

British Society for Cardiovascular Research
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

*Held at the McCance Lecture Theatre 1, University of Strathclyde
on Thursday 30th August 1996, commencing at 16.30*

1. **Quorum**
The quorum for this meeting was set at 25 members.
2. **Minutes of the last General Meeting**
These were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings.
3. **Matters arising**
None.
4. **Chairman's report**
 - a. *Annual Report*
Due to the extended academic year, the Autumn 1996 Meeting, and consequently the AGM, had been brought forward to late summer. As a consequence, it had not been possible to prepare the Annual Report in time for the AGM. The report would be prepared and circulated in the Autumn and every effort would be made to have it ready by the time of the AGM in future years.
 - b. *Past meetings and workshops* 5
 - (i) The Autumn/Winter 1996 Meeting, on "Lethal Arrhythmias: Molecular Mechanisms and Management", was held at St Thomas' Hospital in London on 18-19 December 1995, organised by Drs Metin Avkiran, William Coetzee and Michael Curtis.
 - (ii) The Spring 1996 Meeting took the form of a joint meeting with the British Microcirculation Society and the British Forum on Angiology, and was held in Exeter on 17-19 April 1996 on the topic of "Diabetic Angiopathy". There were two BSCR-sponsored speakers at this meeting, namely Drs Kathy Shanahan and Mike Edmonds.
 - (iii) The BSCR was a sponsor of the "Mammalian Myocardium" meeting, held in Liverpool on 21-24 July 1996.
 - (iv) The only Workshop of 1996 was organised by Dr Peter Weissberg in Cambridge on 10th May 1996, on the topic of "Experimental and Therapeutic Gene Transfer and Anti-Sense Strategies for Cardiovascular Disease".
 - c. *Future meetings and workshops*
The following meetings had been approved:-

Spring 1997: Drs G. Hart/A-M Seymour, "Molecular Basis of Cardiac Hypertrophy": Hull, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April 1997.

Autumn 1997: Dr M-S Suleiman et al, "Myocardial Injury - Present Knowledge and Future Directions": Bristol, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September 1997.

Autumn/Winter 1998: Dr G. Brooks, "Signal Transduction Mechanisms and Growth Control in the Cardiovascular System": London, date to be determined.

There were no firm proposals for the Spring 1998 Meeting or for workshops in 1996/97. Members were urged by the Chairman to consider submitting proposals for meetings and workshops

d. British Cardiac Society

The Chairman reiterated that the BSCR was an affiliated group of the BCS and that the Chairman of the BSCR sat on the BCS Council and the Editorial Board of "Heart". The BCS also sponsored named speakers at the main BSCR meetings. In 1996, the BSCR proposal for an affiliated group session was selected as a plenary session. This session, on the topic of "Applications of Today's Molecular Biology to Tomorrow's Clinical Practice" was organised by Dr Peter Weissberg. The session, like those held in the previous years, had been very successful and free attendance was granted to BSCR members. A proposal would be submitted for the BCS meeting in Manchester in 1997, for a session on "Atrial Fibrillation" (to be organised by Dr Suzanna Hardman).

e. Travel bursaries

The maximum sum had been increased to £150. Several had been granted in the past year (6 for the Autumn/Winter 1995 meeting in London and 9 for the Autumn 1996 meeting in Glasgow). Up to 40 travel bursaries of a maximum of £100 each were also allocated to for the "Mammalian Myocardium" meeting, although the final number granted was not yet known.

f. Sponsorship

Thanks were extended to Bayer for their commitment to sponsor the Society for two years (1996 and 1997), to the sum of £30,000 per annum.

5. Treasurer's report

a. Presentation of accounts

Accounts for the financial year April 1995 to March 1996 were circulated (see enclosed). Although the subscriptions income for 1996 appeared down relative to the equivalent figure for 1995, this was simply a reflection of the increased ISHR subscription rate, which had been absorbed by the Society and not passed on to the BSCR members.

b. Membership

There were 378 members of the Society who were fully paid - up for 1996. This number included 134 individuals who were joint members of the European Section of the ISHR.

c. Subscription rates

Subscription rates for 1997 would be retained as follows:- ordinary membership £15, student membership £9, ordinary joint membership BSCR/ISHR £40, student joint membership BSCR/ISHR £34.

6. **Secretary's report**

a. Committee membership

A total of 78 ballot forms had been received by the voting deadline, with the following breakdown of votes:- Dr Adrian Brady 42, Dr Gavin Brooks 45, Dr Michael Marber 46, Dr Kathryn Ryder 55. Therefore Drs Ryder, Marber and Brooks had been elected to replace Drs Cummins, Hardman and Macleod on the Committee from January 1997.

b. Office bearers

The Deputy Chairman (Professor Gianni Angelini) would take over from Dr Peter Cummins as Chairman of the BSCR from January 1997. Drs Metin Avkiran and Cherry Wainwright would continue to serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, until December 1998.

c. Appointment of Bulletin Editors

Drs Siân Rees and Anthony Wright had been appointed as the new Editors of the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin, effective from the October 1996 issue.

7. **Bulletin Editors' report**

Dr Anthony Wright of the new Editorial Team introduced himself and requested voluntary contributions from the membership for inclusion in the Bulletin.

8. **Any other business**

It was noted that the Constitution of the BSCR stated that the Society's accounts should be audited, while there was no requirement from the Charities Commission for this, since the Society's annual income/expenses did not exceed £100,000. A proposal to change the wording in the Constitution from "audited" to "examined by an independent examiner", as per the Charities Commission requirement, would be included in the agenda for the next AGM.

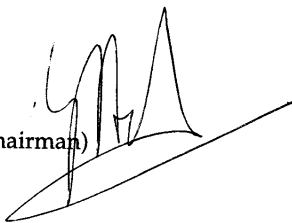
9. **Date of the next Annual General Meeting**

The next AGM would be held on the first day of the Autumn 1997 Meeting in Bristol, on Friday 5th September 1997.

The meeting closed at 17.05.

Signed:

(Chairman)



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TREASURER'S STATEMENT:- APRIL 1995 - MARCH 1996

	1996	1995
Balance Brought forward	£23164.81	£20556.68
Income		
Subscriptions*	£5712.50	£6414.50
British Cardiac Society	£2100.00	£2100.00
Rhône Poulenc Rorer Donation♦	£18750.00	£18750.00
Interest Received	£688.87	£288.34
Tax Rebate*	£6250.00	£6250.00
Cash held for Mammalian Myocardium	-	(£3566.51)
TOTAL	£33501.37	£30236.33
Expenditure		
Scientific meetings (Net)	£16573.76	£19071.78
Bulletin and Secretarial Costs	£4008.21	£4732.97
Committee Expenses	£1296.35	£217.25
Insurance	£254.25	£254.25
Accountancy Charges	£325.00	£325.00
Bank Charges▼	£115.00	£165.60
Sundries	-	£36.00
Travel Bursaries	£464.00	£745.00
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£2702.33	£1961.95
Miscellaneous Travel	-	£143.40
TOTAL	£25738.90	£27628.20
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for year	£7762.47	£2608.13
Funds Brought Forward at 1 April	£23164.81	£20556.68
Funds Carried Forward at 31 March	£30927.28	£23164.81

* Subscriptions for BSCR (net of refunds and ISHR subs)
♦ Rebate for RPR donation ▼ Foreign Currency Transaction Charges