

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 • University of Reading

### 1. Quorum

There were 46 BSCR members present including 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

#### Membership

Total membership has remained stable since 2013 at 409 but the proportion of student members has progressively increased with only 181 current full BSCR members.

#### Current financial situation

Total funds currently stand at ~£230K including the Marshall Prize legacy but it was noted that expenditure had increased significantly in the last financial year to ~£42K reducing BSCR funds (excluding the Marshall Prize legacy) to ~£51K. This was largely due to the expensive Autumn 2013 anniversary meeting and lack of sponsorship. The Treasurer stated that the committee were actively exploring several avenues to increase income.

#### Student travel bursaries

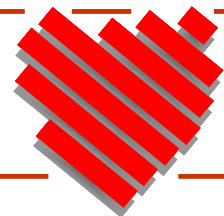
A total of 9 student travel bursaries were awarded for the Spring 2014 joint BAS/BSCR meeting to a value of £1447 which was split equally between the societies.

The 2013/14 accounts were ratified by the attending BSCR members.

### 5. Chair's Report

#### Sponsorship

The Chair advised that the British Heart Foundation (BHF) had continued to support significant costs for the British Atherosclerosis Society (BAS)/BSCR joint Spring meeting but that no additional commercial sponsorship had been secured for Spring 2014 due to practical and financial issues associated with Manchester Central. However, a large amount of sponsorship (£16,700) has been secured for the Autumn 2014 meeting which supported the majority of costs. The Chair and the committee will continue to seek core corporate funding to secure the long term financial future of the society.



### Profile of the BSCR

The Chair highlighted continued links with the British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) and BAS and a developing reciprocal arrangement with the British Pharmacological Society (BPS) comprising a BSCR-organised session at the BPS Winter meeting and inclusion of a BPS named lecture at the BSCR Autumn meeting. A new initiative is inclusion of an oral presentation from the Japanese Society for Cardiovascular Science Hearse-Yamamoto award winner in the Autumn 2014 meeting programme with the intention of developing the relationship between the societies. Another new initiative is organisation of a BSCR symposium following on from the British Society for Gene and Cell Therapy meeting in Glasgow, June 2015, together with the BHF Centres for Regenerative Medicine.

### Bernard and Joan Marshall Awards

The Chair highlighted the names of the 2014 Distinguished Investigator, Research Excellence Prize winner and Young Investigator Prize finalists who were congratulated.

### Public engagement

The Chair highlighted the annual public engagement event linked to the Spring meeting, which for 2014 was entitled “How Manchester is leading the fight against heart disease” and was now being organised by the BHF. A further BSCR-badged public engagement event entitled “Prevention or cure – how are we doing with 21<sup>st</sup> century medicine?” as part of the Manchester Science Festival is scheduled for October 2014.

### Heart Basic Science

The BSCR have edited a pilot Basic Cardiovascular Science section in Heart comprising 4 commissioned review articles which have recently been published. Future involvement will be discussed in due course with the Editor-in-Chief of Heart.

### Opportunities for Young Investigators

The Chair encouraged eligible BSCR members to apply for the BCS Michael Davies Early Career Award. In addition, student members were reminded of the BSCR travel bursary scheme to support presentation at main BSCR meetings and the Bulletin travel award scheme to support attendance at relevant (inter)national cardiovascular meetings.

### BSCR Fellowships

Attending members were reminded of the BSCR Fellowship scheme and advised that nominations should be submitted through the BSCR website which would be considered by the Fellowships committee.

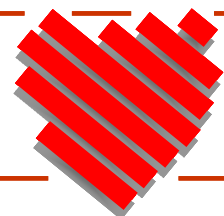
### New BSCR Chair

The Chair thanked the BSCR committee for their support as her term comes to its end. Attending members were advised that the committee had nominated Dr Derek Hausenloy as the Chair Elect whose election was ratified.

## **6. Secretary’s Report**

### Committee meetings

Over the past year the committee had met on three occasions: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (Oxford), 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 (Manchester) and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Reading).



### Committee elections

The Secretary advised that 7 committee members were coming towards the end of their 3-year terms and thanked the 5 retiring members for their valued contribution. A call for nominations was made in April 2014 – as 7 were received the nominees were duly elected without the need for ballot. The committee composition and office bearers from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 will be as follows and this was ratified by attending members:

#### **Chair**

Derek Hausenloy (Chair)    University College London    Term end: December 2017

#### **Secretary**

David Grieve (Secretary)    Queen's University Belfast    Term end: December 2016

#### **Treasurer**

Melanie Madhani    University of Birmingham    Term end: December 2016

#### **General committee**

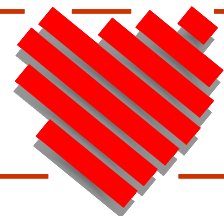
Colin Berry	University of Glasgow	Term end: December 2017
Sam Boateng	University of Reading	Term end: December 2016
Andrew Bond	University of Bristol	Term end: December 2016
Carolyn Carr	University of Oxford	Term end: December 2017
Sean Davidson	University College London	Term end: December 2017
Michael Dodd	University of Oxford	Term end: December 2015
Alicia D'Souza	University of Manchester	Term end: December 2017
Paul Evans	University of Sheffield	Term end: December 2017
Margaux Horn	University of Manchester	Term end: December 2016
Pasquale Maffia	University of Glasgow	Term end: December 2017
Karen Porter	University of Leeds	Term end: December 2016
Sanjay Sinha	University of Cambridge	Term end: December 2017
Nicola Smart	University of Oxford	Term end: N/A (co-opted)

### BSCR meetings since the last AGM

- BSCR workshop: "Remote ischaemic conditioning: from mechanism to clinical application" April 2014, Hatter Institute, University College London, Organisers: Derek Hausenloy, Saadeh Suleiman, Derek Yellon.
- Joint BSCR/BAS/BCS Spring Meeting: "New Frontiers in Cardiovascular Science" June 2014, Manchester Central, Organisers: Cathy Holt, Melanie Madhani.
- BSCR Autumn Meeting: "Cardiovascular Signalling in Health and Disease" September 2014, University of Reading, Organisers: Sam Boateng, Carolyn Carr, Katrina Bicknell) since the last AGM.

### Feedback from BSCR/BAS Spring 2014 meeting

The Secretary advised that feedback was generally positive but some concerns had been raised by delegates relating mainly to (1) poor speaker time keeping; (2) deviation from advised order of presentations; (3) low attendance at poster sessions; and (4) lack of catering. These concerns will be raised at the de-brief session with the BCS scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 with a view to improving the Spring 2015 meeting.



Forthcoming BSCR meetings

- BSCR Symposium at Pharmacology 2014: “Targeting metabolism - Exploring new therapeutic strategies for the heart” 16-18 December 2014, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, Organisers: Sean Davidson, Derek Hausenloy.
- Joint BSCR/BAS/BCS Spring Meeting: “New Frontiers in Cardiovascular Science” 8-9 June 2015, Manchester Central, Organisers: Yvonne Alexander, Margaux Horn.
- Joint BSCR/British Society for Gene and Cell Therapy Conference: “Cell therapy for cardiovascular disease in the 21st century: a reflective and prospective update” 11-12 June 2015, Technology Innovation Centre, Glasgow, Organisers: Yvonne Alexander, Nicola Smart.
- BSCR Autumn 2015 Meeting: “Translation of cardiovascular science to the clinic” 21-22 September 2015, University of Glasgow, Organisers: Colin Berry, Scott Johnstone, Ashley Miller, Sanjay Sinha.
- BSCR Autumn 2016 Meeting: “Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes” 5-6 September 2016, University of Leeds, Organisers: Karen Porter, Neil Turner, Stephen Wheatcroft, Sandra Jones.

The Secretary thanked Tony Cavalheiro for continued administrative support, particularly with the BSCR Autumn meetings.

**7. Bulletin Editors’ Report**

Mike Dodd presented the Bulletin report as the new co-editor. He reminded members that the Bulletin was now online only with 4 issues published per year with submission deadlines of 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> September.

A new co-editor (Sarah Withers, University of Manchester) will be joining the Bulletin team when she returns from maternity leave in November 2014.

The results of the 2012 Bulletin survey were summarised to illustrate that the current format, frequency and content reflect that preferred by the majority of BSCR members.

The Bulletin archive (since December 1987) is now almost complete and available through the BSCR website.

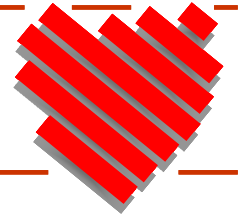
Members were reminded that all contributions to the Bulletin in the form of review articles, opinion pieces/letters, laboratory profiles and travel reports (for which up to £300 travel awards are available) are welcomed. Potential contributors should contact Nicola Smart or Mike Dodd in the first instance.

**8. Webmaster’s Report**

The Secretary introduced Mike Dodd as the new BSCR webmaster. Attending members were informed that a new BSCR website has been developed which will be reviewed by the committee before going live in October 2014.

**9. Any Other Business**

None



**10. Date of the Next Annual General Meeting**

The next AGM will be held in September 2015 at the University of Glasgow.