

Annual General Meeting 2013: Minutes

St Thomas' Hospital, London • September 9th, 2013 • 12.45PM.

1. Quorum

There were 38 BSCR members present in addition to members of the current Committee, so the AGM was declared quorate.

2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

These were approved by the Chair 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. Treasurer's Report

4.1. Presentation of Accounts

The bank balance (27/08/2013) stood at £ 263,338.64.

4.2. Membership

Total membership was 409.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair expressed thanks to the organisers of the current meeting.

The Chair thanked the outgoing Officers, Mike Curtis and Chris Jackson, and outgoing committee member Sean Davidson, for their services to the BSCR.

The Chair also thanked Tony Cavalheiro for his invaluable help with the smooth running of the Society.

5.1. Meetings

5.1.1. British Pharmacological Society Annual Winter Meeting 2012

“New Drug Targets for Cardiovascular Disease”

Held in December 2012 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, and organised by Richard Heads and Sean Davidson

5.1.2. Joint BSCR/BAS/BCS Spring Meeting 2013

“New Frontiers in Cardiovascular Science”

Held in June 2013 at the ExCeL Centre, London, and organised by Cathy Holt and Sam Boateng.

5.1.3. BSCR Autumn Meeting 2014

“Cardiovascular Signalling in Health and Disease”

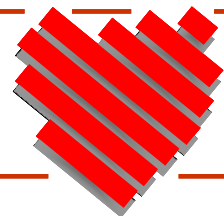
To be held in Reading and organised by Sam Boateng, Angela Clerk and Carolyn Carr.

5.1.4. Joint BSCR/BAS/BCS Spring Meeting 2015

The programme is being finalised; the meeting will be held in Manchester.

5.1.5. British Society for Gene and Cell Therapy

To be held in Glasgow in 2015.



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5.2. Links with Other Groups

5.2.1. NICE Health Technology Assessment on biomarkers to diagnose myocardial infarction.

The Society will be represented by Mike Marber.

5.2.2. Scottish Cardiovascular Forum

5.2.3. Japanese Society for Cardiovascular Science

A prize winner from the JSCVS meeting will be invited to give a presentation at a BSCR meeting. The members indicated that it would be most appropriate for this to be an oral presentation, rather than just a poster.

5.3. Public Engagement

A public engagement event would be held in the Governors' Hall at St Thomas' Hospital after the current BSCR Autumn Meeting, on the topic "Are stem cells, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine the future in heart surgery?" The event has been organised by Richard Heads.

5.4. Fellowships of the BSCR

The Chair asked for nominations for Fellows.

5.5. Basic Science Publication

A new initiative is being worked on with Heart to increase the amount of basic cardiovascular science published in the journal.

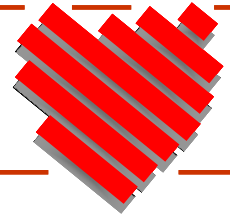
5.6. Sponsorship

Meeting organizers obtained significant funding from the BHF and commercial sponsors.

6. Secretary's Report

6.1. Committee Meetings

Over the past year the Committee had met on three occasions: January 30th, 2013 (Birmingham), June 3rd, 2013 (London) and September 9th, 2013 (London).



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6.2. Committee Membership and Office Bearers

The elections of Karen Porter, Andrew Bond and Margaux Horn, and re-election of Sam Boateng, were ratified. As from January 1st 2014 the Committee will comprise:

Yvonne Alexander	Chair
David Grieve	Secretary
Melanie Madhani	Treasurer
Colin Berry	Co-opted member
Sam Boateng	Basic scientist member
Andrew Bond	Young member
Carolyn Carr	Basic scientist member
Barbara Casadei	Clinician scientist member
Michael Dodd	Co-opted member
Andrew Grace	Clinician scientist member
Derek Hausenloy	Clinician scientist member
Richard Heads	Basic scientist member
Cathy Holt	Basic scientist member
Margaux Horn	Young member
Karen Porter	Basic scientist member
Nicola Smart	Co-opted member

7. Bulletin Editors' Report

The Bulletin Editors would welcome contributions from members.

They welcomed Mike Dodd to the editorial team, replacing Melanie Madhani who will be the new Treasurer.

The results of a survey of members were reported, which indicated that members are generally happy with the frequency of publication, content and delivery of the Bulletin.

A complete digital archive of the Bulletin is now available on the BSCR website.

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Date of the Next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be held at the Autumn Meeting in 2014 in Reading.