

British Society for Cardiovascular Research

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at Clifton Hill House, Clifton, Bristol,
on Friday 5th September 1997, commencing at 16.45

1. **Quorum**
The quorum for this meeting was set at 20 members.
2. **Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**
These were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings.
3. **Matters arising**
The proposal to change the wording of the Constitution where it relates to the Society's accounts from "audited" to "examined by an independent examiner", in accordance with the Charity Commissions, requirement for charities whose annual income/expenses do not exceed £100,000, was unanimously approved.
4. **Chairman's report**
 - a. *Annual Report*
The accounts had been prepared and examined by an independent examiner. Once again, due to the early Autumn meeting, the Annual Report had not yet been completed. This would be completed and circulated to the membership together with the Bulletin in the near future.
 - b. *Past meetings and workshops*
 - (i) The Autumn 1996 Meeting, on "Mediators in Cardiovascular Disease", was held at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, on 30-31 August 1996, organised by Drs Cherry Wainwright and Kathy Kane.
 - (ii) The Spring 1997 Meeting, on "Molecular Basis of Cardiac Hypertrophy", was held at Hull Royal Infirmary, Hull, on 15-16 April 1997, organised by Drs Anne-Marie Seymour and George Hart.
 - (iii) A workshop on "The Isolated, Perfused Heart: Lessons from the Past, Directions for the Future" was held at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, on 17 January 1997, organised by Dr Kieran Clarke.
 - c. *Future meetings and workshops*
The following meetings had been approved:-

Spring 1998: Dr Michael Marber/Professor Peter Weissberg, "Genetic Manipulation of the Cardiovascular System": Guy's Hospital, London, 16-17 April 1998.

Autumn 1998: Dr Ian Zachary, "Signal Transduction Mechanisms and Growth Control in the Cardiovascular System": University College London, 14-15 September 1998.

Spring 1999: Professor Anna Dominiczak, "Molecular Genetic Approaches to Cardiovascular Disease": University of Glasgow, dates to be announced.

Autumn 1999: Dr Gary Baxter, "Myocardial Responses to Sub-Lethal Ischaemia, Stunning, Hibernation and Preconditioning": University College London, dates to be announced.

d. British Cardiac Society

In 1997, the BSCR Symposium (organised by Dr Suzanna Hardman) on "Atrial Fibrillation: From Mechanisms to Management" was held as a plenary session. For 1998, a BSCR proposal for a symposium on "New Perspectives on Therapy Before, During and After Myocardial Infarction" (organised by Drs Metin Avkiran and Michael Marber) had been submitted.

e. Travel bursaries

In the 1996/1997 financial year, travel bursaries amounting to £1,712 had been awarded. For the two meetings in 1997 approximately 20 travel bursaries had been awarded.

f. Sponsorship

Thanks were extended to Bayer for their sponsorship of the Society for two years (in 1996 and 1997), to the sum of £30,000 per annum. Thanks were extended also to Roche Products Limited for agreeing to take up sponsorship of the Society to the same amount from January 1998.

5. Treasurer's report

a. Presentation of accounts

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented the accounts for the financial year April 1996 - March 1997 (see enclosed). Although the subscriptions income for 1997 appeared increased relative to the equivalent figure for 1996, this was simply a reflection of the increased ISHR subscription rate in 1995 which, for that year, had been absorbed by the Society and not passed on to the joint BSCR/ISHR members.

b. Membership

There were 376 members of the Society who were fully paid-up for 1997. This number included 156 individuals who were joint members of the European Section of the ISHR.

c. Subscription rates

Subscription rates for 1998 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

The Secretary confirmed that current members of the Committee were Professor Gianni Angelini, Dr Metin Avkiran, Dr Gary Baxter, Dr Adrian Brady (co-opted to replace Dr Gavin Brooks, who had resigned), Dr Michael Curtis, Dr John Lee, Dr Michael Marber, Professor Jeremy Pearson, Dr Kathryn Ryder and Dr Cherry Wainwright. Of these individuals, Drs Baxter, Curtis and Lee and Professor

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Pearson would be retiring at the end of 1998. Nominations would be sought for their replacements in Spring 1998.

b. Office bearers

Professor Gianni Angelini's tenure as Chairman would continue until the end of 1999, while the tenures of Drs Metin Avkiran and Cherry Wainwright, as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, would come to an end at the end of 1998. New officers would be appointed by the Committee in 1998 to replace Drs Avkiran and Wainwright.

7. **Bulletin Editors' report**
The Secretary reported on behalf of the Editors that the production of the Bulletin was proceeding smoothly and urged the membership to contribute articles for publication in the Bulletin.
8. **Any other business**
None
9. **Date of the next Annual General Meeting**
The next AGM would be held on the first day of the Autumn 1998 Meeting at University College London, on Monday 14th September 1998.

The meeting closed at 17.10.

Signed:


(Chairman)

Date:

14/9/98.

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT:- APRIL 1996 - MARCH 1997

	1997	1996
Balance Brought forward	£30927.28	£23164.81
Income		
Subscriptions*	£7287.50	£5712.50
British Cardiac Society	£1200.00	£2100.00
Rhône Poulenc Rorer Donation♦		£18750.00
Bayer plc Donation♦	£22500.00	
Interest Received	£999.84	£688.87
Tax Rebate*	£7500.00	£6250.00
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TOTAL	£39487.34	£33501.37
Expenditure		
Scientific meetings (Net)	£9868.86	£16573.76
Bulletin and Secretarial Costs	£3922.05	£4008.21
Committee Expenses	£1894.19	£1296.35
Insurance	£283.71	£254.25
Accountancy Charges	£370.00	£325.00
Bank Charges▼	£74.00	£115.00
Travel Bursaries	£1712.30	£464.00
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£1615.03	£2702.33
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TOTAL	£19740.14	£25738.90
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for year	£19747.20	£7762.47
Funds Brought Forward at 1 April	£30927.28	£23164.81
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Funds Carried Forward at 31 March	£50674.48	£30927.28

* Subscriptions for BSCR (net of refunds and ISHR subs) ♦ Net of tax
 ♦ Rebate for donations ▼ Foreign Currency Transaction Charges