



THE SOCIETY FOR BACK PAIN RESEARCH

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2026

ONLY 5 WEEKS UNTIL OUR ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

SBPR Birmingham 2026
11th-12th June 2026 - Aston University

'BACKS TO THE FUTURE'



Visit our website for full details: <https://www.sbpr.info/meetings>

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AGM

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 11th June 2026 at 5pm at Aston Conference Centre.

Call for Ordinary Members:

The Society for Back Pain Research (SBPR) is recruiting Ordinary Members to join the Executive Committee.

This role provides the opportunity to work with a small team to deliver the annual SBPR scientific meeting/ BritSpine conference and to liaise with UKSSB (UK Spine Society Board), EuroSpine and EUSSAB. The role comprises a 3-year commitment,

requiring regular attendance at SBPR online committee meetings (3-4 per year) and a face-to-face meeting held the afternoon before our bi-annual conference. To apply for this position, please email a 250-300 word summary to Siobhan Stynes, Secretary (s.stynes@keele.ac.uk) outlining why you wish to apply for this position and what you would contribute to the Society, together with recommendations from two current SBPR members (email will suffice). This summary will be distributed to the membership. Applicants will be voted in at the SBPR AGM in Birmingham on Thursday 11th June 2026. If there are more applicants than open positions, a vote will determine the successful candidates.

All applications should be submitted to Siobhan Stynes (s.stynes@keele.ac.uk) by **Friday 15th May 2026**. If you would like further information about the role, please contact Deb McStrafick contact@sbpr.info

This is your opportunity to become actively involved in the Society and to make a difference.

Annual Membership Subscription Fee:

As you know our annual subscription fee increased to £50 last year. Thank you to those who changed their standing orders or have paid the extra £10.

If you haven't done so, please make the extra payment via bank transfer or by [visiting our store](#), which accepts a £10 payment.

The bank details are as follows:

HSBC: Society for Back Pain Research
Account No: 62802597 Sort Code: 40-35-04

OVERSEAS PAYMENTS: IBAN: GB56MIDL40350462802597 BIC: MIDLGB2108L

We will contact members who have not paid this year's membership fee, either partially or in full.

SBPR Socials:

To expand our reach and be where people now talk science, we've added Bluesky and LinkedIn to our platforms.

Follow us on [Bluesky](#) and [LinkedIn](#)

European Spine Societies Advisory Board (EuSSAB) update: Spine Atlas Initiative

The Spine Atlas Initiative aims to collect and compare international data on spine care in order to better understand treatment patterns across countries. The current focus is on Degenerative Cervical Myelopathy. Society members are encouraged to support data collection and dissemination. Participation offers opportunities for co-authorship and involvement at steering committee level. If you are interested, please follow the link below:

Spine Atlas Initiative

**Data Call 2026:
Degenerative Cervical
Myelopathy (DCM)**

Mapping treatment strategies for DCM worldwide

Case collection: 1 Feb – 31 May 2026
Data submission: June 2026

SPINE ATLAS / EURO SPINE

<https://www.eurospine.org/spineatlas/>

**Join the international Spine
Atlas collaboration**

Contributors receive:

- Group authorship in scientific publications
- Participation in international spine research
- Insights into global treatment strategies

**REGISTRATION OPEN
UNTIL 30 JUNE 2026**

Call for Associate Editor for The Journal of Chiropractic & Manual Therapies

Are there any academic physiotherapists interested in this Associate Editor opportunity? Or please pass this on to anyone who may be interested. Contact Simon French directly if interested simon.french@mq.edu.au Professor of Musculoskeletal Disorders, Macquarie University, Australia
The Journal Chiropractic & Manual
Therapies: <https://link.springer.com/journal/12998> is looking for an Associate Editor with a background in physiotherapy, spine research and mid stage academic career.

As an Associate Editor, you would be assigned, on average, about one new submission every month. At any one-time, editorial team members handle approximately five submissions.

Handling involves giving the manuscript an initial read and then, if it is within scope and worthy, arranging peer reviews through to acceptance or rejection.

As an editorial team, they meet once a month for 1 hour by Zoom to discuss current submissions and issues affecting the journal.

Please note that there is no stipend/honorarium available for this role.