters</b>	522
<b>Total Abstracts Accepted for Anatomical Art</b>	44
<b>Total Abstracts Rejected</b>	14

### Key Partnerships Summary

IFAA 2019 secured partnerships with a total of 12 main sponsors (2 Platinum, 3 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze, 1 App Sponsor), 9 exhibitors and 26 endorsing societies and organizations.

<b>PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Level/Contribution</b>	<b>Company/Organization</b>
<b>Platinum Sponsors</b>	3D Organon, Primal Pictures
<b>Gold Sponsors</b>	Anatomege, Elsevier, Wolters Kluwer
<b>Silver Sponsors</b>	Sectra-Toltech, The Dodge Company
<b>Bronze Sponsors</b>	3D4Medical, An@tomedia, Gwangju – Winner city for IFAA 2024, LEEC
<b>App Sponsor</b>	Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland
<b>Exhibitors (incl. sponsors)</b>	3D Organon 3D4Medical 4D Anatomy Adam,Rouilly American Association for Anatomy An@tomedia Anatomege Anatomical Society AVRO - Augmented Virtual Reality Oculi Gwangju, Korea - Winner city for IFAA 2024 Elsevier Erler-Zimmer GE Healthcare LEEC Primal Pictures Sectra - Toltech The Dodge Company

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<b>Endorsing Societies</b>	<p>American Association for Anatomy American Association of Clinical Anatomists Anatomical Society Anatomical Society of India Anatomical Society of Nigeria Anatomical Society of Southern Africa Anatomische Gesellschaft Argentine Association of Clinical Anatomy Australia and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomy British Association of Clinical Anatomists Brazilian Society of Anatomy Chinese Society of Anatomical Sciences Czech Anatomical Society Hungarian Anatomical Society Indonesian Anatomists Association Institute of Anatomical Sciences Italian Society of Anatomy and Histology Korean Association of Anatomists Netherlands Anatomical Society Pan-American Association of Anatomists Polish Society of Anatomy Portuguese Anatomical Society Scientific Medical Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists Serbian Anatomical Society Spanish Anatomical Society Swiss Society for Anatomy, Histology and Embryology Turkish Society of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy</p>