

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Governors Hall, St Thomas' Hospital, London
on Tuesday 19 December, 1995 at 11.30 h

There were approximately 40 members present.

1. **Quorum** - The quorum for this General Meeting was set at 30 members.
2. **Minutes** - The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings.
3. **Matters Arising** - None
4. **Chairman's Report**
 - a **Annual Report**
This had been circulated to all members recently, and covered the period from January 1994 to July 1995. The Committee had agreed that in future years the annual report should cover a year from July to June, to allow the inclusion of the most recent year's finalised accounts and formal presentation of the report to the AGM at the Autumn meeting of the Society. Members attention was drawn to the results of the survey regarding the nature of meetings of the Society and publication of abstracts, which explained the decision to maintain current arrangements.
 - b **Past and Future Meetings and Workshops**
 - i) The Spring 1995 meeting on "Muscle Specific Regulators and Differentiation" was held at the University of Hertfordshire and the Winter meeting on "Lethal Arrhythmias - Molecular Mechanisms and Management" was held at St Thomas' Hospital, London.
 - ii) A Workshop on "Signal Transduction Pathways controlling Cell Growth and Differentiation" was held in London.
 - iii) Future meetings will include a joint meeting with the British Microcirculation Society and the Angiology Forum on "Diabetic Angiopathy" in Exeter in April, 1996 and the "Mammalian Myocardium" meeting in Liverpool in July 1996. The 1996 Autumn BSCR meeting on "Endogenous Mediators and Protection of the Heart" will be held at the University of Strathclyde. Proposals for meetings on "Cardiac Hypertrophy" in Hull and "Myocardial Injury - Present Knowledge and Future Directions" in Bristol have been accepted by the Committee for Spring and Autumn 1997, respectively.
 - c **British Cardiac Society**
 - i) The Affiliated Group session on "Arrhythmias: from Basic Mechanisms to Clinical Application" at the Harrogate meeting of the British Cardiac Society in May 1995 was very successful.
 - ii) The BSCR proposal "Application of Today's Molecular Biology to Tomorrow's Clinical Practice" had been accepted as one of three plenary sessions for the Glasgow meeting in May 1996.
 - d **Travel Bursaries**
A number of students had received bursaries to help them attend meetings. No

applications had been refused yet.

e **Sponsorship**

Thanks were extended to Rhone Poulenc Rorer (RPR) for continuing to sponsor the Society during 1995. It was announced that Bayer plc would be sponsoring the Society by the award of an Educational Grant of £30,000 per annum for 1996 and 1997.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

a **Presentation of accounts** Accounts for the financial years April 1993 to March 1994 and April 1994 to March 1995 were circulated in the Annual Report.

b **Subscription rates** There will be no change to ordinary and student BSCR subscription rates for 1996, but international rates (for joint BSCR/ISHR membership) would increase to £40 for ordinary members and £34 for student members.

6. **Secretary's Report**

a **Membership** The Society had 428 fully paid up members in December, 1995.

b **Committee membership**

i) Four members will retire from the Committee at the end of 1995: Susan Coker (Secretary), Paul England (Treasurer), Clive Orchard and Peter Weissberg. Seven nominations had been received and a postal ballot held. A total of 63 ballot papers was received by the deadline of 1 December, 1995 and the number of votes cast for each candidate was as follows: Gary Baxter - 34; Michael J Curtis - 34; Nicholas A Flores - 20; John A Lee - 28; Jeremy Pearson - 38; Nilesh J Samani - 21; M Saadeh Sulciman - 18. Thus Jeremy Pearson, Gary Baxter, Mike Curtis and John Lee have been duly elected to serve on the Committee for three years from 1 January 1996 to 31 December, 1998.

ii) It was announced that the Committee had selected Metin Avkiran and Cherry Wainwright to become Secretary and Treasurer, respectively from 1 January 1996. Thanks were expressed by the Chairman to the retiring Committee members and Office Bearers.

7. **Bulletin Editors' Report**

Four issues had been produced in 1995 and the Editors thanked those who had volunteered (or been coerced) into providing material for the Bulletin. Members were reminded that £100 was available for suitable meeting reports and that there was always a need for more articles such as laboratory profiles, reviews etc. The present Editors, Jeff Allen and Kathy Ryder, announced their intention to step down from their posts in the near future and a request was made for volunteers willing to be considered a new Editors. The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of all members for the excellent work done by Kathy and Jeff as Editors of the Bulletin.

8. **Any Other Business** - None

9. **Date of the next AGM** - The next AGM will be held on 30 August, 1996 during the Autumn meeting at the University of Strathclyde.

The meeting closed at 12.05 h.

Signed:



Date: 12/4/96