

**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH**

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

held in the Roben's Suite, Guys Tower, 29<sup>th</sup> floor, King's College London  
on Friday 10 September 2004, starting at 12.10h

**1 Quorum**

The quorum for this meeting was set at 25 Members.

**2 Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting**

These were approved and signed by the Chairman, Professor Michael Marber, as being 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**

In introducing his report, Professor Marber highlighted a number of important areas that the Committee had addressed during the past year. These were: (i) encouragement of student membership; (ii) involvement in NICE Health Technology Assessments; (iii) proposals for panel membership for Research Assessment Exercise 2008; (iv) enhanced interaction with the British Cardiac Society and European Society for Cardiology.

**Annual Report:**

The accounts had been prepared and were being examined by an independent examiner. The Annual Report covering the period April 2003 to March 2004 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and would be submitted to the Charities Commission in October 2004.

**Past Meetings:**

*Spring 2004 meeting:* Professor David Eisner and Dr Cathy Holt organized a meeting on 'Frontiers in Cardiovascular Signalling' on 1-2 April 2004 at the University of Manchester.

*Autumn 2004 meeting:* Organized by Professor Ajay Shah & Dr Alison Cave, this meeting on 'Integrative cardiovascular pathophysiology in gene-modified models' was held on 9-10 September 2004 at King's College London.

**Future Meetings:**

The following meetings had been approved by the Committee:

89 *Spring 2004<sup>5</sup> meeting:* A meeting on the subject of 'Atherothrombosis' would be held at the University of Leicester under the direction of Professors Nilesh Samani and Alison Goodall on 21-22 April.

*Autumn 2004<sup>5</sup> meeting:* Professors Michael Marber and Metin Avkiran would organize a meeting focused on 'Stress signals in the cardiovascular system' on 15-16 September at King's College, London.

**Workshops:**

There were no workshops held during the past year and none scheduled or proposed.

**British Cardiac Society:**

A BSCR symposium organized by Professor Ajay Shah and entitled 'Repairing the broken heart – the promise of stem cells' took place on 25 May 2004 at the BCS annual scientific conference in Manchester. Also a 'Teach-in' session was held on the subject of 'Importance of myocardial collaterals and their manipulation', and this was chaired by Professors Nilesh Samani and Keith Channon.

It was reported that, for future BCS meetings, symposia and Teach-Ins would be allocated in rotation and that suggestions for symposia made jointly by affiliate groups looked on most favourably.

**Travel Bursaries for Postgraduate Students:**

A total of 15 bursaries amounting to £1170.45 had been awarded for the two main meetings in 2004.

**Sponsorship:**

Sponsorship had been provided by HMR then Aventis for the last six years, coming from the marketing budget for ramipril until 2003 and enoxoparin in 2004. Because of uncertainties surrounding a merger with Sanofi, the decision for support for 2005 would not be made until December 2004. Additional funding had been granted by the National Heart Research Fund (£2K) for BSCR activities in 2004. Further support had been obtained through meeting organisers, the British Heart Foundation and numerous commercial companies.

**5 Treasurer's Report**

**Presentation of accounts:**

In the absence of Dr Curtis, Professor Marber presented the financial position, which showed that the balance of the account provided in an interim report (8.9.04) was £87,229.30. Funds carried forward had almost doubled in the last 5 years. The newly-appointed accountant had not yet returned the final statement of financial activities for the year ended 31.3.04.

**Membership:**

Total membership had increased to 401 by comparison with a figure of 346 in September 2003. This was accounted for by an increase in ordinary membership to 185 (from 156) and in student membership to 72 (from 46).

**Subscription Rates:**

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Subscription rates would remain as in 2004: £15/£40 (ordinary membership – BSCR / BSCR & ISHR), £9 / £34 (student membership - BSCR / BSCR & ISHR) for payment by direct debit or with a £5 surcharge for payment by cheque.

**6 Secretary's Report**

Over the past year the Committee had met on two occasions: 1.4.04 (University of Manchester) and 9.9.04 (King's College London).

**Committee membership:**

There had been no changes on the BSCR committee since January 2003. The current committee membership was considered and note taken that six members would finish their current 3-year terms at the end of 2004. A call for nominations for four new committee members made last April had produced expression of interest from five individuals. The results of a postal ballot of the membership (68 returned voting papers), which came through in mid August, indicated the four people\* for election, which were \*Dr Andrew Baker – 43 votes, \*Dr Katrina Bicknell - 32 votes, \*Dr Gillian Gray (re-elected) – 50 votes; \*Dr Chris Jackson – 53 votes; Dr Nicola King – 28 votes. The election of new committee members was put to the membership and approved. The composition of the committee from January 2005 would have a reasonable balance of clinical (3) / non-clinical (10) scientists. Thanks were expressed to the members of committee who would retire at the end of December 2004: Professor Gavin Brooks; Professor Ajay Shah, Dr Saadeh Suleiman.

**Office bearers:**

Professor Michael Marber would continue as Chairman for at least another year. Professor Barbara McDermott and Dr Mike Curtis had indicated previously that they were willing to continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and this was agreed by the other members of committee present. This was put to the general membership and these re-elections were confirmed.

**7 Bulletin Editors' Report**

The Bulletin editors, Drs Nicola Smart and Helen Maddock, were unable to be present and had sent the following report.

On the whole, Bulletin production was proceeding smoothly, with mailings in January, April, July and October. Members may have noticed some delay in receiving their copies, which has been caused by problems in acquiring material from contributors and at the printing stage. The Editors were concerned about this and would endeavour to keep the process to schedule. As always, any contribution by members of the Society, particularly laboratory profiles, review articles and travel reports is particularly welcomed. The Bulletin is an ideal forum for publicising the research in your laboratory and travel reports offer a means for students to raise money towards the expense of attending a conference.

**8 Any Other Business**

None

**9 Date of the Next Annual General Meeting**

The next AGM will be held at the Autumn meeting, scheduled for Friday 16 September 2005 at King's College, London.

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**BSCR Interim Treasurer report 8 September 2004****CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION**

(at 8/9/04)	Current account	£1,209.18
	Harley Street	£450.00
	Business reserve	£85,570.12
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£87,229.30</b>

Accountant has not yet returned statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2004.

*Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2003:*

**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

<b>March 2004</b>	<b>£100,221.40</b>
March 2003	£100,666.47
March 2002	£79,072.00

**INCOME 1/4/3 to 31/3/4**

Subs (Net of ISHR payments)	£8,257.50
Bank interest	£723.00
Meeting income	£6,097.14
Sponsorship income (incl. Aventis)	£25,075.00
Refunds and rebates	£474.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£40,626.82</b>

**EXPENDITURE 1/4/3 to 31/3/4**

Scientific meetings (excl. speaker)	£11,833.37
Scientific meetings' speakers expenses	£6,075.19
Bulletin expenses	£3,570.55
Committee expenses (excl. secretarial)	£2,008.21
Secretarial expenses	£2,998.64
Insurance	£0.00
Independent examiner's fees and expenses	£550.00
Bank charges	£0.00
Travel bursaries	£824.27
Subscription refunds	£0.00
Printing, stationery, postage	£77.43
Miscellaneous travel	£0.00
ISHR subscriptions	£3,250.00
Depreciation of office equipment	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£28,187.66</b>

## BSCR MEMBERSHIP

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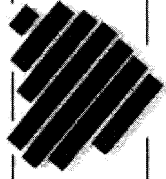
September 2004 compared with 2003

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Total number of members	346	401
Ordinary members	156	185
Students	46	72
Joint ISHR/BSCR	144	144

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Ordinary membership	£15*	£15*
Student membership	£9*	£0* 0
Ordinary membership BSCR/ISHR	£40*	£40*
Student membership BSCR/ISHR	£34*	£34* 25.

\* £5 surcharge levied on cheque payments for administration costs



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**BSCR COMMITTEE (Jan – Dec 2004)**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Prof Michael Marber</b>	<b>Jan 03 – Dec 05</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Prof Barbara McDermott</b>	<b>Jan 02 – Dec 04</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dr Michael Curtis</b>	<b>Jan 02 – Dec 04</b>
	<b>Dr Gavin Brooks</b>	<b>Jan 02 - Dec 04</b>
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	<b>Dr Saadeh Suleiman</b>	<b>Jan 02 – Dec 04</b>
	<b>Dr Peter Weinberg</b>	<b>Jan 03 – Dec 05</b>
<b>Bulletin Editors:</b>	<b>Dr Nicola Smart</b>	<b>co-opted Jan 00</b>
	<b>Dr Helen Maddox</b>	<b>co-opted Sep 01</b>

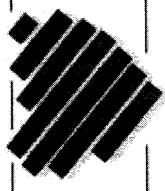


**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH**

**BSCR COMMITTEE ELECTIONS – Aug 04**  
*68 members voted for up to 4 candidates*

No. votes	Candidate
43*	Dr Andrew Baker
32*	Dr Katrina Bicknell
50*	Dr Gillian Gray
53*	Dr Chris Jackson
28	Dr Nicola King

**\*elected**



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<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Prof Michael Marber</b>	<b>Jan 03 – Dec 05</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Prof Barbara McDermott</b>	<b>Jan 05 – Dec 07</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dr Michael Curtis</b>	<b>Jan 05 – Dec 07</b>
	<b>Dr Andrew Baker</b>	<b>Jan 05 - Dec 07</b>
	<b>Dr Katrina Bicknell</b>	<b>Jan 05 – Dec 07</b>
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## THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH

### Annual Report 2003/4

This Annual Report covers the activities of the British Society for Cardiovascular Research (BSCR) for the period 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004.

#### Main Meetings

There was only one meeting which fell within the period of this report, which was the Autumn 2003 meeting, held on 8-9 September at the University of Edinburgh. Organized by Gillian Gray, Ian Megson, Simon Maxwell, Irfan Rahman, and Ajay Shah, this meeting on 'Oxidative Stress: from Measurement to Management' was held in conjunction with the Scottish Cardiovascular Forum (SCF) and took place over two full days. The first half day was run as a SCF symposium and the local keynote lecture, delivered by Rudolph Reimersma (Edinburgh), provided an inspiring backdrop to the remainder of the morning set aside for free communications. Professor David Webb, Director of the Centre for cardiovascular Science at Edinburgh University welcomed all warmly to the main part of the meeting. This started impressively with the British Cardiac Society Lecture given by Barry Halliwell (Singapore). Other speakers were Keith Channon (Oxford), Valerie O'Donnell (Cardiff), Ingrid Fleming (Frankfurt), Irfan Rahman (Edinburgh), Sandy Hill (Dundee), Roberto Mortellini (London), Mary Cotter (Aberdeen), Pil Eaton (London), Ajay Shah (London), Lucilla Poston (London), Simon Maxwell (Edinburgh), Julia Brosnan (Glasgow), Ralf Brandes (Frankfurt), Alan Struthers (Dundee) and Dipak Das (Connecticut). The final part of the meeting was devoted to the National Heart Research Fund lecture given by Jane Armitage

(Oxford). A report of this meeting was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Vol. 17, No. 1).

#### Workshops

There were no workshops during this period.

#### British Cardiac Society Symposium

A symposium held under the auspices of the BSCR at the British Cardiac Society annual conference held at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre was organised by Dr Andrew Grace on 29 April 2003. The subject was 'Genetics and the mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias'. Visiting speakers were Eric Schultz-Bahr (Salt Lake City) and Calum MacRea (Charlestown).

#### Committee, Officers and Elections

In the 2003/4 period, the Committee met on one occasion, on 8 September 2003 at the University of Edinburgh. During 2003/2004, there were no changes in composition of the committee.

#### Annual General Meeting

An AGM took place on 8 September 2003 at the University of Edinburgh. The quorum for this meeting was set at 21 members.

#### Sponsorship

A healthy state of finances at least in the immediate future has been guaranteed by continued major sponsorship from Aventis, who have funded BSCR activities, to a total of £15,000 in the calendar year 2003 and a further £15,000 in 2004. The British Cardiac Society pledged an amount of

£2500 for 2003 and the National Heart Research Fund an amount of £2000 for each of 2003 and 2004 to support keynote speakers at the main meetings. This has contributed enormously to our ability to run high quality meetings and symposia. Furthermore, meeting organisers have been particularly diligent in obtaining additional funding and we are grateful to the Wellcome Trust, British Heart Foundation and many commercial companies for generous support.

#### The Bulletin

In 2003/4, four issues of the BSCR Bulletin were published under the direction of Nicola Smart and Helen Maddox.

**B J McDermott – BSCR Secretary**  
Queen's University Belfast

**BSCR Committee 2003/4****Chairman:**

Professor MS Marber (1/03 - )  
*King's College, London*

**Secretary:**

Professor BJ McDermott (1/02 - )  
*Queen's University Belfast*

**Treasurer:**

Dr MJ Curtis (1/02 - )  
*King's College, London*

**Committee members:**

Professor G Brooks (1/02 - )  
*University of Reading*

Professor KM Channon (1/03 - )  
*University of Oxford*

Professor DA Eisner (1/03 - )  
*University of Manchester*

Dr GA Gray (1/02 - )  
*University of Edinburgh*

Professor NS Samani (1/03 - )  
*University of Leicester*

Professor AM Shah (1/02 - )  
*King's College London*

Dr M-S Suleiman (1/02 - )  
*University of Bristol*

Dr PD Weinberg (1/03 - )  
*University of Reading*

**Bulletin Editors:**

Dr N Smart (9/99 - )  
*University College London*

Dr H Maddock (9/01 - )  
*Coventry University*