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**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH****Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

*Held in the Gustav Tuck Lecture Theatre, University College London,  
on Monday, 20 September 1999, commencing at 5.30 pm*

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**1. QUORUM**

The quorum for this meeting was set at 30 members.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

These were approved and signed by the Secretary (in the absence of 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**

The Chairman, Professor Angelini, was unable to attend the meeting and the Chairman's Report was given in his absence by the Secretary, Dr Baxter.

***Annual Report***

A formal annual report is no longer required by the Charity Commission, although a summary report was submitted as part of the annual return to the Charity Commission. Copies of this summary report had been circulated prior to the Annual General Meeting (attached), and it was hoped that in future years this summary report would be published in the quarterly Bulletin.

***Past Meetings and Workshops***

The Autumn 1998 meeting on "*Signal Transduction Mechanisms and Growth Control in the Cardiovascular System*" was held at University College London on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 1998, organised by Dr Ian Zachary.

The Spring 1999 meeting on "*Molecular Genetics of Cardiovascular Disease*" was held in the University of Glasgow on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 1999, organised by Professor Anna Dominiczak and Professor John Connell.

A workshop on "*Models of Intimal Thickening and Their Relevance to Human Pathologies*" was held in the University of Bristol in April 1999, organised by Dr Sarah George.

**Future Meetings and Workshops**

The following meetings had been approved:

Spring 2000 – A meeting on “*Molecular Aspects of Cardiac Development*” to be held at the National Heart and Lung Institute on 23rd and 24th March, organised by Dr Paul Barton and Professor Peter Scambler.

Autumn 2000 – A meeting on “*Mechanisms of Neurohormonal Modulation in Cardiovascular Disease*” to be held in the Queen’s University of Belfast on 4th and 5th September 2000, organised by Dr Barbara MacDermott and Dr David Bell.

The Secretary commended members of the Society to consider submitting proposals for future meetings and workshops.

**British Cardiac Society**

In May 1999, the BSCR symposium at the British Cardiac Society’s Annual Meeting was organised by Professor Andrew Newby and was entitled “*Atherosclerotic Plaque Rupture: Clinical Significance, Mechanisms and Prevention*”. This symposium had been well-attended and, in spite of last-minute difficulties in securing some of the speakers, the symposium had been lively and successful.

The Committee had been discussing ways in which closer affiliation between the British Cardiac Society and the BSCR could be forged. At present, the BSCR was an affiliated group within the British Cardiac Society and it was felt that the BSCR might be in a strong position to contribute substantially to the scientific content of the British Cardiac Society’s Annual Meeting. These ideas were still at a preliminary stage and the membership would be kept informed of any future developments.

**Travel Bursaries**

The Society had continued to award travel bursaries in the 1998/1999 financial year as a means of encouraging and facilitating the attendance of student members at BSCR meetings. The Committee regarded this item of expenditure as being of considerable value and hoped to be to continue to support travel bursaries in the foreseeable future.

**Sponsorship**

Despite extensive work by the Chairman and members of the Committee, no single pharmaceutical sponsor was able to commit for 1999 and beyond.

**5. TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Presentation of Accounts**

The Treasurer presented a summary of the Society’s financial position during the previous financial year (attached).

**Membership**

There were 388 members who were fully paid up for 1999. Of these, 166 had joint membership with ISHR European Section.

**Subscription Rates**

Subscription rates for 2000 would be retained as follows:

Ordinary Membership	£15.00
Student Membership	£9.00
Ordinary Joint Membership BSCR/ISHR	£40.00
Student Joint Membership BSCR/ISHR	£34.00

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### *Committee Membership*

The Secretary confirmed that Dr Katherine Ryder, Dr Michael Marber and Dr Adrian Brady were due to retire after completion of their three-year term in December 1999. Earlier in the summer, nominations were invited for replacement committee members. Eight nominations were received and a postal ballot held. A total of 89 ballot papers were returned by the deadline of 13<sup>th</sup> August 1999. The numbers of votes cast were the following:

Andrew Baker	27
Adrian Brady	35
Gavin Brooks	28
Julia Brosnan	24
Sarah George	30
Alan Levi – <i>withdrew his candidature before the counting of votes</i>	
Michael Marber	40
Lip Bun Tan	19

Therefore, Sarah George would join the Committee in January 2000 and Adrian Brady and Michael Marber were re-elected to serve for a further three years. The Secretary congratulated Sarah, Adrian and Michael on their success in the ballot and expressed his thanks to the other candidates who generously allowed their names to go forward. The Secretary drew the meeting's attention to the constitutional requirement that at least three members of the Committee should be clinically qualified. With the current arrangement, only two members were so-qualified and at their recent meeting, the Committee had unanimously agreed that Dr Lip Bun Tan, who had been prepared to stand for the Committee election, should be invited to join the Committee as a co-opted member.

The Secretary thanked Dr Katherine Ryder in anticipation of her retirement from the Committee in December 1999. Dr Ryder had a long association with the BSCR Committee, both as a Bulletin Editor from 1992 to 1996, and then as an ordinary committee member from 1996. During this time, she had worked very hard and had been a great supporter of the BSCR's work.

### *Office Bearers*

At the Committee Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1999, it was unanimously agreed that Dr Metin Avkiran should be invited to become Chairman of the Society, succeeding Professor Gianni Angelini, who would retire from the post at the end of December 1999. Dr Avkiran had agreed to accept this position. He had held several positions in the BSCR over many years, beginning first as co-Editor of the Bulletin with Dr Curtis from 1990 to 1992. He then served as an ordinary Committee Member between 1993 and 1995, before taking up the position of Secretary between 1996 and 1998. Dr Avkiran had been a stalwart and had amply demonstrated his commitment and dedication to the Society's work. The Secretary was confident that the BSCR would continue to flourish under his Chairmanship during the period January 2000 to December 2002.

The Secretary noted that Professor Angelini had served the BSCR exceptionally well and over a long period. He served originally as an ordinary Committee Member between 1991 and 1993, becoming Deputy Chairman from 1994 to 1996, and succeeding Dr Peter Cummins as Chairman in 1997. He had steered the Committee vigorously in spite of enormous demands on his time from other quarters, particularly during the most recent 18 months. The Secretary thanked Professor Angelini for his work on behalf of the Society over a number of years.

The Secretary reported that Dr Harold Raat had resigned as co-Editor of the Bulletin and that Dr Nicola Smart, working in the same department as Dr Mockridge, had been proposed as co-Editor to replace Dr Raat with immediate effect.

7. **BULLETIN EDITORS' REPORT**

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Dr James Mockridge reported that production of the Bulletin was proceeding well following handover from Dr Siân Rees and Dr Anthony Wright's Oxford office to Dr Mockridge's office at St Thomas' Hospital. Dr Mockridge renewed a plea to the membership to contribute articles for publication in the Bulletin.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

9. **DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The next AGM would be held on the first day of the Autumn 2000 meeting at the Queen's University of Belfast.

The meeting closed shortly after 6 pm.

Signed:



Date:

4.9.2000

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### TREASURER'S STATEMENT:- APRIL 1998 - MARCH 1999

(all amounts in £ Sterling)

	1999	1998
Income		
Subscriptions <sup>1</sup>	5517	6752
British Cardiac Society	-	2000
Sponsorship	22500	30000
Bank Interest	1961	1506
TOTAL	29978	40258
Expenditure		
Scientific Meetings <sup>2</sup>	12754	20907
Bulletin and Secretarial Costs	5212	4885
Committee Expenses	1290	1853
Insurance	284	284
Accountancy Fees	465	420
Bank Charges <sup>3</sup>	212	182
Travel Bursaries	2463	1282
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1816	2155 <sup>4</sup>
Other Expenses	236	-
Depreciation of Office Equipment	220	220
TOTAL	24952	32188
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>	<b>5026</b>	<b>8070</b>
Funds Brought Forward at 1 April	66245	58175
<b>Funds Carried Forward at 31 March</b>	<b>71271</b>	<b>66245</b>

<sup>1</sup>Subscriptions for BSCR (net of refunds and ISHR subs). <sup>2</sup>Administration and speaker costs. <sup>3</sup>Foreign Currency Transaction Charges. <sup>4</sup>Includes purchase of laser printer for bulletin.

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# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH



## ANNUAL REPORT 1998/99

This Annual Report covers the activities of the British Society for Cardiovascular Research (BSCR) over the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999.

In the period covered by this Report, the BSCR held three main meetings. The Spring 1998 meeting was held at Guy's Hospital, London, on 16 and 17 April on the topic of "Genetic Manipulation of the Cardiovascular System". The meeting was organised by Dr Michael Marber and Professor Peter Weissberg. The programme included presentations by several overseas speakers including Dr P Carneleit (Leuven), Dr W H Dillmann (San Diego), Dr C E Murry (Seattle) and Dr C Valenzuela (Madrid). A report on this meeting was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 11, Number 3).

The Autumn 1998 meeting was held at University College London on 14 and 15 September, on the topic of "Signal Transduction Mechanisms and Growth Control in the Cardiovascular System", and was organised by Dr Ian Zachary and Dr Gavin Brooks. Once again, the meeting was highly popular. Among the speakers were several international visitors, namely Dr S Izumo (Ann Arbor), Dr J Schaper (Bad Nauheim) and Dr M D Schneider (Houston). A report of this meeting was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 12, number 1).

The Spring 1999 meeting was held at the Kelvin Conference Centre, University of Glasgow, 23 and 24 March 1999. It was on the topic of "Molecular Genetics of Cardiovascular Disease" and was organised by Professor Anna Dominiczak and Professor John Connell. Once again there were several overseas contributors to this meeting, namely Dr P Corvol (Paris), Dr D Heistad (Iowa) and Dr F Soubrier (Paris). A Gala dinner was held at the Forest Hills Hotel, Loch Ard. A report of this meeting was

published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 12, Number 3).

During the period covered by this Annual Report, two workshops were organised by the Society. The first was held at Imperial College London on 18 May 1998, on the topic of "Microelectrodes: What Can/Should we Measure?". It was organised by Dr Angela Drake-Holland, Dr Saadeh Suleiman, Dr Peter Winlove and Professor Peter Cobbold. A report of this meeting was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 11, Number 4).

A further workshop was held at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford on 9 and 10 July 1998, on the topic of "The Isolated Perfused Heart: Lessons from the Past, Directions for the Future". This was the second such workshop organised by Dr Kieran Clarke, and again generated enormous interest with a high proportion of postgraduate students. A report on the workshop was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 11, Number 4). It is hoped that this workshop which has been held successfully on two occasions will become a regular event in the BSCR diary.

The BSCR proposal to the British Cardiac Society, for a symposium on "New Perspectives on Therapy Before, During and After Myocardial Infarction", was selected as a Plenary Session. This Plenary Session, organised by Dr Metin Avkiran and Dr Michael Marber was held during the British Cardiac Society Annual Meeting at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, on 20 May 1998.

During the period covered by this Report, the BSCR Committee met on 3 occasions; on 16 June 1998 at the House of the British Cardiac Society, Fitzro Square, London; on 14 September 1998 at the Hatter Institute, UCL Hospital, London; and on 23

March 1999 the Kelvin Conference Centre, Glasgow. During this period, there were six retirements from the Committee (Dr Metin Avkiran, Secretary; Dr Cherry Wainwright, Treasurer; Dr Siân Rees and Dr Anthony Wright, Bulletin co-editors; Dr John Lee and Professor Jeremy Pearson). Dr Gary Baxter was elected by the Committee to succeed Dr Avkiran as Secretary for the period 1 January 1999 - 31 December 2001 and Dr Curtis was elected to succeed Dr Wainwright as Treasurer for the same period. Four nominations were received for four vacancies on the Committee and Dr Paul Barton, Dr Barbara McDermott, Dr Saadeh Suleiman and Dr Ian Zachary were invited to join the Committee as ordinary members from 1 January 1999. The Annual General Meeting was held during the Autumn 1998 meeting at UCL on 14 September.

During 1998, the BSCR was sponsored by an educational grant of £30,000 from Roche Pharmaceuticals. This generosity enabled the Society to continue to offer funding of up to £10,000 for its two-day meetings and up to £1,000 for one-day workshops. However, Roche's support has not been extended beyond 1998 and new sponsorship is sought for 1999 and beyond to enable the Society to maintain its currently high level of activity.

In the period covered by this report, the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin, a key medium of communication for members, was published at 3 monthly intervals under the direction of Siân Rees and Anthony Wright (University of Oxford) and, from January 1999, James Mockridge and Harold Raat (St Thomas' Hospital, London).

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**BSCR Committee  
1998/99**

**Chairman:**

•Prof GD Angelini (1/97-12/99)  
*University of Bristol*

**Secretary:**

•Dr M Avkiran (1/96-12/98)  
*UMDS London*

•Dr G F Baxter (1/99- )  
*University College London*

**Treasurer:**

•Dr C Wainwright (1/96-12/98)  
*University of Strathclyde*

•Dr M J Curtis (1/99- )  
*King's College London*

**Committee Members:**

•Dr P J R Barton (1/99- )  
*Imperial College London*

•Dr GF Baxter (1/96-12/98)  
*University College London*

•Dr Adrian Brady (6/97- )  
*Glasgow Royal Infirmary*

•Dr MJ Curtis (1/96-12/98)  
*King's College London*

•Dr JA Lee (1/96-12/98)  
*University of Sheffield*

•Dr MS Marber (1/97- )  
*UMDS London*

•Dr B McDermott (1/99- )  
*Queen's University of Belfast*

•Prof JD Pearson (1/96-12/98)  
*King's College London*

•Dr KO Ryder (1/97- )  
*University of Oxford*

•Dr M S Suleiman (1/99- )  
*University of Bristol*

•Dr I C Zachary (1/99- )  
*University College London*

**Bulletin Editors:**

•Dr J Mockridge (1/99- )  
*Kings College London*

•Dr H Raat (1/99- )  
*Kings College London*

•Dr SA Rees (7/96-12/98)  
*University of Oxford*

•Dr A Wright (7/96-12/98)  
*University of Oxford*