

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at the Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, University College London, on Monday,
14th September 1998, commencing at 17.30.

1. Quorum

The quorum for this meeting was set at 28 members.

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (attached)

These were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

Annual Report:

The accounts had prepared and examined by an independent examiner. Due to the early Autumn meeting, the Annual Report had not yet been completed. This would be completed and circulated to the membership in the near future.

Past Meetings and Workshops

(i) The Autumn 1997 Meeting, on "Myocardial Injury - Present Knowledge and Future Directions", was held at the University of Bristol, on 5-6 September 1997, organised by Dr Saadeh Suleiman.

(ii) The Spring 1998 Meeting, on "Genetic Manipulation of the Cardiovascular System", was held at Guy's Hospital, London, on 16-17 April 1998, organised by Dr Michael Marber and Professor Peter Weissberg.

(iii) A workshop on "Microelectrodes: What Can/Should We Measure?" was held at Imperial College, London, on 18 May 1998, organised by Drs Angela Drake-Holland, Saadeh Suleiman and Peter Winlove and Professor Peter Cobbold.

(iv) A workshop on "The Isolated, Perfused Heart: Lessons from the Past, Directions for the Future" was held at the University of Oxford, on 9-10 July 1998, organised by Dr Kieran Clarke and Yvonne Green.

Future Meetings and Workshops

The following meetings had been approved:-

Spring 1999: Professors Anna Dominiczak and John Connell, "Molecular Genetics of Cardiovascular Disease": University of Glasgow, 23-24 March 1999.

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

Workshop: Dr Sarah George and Professors Gianni Angelini and Andrew Newby, "Models of Intimal Thickening and Their Relevance to Human Pathologies: University of Bristol, April 1999 (dates to be announced). 32

British Cardiac Society

In 1998, the BSCR Symposium (organised by Drs Metin Avkiran and Michael Marber) was "New Perspectives on Therapy Before, During and After Myocardial Infarction". The symposium was very well attended and generated lively discussion. For 1999, a BSCR proposal for a symposium on "Atherosclerotic Plaque Rupture: Clinical Significance, Mechanisms and Prevention" (organised by Professor Andrew Newby) had been submitted. The Chairman also reported that, as of June 1998, the BSCR Chairman or his nominated representative was invited to attend meetings of the BCS Council.

Travel bursaries

The Society had continued to award travel bursaries in the 1997/1998 financial year, totalling 13 awards.

Sponsorship

The Chairman thanked Roche Pharmaceuticals for their sponsorship of the Society in 1998, to the sum of £30,000, and reported that new sponsor(s) for 1999 and beyond were being sought.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presentation of accounts

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the Financial year April 1997-March 1998

The apparent increase in expenditure on meetings over the previous financial year was due to only 1 main meeting being held in 1996/1997, but the usual 2 in 1997/1998.

Membership

There were 344 members of the Society who were fully paid-up for 1998. Of this total, 196 had subscribed to the BSCR alone while the remaining 148 had taken out a joint subscription to the BSCR and the ISHR European Section.

Subscription rates

Subscription rates for 1999 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

Committee membership

The Secretary confirmed that current members of the Committee were Professor Gianni Angelini, Dr Metin Avkiran, Dr Gary Baxter, Dr Adrian Brady, 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 Pearson would be retiring at the end of 1998. Nominations had been sought for their replacements and 4 had been received on behalf of Drs Paul Barton, Barbara McDermott, Saadeh Suleiman and Ian Zachary. Since the number of nominations matched exactly the number of vacancies, an

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election was not required according to the BSCR Constitution. The AGM approved the appointment of these individuals to the Committee, from January 1999.

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. The Secretary reported that the Committee had appointed Drs Gary Baxter and Michael Curtis as successors to Drs Avkiran and Wainwright, respectively, effective from January 1999.

The Secretary also thanked the outgoing Editors of the BSCR Bulletin, Drs Sian Rees and Anthony Wright, for their efforts in maintaining and enhancing the standards of the Bulletin during their tenure. He announced that the Committee had appointed Drs James Mockridge and Harold Raat as the new Editors of the Bulletin, effective from August 1998.

7. Bulletin Editors' Report

The new Editors reported that the handover had proceeded smoothly and urged the membership to contribute articles for publication in the Bulletin.

8. Any other business

In response to a question, it was confirmed that BSCR travel bursaries (of up to £150) were available to postgraduate students *only* for attendance at BSCR meetings. However, in return for submitting a meeting report to the Bulletin, other awards of £100 were available towards attendance at non-BSCR cardiovascular meetings.

9. Date of the next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM would be held on the first day of the Autumn 1999 Meeting at University College London, in September 1999.

The meeting closed at 18.05.

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Signed:

(Chairman)

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Date: 20 14.99.

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT:- APRIL 1997 – MARCH 1998

	1998	1997
Income		
Subscriptions *	£6752	£7287
British Cardiac Society	£2000	£1200
Sponsorship	£30000	£30000
Bank Interest	£1506	£1000
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TOTAL	£40258	£39488
Expenditure		
Scientific Meetings*	£20907	£9869
Bulletin and Secretarial Costs	£4885	£4172
Committee Expenses	£1853	£1894
Insurance	£284	£284
Accountancy Fees	£420	£370
Bank Charges*	£182	£74
Travel Bursaries	£1282	£1713
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£2155*	£1186
Other Expenses	-	£179
Depreciation of office equipment	£220	-
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TOTAL	£32188	£19741
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for year	£8070	£19747
Funds brought Forward at 1 April	£50675	£30928
Funds carried Forward at 31 March	£66245	£50675

*Subscriptions for BSCR (net of refunds and ISHR subs). *Administration and speaker costs. *Foreign Currency Transaction Charges. *Includes purchase of laser printer for Bulletin

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CURRENT STATUS

MEMBERSHIP 1998 (TO DATE)	148 BSCR/ISHR Members 196 BSCR Only Members TOTAL	344
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Income 1998 (To date)		
Subs (Net of ISHR payments)	£ 5,541	
Roche Grant	£30,000	
TOTAL	£35,541	

Projected Expenditure 1998	£27,700
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Projected Surplus	£7,841
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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1999

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP	£15
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP	£9
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP BSCR/ISHR	£40
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP BSCR/ISHR	£34