

British Society of Animal Science

Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 3 April 2007
18:00 hours**

**Theatre
Southport Theatre and Floral Hall Complex**



BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

Notice is hereby given that the Sixty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the Theatre, Southport Theatre and Floral Hall Complex, 3 April 2007, at 18:00 hours

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- 1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 March 2006 (Note 1) (Paper 64A)
- 2 Report of Chief Executive for the year 2006 (Notes 1 & 2) (Paper 64B)
- 3 Report of the Standing Committees (Notes 1 & 2)
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- 6 Re-appointment of auditors/assessors
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- 8 Election of Honorary member - Dr Shamus Hanrahan (*subject to item 5 being agreed)
- 9 Membership survey & 5 year Plan
- 10 AOB

M A Steele
Chief Executive
March 2007

NOTES

- 1 Papers 64A-64F are circulated with this notice.
- 2 Papers 64B-64F will be taken as read and comments from the floor are invited
- 3 Election of President (Rule 10) Council proposes the election of Professor G Simm
- 4 Election of Senior Vice-President (Rule 11). Council proposes the election of Professor C J Newbold
- 5 Election of Vice-President. Council proposes the election of Dr Sinclair Mayne
- 6 Election of Chief Executive (Rule 12) Council proposes the re-appointment of Mr M A Steele
- 7 Election of Hon Treasurer (Rule 13) Council proposes the re-appointment of Dr B C Cooke
- 8 Election of Council members (Rule 9)
The following members of Council are due to retire and, except for the retiring Past-President, (Rule 9) are not eligible for immediate re-election:-

Professor P J Buttery
Dr Robert Mayes
Dr Bevis Miller
Dr Lindsay Heasman (eligible for immediate re-election, having served since 2006 as a replacement for Prof C J Newbold).

Nominations sponsored by at least two members must reach the Chief Executive no later than Tuesday 20 March 2007.

- 8 A) BSAS Council recommends that clause 7 is amended by deleting “*provided that the total number of such Honorary life members at any time shall not exceed twenty*” from “The Council may propose for approval at an Annual General Meeting the election of Honorary life members of the Society, *provided that the total number of such Honorary life members at any time shall not exceed twenty*. This would enable BSAS to recognise the achievements of more of its members.

B) Council recommends that clause 15 be amended (addition of ‘*or assessed*’) to “At the Annual General Meeting each year a duly audited *or assessed* statement of the financial position of the society, having been sent at least 21 days beforehand to members, shall be laid before the Society” This would enable BSAS to conform with current accounting procedures.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE HELD AT YORK UNIVERSITY ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2006

Professor John Macrae chaired the meeting. Approximately 95 members were present. Items were taken slightly out of agenda in order to facilitate the smooth running of the meeting but are presented below in agenda order. Changes to the constitution where taken first.

Apologies were received from Professor J Alliston, Dr. S Athanasiadou, Dr M Coffey, Dr J Newbold, Dr D Steane and Dr R Walters and Dr G Wiener.

1 MINUTES (63A)

These were agreed as a true record and accepted by the members. All matters arising where taken under agenda items.

2 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (63B)

Mr Mike Steele presented his written report which was accepted by the AGM. He outlined the busy and eventful year that BSAS had experienced with conferences in York, Antrim, Cirencester and Thailand. The journal, Animal Science, had undergone a number of changes including transferring to a new publisher, CABI. BSAS were now negotiating with European partners to produce a new replacement journal ANIMAL. The society was also embarking on a review of its membership. All of these activities had generated much activity for the society's officers and officials who had worked hard during 2005/6. He paid particular tribute to the tremendous amount of support given by the BSAS secretariat.

3 REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

(a) **Programme Committee Report (63C)**

Dr Peter Rowlinson presented his annual report which was accepted by the AGM and thanked his committee for their contribution in 2005/6. He suggested that this might be the last Annual Meeting at York, as an alternative venue had been identified in Southport. Discussions were also being undertaken regarding the Annual Conference rotating around a number of venues over a three or four year period. He explained that although York had good lecture theatre facilities the accommodation, especially for students, was poor and catering variable. The relationship with York University authorities was not easy and they had made it very clear that they were interested in larger more commercial conferences which generated bigger income streams. He and Mike Steele had visited Southport to view the town Theatre and Floral Hall Complex. He proposed that the next joint programme/T&E Committee meeting was held in Southport so that further assessment of the town and venue could be made. The Southport Theatre and Floral Hall complex was just a five-minute walk away from three very good hotels and a number of quality value-for-money boarding houses. This would give delegates a complete range of accommodation. Travel was not quite as good as York, requiring one change from the West Coast main line. However Manchester and Liverpool airports were very close and both were used by low-cost airlines. The joint committee would decide whether to move but would ask Council to ratify it.

Dr Rowlinson highlighted the joint meeting in Thailand with the Thai Association of Animal Production. This had attracted some 500 delegates from south-east Asia and had been an excellent, well run and enjoyable international conference. A small surplus had been generated. This would enable the Thais to set up a scholarship fund for students to attend future conferences. The conference had also raised the profile of BSAS throughout the region. On behalf of the society the President thanked Dr Rowlinson and his committee for their tremendous achievements during the past 12 months.

(b) **Publications Committee Report (63D)**

Dr Nigel Scollan presented his written report which was accepted by the AGM. He then outlined with a Powerpoint presentation the activities taking place with regard to the BSAS journal Animal Science and the proposed development of the new jointly owned journal ANIMAL. AS editors had reviewed some 221 papers during 2005, 143 of which were published in animal science. The submission to publication period had dropped to just under 9 months (previously 10.6 months in 2004). The new glossy format had appeared and from January 2006 CABI had become the new publisher of Animal Science. He thank Ian Lean and Hilary Davies for their hard work and Carol Woolliams who was retiring after 10 years as technical editor. She had been a guest at the Annual Conference Dinner. The number of subscriptions had fallen once again from 522 to 495 and this represented a challenge to maintaining the journal's profitability which was vital to the society's well-being.

Dr.Scollan reviewed challenges facing the Society's publication. The publishing world continued to change and it was vital that Animal Science and any successors kept abreast of new developments. Currently the impact factor of Animal Science and its accessibility were too low. The CABI relationship should help raise the profile

of Animal Science to both readers and potential authors. Animal Science was listed 13/41 in the agricultural indices with an impact factor of 0.94. The aim had to be to move Animal Science or any successor to become one of the top three.

Discussions had been undertaken with INRA in France and EAAP who both shared the same vision of a strong animal science international journal based in Europe. Monitored closely by Council the BSAS negotiating team had hammered out a very attractive package. A strong business plan had been agreed by all partners for a high quality international journal. Difficulties had arisen with regard to choosing an appropriate name. This was now to be ANIMAL: an International Journal of Bio-Sciences. The whole BSAS membership had been consulted and 94% of respondents were in favour of moving to amalgamate Animal Science into the new journal. The name rather than the venture had been a contentious issue. BSAS had played a major part in the new journal model and would benefit from its success.

ANIMAL would have 200 quality articles each year with an 1800 page budget. The new journal would start early in 2007 with 10 issues in the year moving to become monthly from 2008. A consortium agreement amongst the three partners had been finalised and CABI had been selected as the publishers until 2010. A robust financial business plan meant that BSAS were likely to receive the first £50,000 annually from the venture. The next £20,000 would be split between EAAP and INRA with any additional surplus then shared equally between the three partners. After 2010 the partners would share the surplus in equal part. The financial prospects for BSAS thus looked excellent. BSAS would also administer the finances. The management board of the new journal would have nine members, three from each partner. The BSAS members would be Dr Nigel Scollan, Dr Brian Cooke and Mr Mike Steele.

A shortlist for the editor in chief was currently being drawn up. There was a very tight timescale for the selection of this person. An electronic submission and editorial team would be in place by June 2006 to receive papers in time for publication in early 2007. As responsibilities for the new journal would lie with the new board and new editorial team the remit of the BSAS Publications Committee would be reduced. Either a smaller committee might be required or none at all.

A discussion then took place. The President reported that Council were very supportive of the venture and the 200 members who responded to the consultation were overwhelmingly in favour. From the floor Professor Bob Ørskov was not in favour. He felt that concentrating on the impact factor was not a sensible driver for any journal. In response Dr Scollan agreed that the importance of the impact factor was over emphasised but in reality all journals had to chase a good impact factor. Despite changes to the way scientists' papers were likely to be reviewed, the importance of the impact factor would not change in the near future. The number of downloads per manuscript would eventually become more important but this would take time. Professor Kyriakis thought that the initiative was a good one but he and others had reservations regarding the name. He felt the selection of the editor-in-chief was extremely important and that this person needed to 'play the game' to make sure that the new journal attracted a good impact factor. Dr Scollan reported that there were four impressive names on the shortlist for the editor-in-chief. They had to have a good strategic vision for the journal, the ability to handle manuscripts and construct efficient and well regarded editorial teams. Katy Christomanu from CABI pointed out that the success of the journal depended very much on the quality of the papers in the first few issues. The President reminded the audience that the journal would only succeed if its own members put in good quality papers in those issues along with ones from INRA and EAAP. Support was required from scientists in all three partners' organisations in building momentum for the new journal.

(c) **Technical and Ethical Committee Report (63E)**

Dr Alan Duncan presented his final written report which was accepted by the AGM. He would be stepping down as chair of T&E at the end of this meeting. His successor, as agreed by Council, would be Dr Alastair Carson based at the Agri-Food and BioSciences Institute in Northern Ireland.

Dr Duncan outlined the growing success of the BSAS Scholarships which in 2005 had sent students to South Africa, the USA and Denmark. The number of applications and their quality was improving. He outlined the progress that BSAS was making within the BioSciences Federation. BSAS now had representation on both the animal sciences (John MacRae) and sustainability (Barbara Mclean) groups. Dr Duncan had also attended the AGM, where concern was raised regarding the financial long term stability of the Federation. The T&E Committee had continued to respond to consultations throughout the year and were very grateful to the contributors.

The Student Council had been very active throughout the year in promoting the profile of students and the success of the student Sunday in both 2005 and 2006 which was gratifying. Student Council members had attended BSAS committee meetings throughout the year.

The future of the society was once again under examination. BSAS membership was declining and a review was to be conducted to identify how this problem might be addressed. The review group recognised that the animal science community was declining. The review would look at the profile of members and those who had left. It was also keen to talk to those who had never joined. BSAS needed to identify the benefits and services that members would value. BSAS needed to make itself attractive to bring in new members. This could include moving closer to end user community such as conservation bodies or schools, involve broadening out to a wider range of animal orientated activities such as equines and wildlife or it could involve a move towards a more fundamental end of animal science covering biochemistry and molecular biology. The review would be undertaken over the summer with a report back to Council in early September. The members discussed the need to have low membership fees to encourage overseas members. They debated whether the aims of the journal should match the aims of the society or vice-versa. Dr Cled Thomas reported that a number of other societies were grappling with the same problem as BSAS.

Dr Duncan thanked his committee for the tremendous amount of work they had contributed throughout 2005. The President thanked Dr Duncan for chairing the committee over the past three years.

4 REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER (63F)

The Honorary Treasurer presented a full set of accounts which had been previously circulated. Dr Brian Cooke reported that total society membership numbers continued to decline during 2005. Student numbers had however increased during the year. Overall BSAS conferences had again lost money in 2005. The Equine Meeting had not been well-attended despite the excellent programme. The sheep meeting in Northern Ireland had made a modest surplus. Once again the BSAS publications activities had made a surplus of £54,000, which following extraordinary costs for the new journal development left £47,000 which was a healthy situation. Charitable spending had once again increased especially for student activities. On the investments side the Society's net worth had increased as the stock market had recovered over the period. As a result BSAS had reserves of £695,000 which represented a healthy recovery from 2000. This level of reserves were not yet an issue with the Charities Commission. The target would be around half-a-million pounds (one year's turnover) but it was recognised that these gains were 'paper' ones resulting from stock market changes rather than society activities.

The accounts were accepted by the AGM
Proposed by Professor Peter Buttery
Seconded by Dr Janice Harland

The Treasurer then asked the members to agree a modest increase in memberships subscription rates that would come into effect in Jan 2007. Ordinary membership would increase to £60/year and to £30 for PhD students/retired.

This was agreed.
Proposer Professor Phil Thomas
Seconder Professor Peter Buttery

5 RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It was agreed by the AGM that the auditors, Chiene & Tait CA, be reappointed

Proposed by Dr Janice Harland
Seconded by Dr David Garwes

6 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The President explain the proposed constitutional amendment. Council felt that currently there was insufficient time for the incoming President to assimilate an understanding of the society before his or her presidential year. The change was to introduce an additional 'Presidential' position. There would thus be a Vice President, Senior Vice President and President on Council.

Mike Steele also explained that minor changes to grammar and the gender balance of the constitution. The name of a specific bank was also being replaced with a more general generic phrase so that the society had no constitutional bar to changing its current bankers.

The members were in full agreement with the changes.

Proposed by Professor Peter Buttery
Seconded by Dr Ian Lean.

7 **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Election of officers

The following were unanimously elected by members at the AGM

President	Professor Peter Buttery
Senior-Vice	President Professor Geoff Simm
Vice-President	Professor C Jamie Newbold
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Mike Steele (reappointed)
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Brian Cooke (reappointed)

Election of Council Members

The following were elected to join Council.

Dr Lindsay Heasman
Dr David Kenny
Dr Liam Sinclair
Ms Angela Wright

As there was a requirement for four members with the change to the constitution, all four applicants were accepted. It was agreed that they would decide at the September 2006 Council meeting who would replace the new Vice-President Professor Jamie Newbold on Council and serve the remaining one year term before seeking re-election leaving three members to serve the full three year term.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ruth Pickard, chair of the Student Council reported that they had received very positive feedback from the Student Sunday held at the 2006 Annual Conference. They would however like to attract many more young scientists to attend this type of event. She felt that the Student Council was progressing well and had great potential for attracting new and young members to the society.

Professor MacRae in his final address as President thanked the Hon Treasurer Brian Cooke, the CEO Mike Steele and the BSAS secretariat for the great support and hard work they had put in during his tenure. From the floor the incoming President Professor Peter Buttery thanked Professor MacRae for his efforts and great commitment not only over the past year but during his years as chairman of the Publications Committee and as Vice-President. Professor MacRae had guided the society expertly well and managed Council decisively.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT 2006

BSAS Council met on two occasions during 2006, in January and September, in London. The President's committee met in January, May, September & November. 2006 has been a year of changes with the development of the new journal *ANIMAL*, the search for a new venue for the Annual Conference and a major survey of members and non-members on BSAS's future role. This has involved the BSAS secretariat team in a great deal of hard work.

BSAS FIVE YEAR PLAN

Council commissioned a survey, led by Alan Duncan, to establish the views of members and non-members on BSAS; its remit and activities. The reports were studied by Presidents Committee and Council and T&E was tasked with identifying action points to address specific issues raised by the surveys. These included the possibility of providing educational resources, a popular knowledge transfer magazine for the industry and CPD & accreditation.

In November Presidents Committee decided that BSAS needed a five-year plan targeting specific objectives across all activities. They were concerned that BSAS needed to be more proactive in lobbying, setting forward looking topics at conferences and encouraging visionary publications. A number of working groups have now been set up to cover:

- Rewriting the mission statement
- Communications in knowledge transfer (via a popular magazine, translating scientific information for farmers, the public, schools and policy makers)
- Educational resources
- Membership

Modernising the Society's committee structure with a simpler and more flexible constitution may also need to be addressed.

PUBLICATIONS

The year was once again a very busy one for BSAS publications. Discussions with EAAP and INRA in France led to agreement early in 2006 to jointly produce a new journal *ANIMAL* from February 2007. As part of this agreement *Animal Science* published its last issue in December 2006 and the French journals *Animal Research* and *Reproduction, Nutrition & Digestion* ceased publication. The new journal will be published by Cambridge University Press rather than CABI. This arrangement was brought about by CABI selling its journal portfolio to CUP in mid 2006. This was done without prior consultation with BSAS. CABI completed publishing *Animal Science* although appeared to put less emphasis on marketing than originally promised. The planning of *ANIMAL*, recruitment of its editors and merging papers from the three journals into the new one caused an enormous amount of work for all partners. BSAS has 3 members on the *ANIMAL* management Board and runs the finance.

Nottingham University Press has continued to publish all BSAS Occasional Publications although revenues have been disappointing and personnel changes at NUP disrupted publications. The book on the BSAS workshop in Merida (2003) finally appeared early in 2006 with *Applying Equine Science: Research into Business* issued in late December. *Integrating Livestock-Crops Systems to Meet the Challenges of Globalisation* has not made progress.

PROGRAMME ISSUES

The 2006 Annual Meeting at York University attracted a similar number of delegates to 2005 but increased costs and more invited speakers meant a subsidy of £20000 was needed by BSAS. Council continued their commitment to supporting the Society's Annual Conference as a benefit to members. The Student Council organised another successful 'Student Sunday' with lectures, workshops and more juggling. They also managed the competitions for the Tuesday fun night when delegates ate out in York City centre and joined ghost walks and historic tours on a wet and windy night. The conference dinner was held in the splendid National Railway Museum. Spiralling costs at York lead to a search for alternative venues and the Southport Theatre and Floral Hall Complex in Merseyside was selected for 2007. The Society may move the Annual Conference around a limited number of venues over the next few years. As the number of paper submissions continues to increase a new format of 'mini theatre papers' is being tried in 2007 to accommodate more delegates as speakers. Peter Rowlinson will retire as Chair of the Committee at the 2007 AGM.

TECHNICAL AND ETHICAL MATTERS

Alistair Carson took over as chair of T&E in 2006 with Kate Breuer becoming secretary. The committee was joined by a number of new recruits including Geoff Pollott, the new EAAP liaison officer. It awarded travel and research grants from the Murray Black, Kenneth Blaxter and Alan Robertson scholarships. It also gave monies to the Nuffield Foundation for school students working on science projects four genetic research grants. The December meeting of T&E took place in Belfast at the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute where members of the committee took part in a stakeholder discussion on the future of BSAS. This raised the profile of the Society and also opened up a number of networking opportunities with policy makers, levy board representatives, farmers and those involved in research and academia.

2006 OCCASIONAL AND STUDENT MEETINGS

BSAS, led by Jes Scaife organised an excellent Ethno-veterinary occasional meeting at Writtle College, Essex in September 2006. Although a very specialised topic a 60 strong, very participative, audience came from many different countries to contribute. The weather, like the Writtle staff, was very warm.

On the day before the conference the Student Council arranged a student day covering writing, media and viva skills with an industry forum. No juggling this time but rounders, balloon towers, a quiz and an excellent BBQ. The latter was accompanied by a brilliant thunderstorm which set off the fire alarms!

BSAS ran its second Polish conference in Krakow in October. Organised jointly with Krakow Agricultural University Linking up the meat chain: ensuring quality and safety for the consumer attracted 150 delegates who enjoyed presentations from Poland, UK, Lithuania, Serbia, Belgium, Switzerland and USA. There were over 80 posters from scientists across Eastern Europe and it was noticeable that the standard had improved immensely since the first conference in 2004. BSAS is very grateful for the work of the local organizing team that included Prof Waldyshaw Migdal and Dr Piotr Pasciak. The conference was another example of BSAS working with sister organizations to assist and network with scientists across Eastern Europe and part of the BSAS strategy to stimulate debate and discussion on topical issues. The next conference in this series is in Lithuania in early June 2007 organised by Dr Vigilius Jukna.

In December Mike Steele, Ruth Pickard and BSAS members attended a student organised animal health conference at Newcastle University with an audience from land based colleges from NE England. As sponsors BSAS had a stand and recruited 34 new undergraduate members.

BSAS also helped with the Langford Food Industry meeting in May on New Developments in Sheep meat Quality and assisted the Applied Association of Biologists with meetings on organics and sustainability. This latter liaison is giving BSAS an opportunity to insert animal science into what would otherwise be plant only conferences and is one way of raising the profile of the science behind animals to a wider audience.

AWARDS

The Sir John Hammond Award was given to Dr Aliastair Carson of ARINI (now AFBINI) in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of sustainable sheep and dairy heifer rearing systems through underpinning applied research programmes, undertaken in partnership with the agricultural industry.

The RSPCA/BSAS award for innovative developments in animal welfare

This award was given to the AWTraining Group, University of Bristol, for outstanding contributions to scientific research, information transfer and training in the area of farm animal welfare at stunning and slaughter

PRESIDENT PRIZE 2006

These were given to:

Theatre

Camila Munoz, ARINI for her presentation on Nutritional status of ewes in early and mid pregnancy: Effect of selenium supplementation on ewe reproduction and offspring performance

Poster

Joanne Mallinson, University of Nottingham for best poster on Effect of Megalac supplementation on the total lipid content, moisture content and bound water content of sheep claw horn

Commendations were awarded to Mark Fenwick, Royal Veterinary College, and Catherine Hayhurst, University of Liverpool.

M.A.Steele, January 2007

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE 2006

During the reporting year the Committee met jointly with Technical & Ethical in May to generate ideas for the 2007 Annual Meeting and again in late November to assess the submitted summaries and agree invited sessions (both meetings in Southport).

ANNUAL MEETING 2006

The York meeting was both scientifically and socially very successful. It attracted a similar number of delegates to 2006 but increased costs (venue) and more invited speakers meant a subsidy of £20000 was needed by BSAS. Council will continue its commitment to this financial support as part of its charitable expenditure for BSAS members although it will need to carefully manage support long-term.

There were 115 theatre presentations including 31 invited papers. The number of invited papers had increased over 2005 and although very popular added considerably to the cost of the meeting. Posters this year were better, although 16 of the 117 accepted were not presented. The poster discussion session on in vitro techniques & feed characterisation was very good. Some authors commented that that insufficient attention was paid to posters and for 2007. It was agreed that 2007 poster presenters would be given the chance to give mini presentations. The Student Council organised another successful 'Student Sunday' with lectures, workshops and more juggling. They also managed competitions at Tuesday's fun night when delegates ate out in York City centre and joined ghost walks and historic tours on a wet and wild night. The conference dinner was held in the National Railway Museum.

The online submission system was used again for 2007 with 320 (278 – 2006, 329 for 2005) received. Of these 40 were rejected immediately with revisions sought on a large number of the remainder. Once again a large number of Iranian papers were submitted but in general their quality was improving. The 2007 programme has three parallel sessions. Beside the normal standard theatre presentations and poster displays there would be a new mini presentation format for 2007. These would consist of four-minute presentations. Many of these authors would also be displaying a poster so it was hoped that their presentations would promote the poster displays. WPSA had decided to meet in a nearby hotel and with the joint BSAS/WPSA session on the Wednesday morning.

Publications and Programme Committee had not yet established a mechanism to identify invited papers that could be published in *Animal*. In future this would require early identification so that speakers could be asked to deliver their papers in time for publication at the time of presentation. For 2007 it was likely that papers from *farm animal genetic resources* and the *President's session* would be targeted to produce papers.

The Southport venue is not available for 2008 because of refurbishments. As an interim measure Scarborough's Spa complex had been identified for the Annual Meeting for 31 March – 2 April 2008.

With Peter Rowlinson completing his three-year period as chairperson he would like to propose Caroline Rymer, current committee secretary, as his replacement. He thanks all members of his committee for their hard work and humour during his time as chair.

4 2006 OCCASIONAL MEETINGS

BSAS was involved with two very good occasional meetings in 2006:

- Ethno-veterinary - Harvesting Knowledge, Pharming Opportunities. September 2006, Writtle.
- Linking up the meat chain: ensuring quality and safety for the consumer. October 2006, Krakow .

BSAS also helped with the Langford Food Industry meeting in May on New developments in Sheep Meat Quality and the Association of Applied Biologists meetings on 'What will organic farming deliver' (Sept – Edinburgh) and 'Delivering sustainability within profitable farming systems' (December – Warwickshire)

Peter Rowlinson
January 2006

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2006

MEMBERSHIP

Nigel Scollan (Chairman), Jes Scaife (Secretary), Liam Sinclair, Kevin Shingfield, Hilary Davies, Ian Lean, Brian Cooke and Mike Steele. During the year Sandy MacKenzie, Alistair Wylie and Jamie Newbold stepped down from the committee. Their contribution to the committee in recent years is very much appreciated.

MEETINGS

The committee met formally on two occasions, in January and September 2006.

This has been a very exciting year for publications and the society with the creation of a new journal which integrates our journal *Animal Science*, and two INRA journals, *Animal Research and Reproduction*, *Nutrition and Development*. The new journal *Animal* is the official journal of the British Society of Animal Science, European Association of Animal Production and an official journal of INRA. This new venture enhances the international dimension of the Society and the new publishing partnership with EAAP and INRA provides a platform on which to build other novel initiatives.

The following sections provide a summary of the final year of *Animal Science* and progress in relation to *Animal*.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

The *Animal Science* website (Manuscript Central) was open for acceptance of papers until 1 July 2006, after which all submissions were redirected to the new *Animal* website (Editorial Manager). The *Animal Science* website remained open until end of 2006 to facilitate processing of submitted manuscripts. Any author who had not submitted a revised manuscript by this date has been informed that they must be submitted to *Animal*.

Volume 82, the last volume of *Animal Science* was printed as 6 parts with one cumulative index for authors and subjects. The final list of acknowledgements to referees which would normally have gone into the first 2007 part was pulled forward to the December issue. Ian Lean wrote the valedictory Foreword for the final issue. This issue also included the three invited papers plus an introductory editorial from the Mammal Society meeting. The page numbers in volume 82 totalled 975, higher than 2004 (839). The number of papers submitted was 144 until the end of June 2006 (closure of website) from a wide geographical base.

Special thanks are due to Hilary Davies and Ian Lean for their sterling work at the helm of *Animal Science*. Together with the section editors and editors they have been instrumental in maintaining a high degree of editorial rigour and ensuring the high standard and quality of *Animal Science*, which is well acknowledged by the scientific community. The Society wishes to thank all editors for their excellent work and dedication to the journal, work conducted against a backdrop of ever increasing pressure on their time. Rod Hill, Andrew van Kessel, David Gerrard, Jinzeng Yang, Paul Moughan, Walter Gerrits, Richard Dewhurst, Michael Cockram, John Newbold and Kevin Shingfield continue as editors in the new journal. Beatriz Villanueva, Hermann Swalve, Jack Dekkers, David Notter, Maria Carro, Tom McEvoy, Ian Lean, Colin Morgan all elected to retire from editorial duties. Hilary Davies has played a central role in the transition to *Animal* and I am very pleased that Hilary has agreed to remain part of the *Animal* editorial team in 2007.

ANIMAL

Following the decision at the AGM in York, April 2006, Mike Steele, Brian Cooke and Nigel Scollan continued to work with our new partners at EAAP and INRA to ensure the launch of *Animal* in 2007. The management board for *Animal* consists of three representatives from each of the partners, BSAS, INRA and EAAP as follows:

BSAS: Dr Nigel Scollan (Chairman BSAS Publications Committee); Mr Mike Steele (BSAS Chief Executive) and Dr Brian Cooke (BSAS Honorary Treasurer)

INRA: Dr Philippe Chemine, Dr William Rosset and Dr Michel Bonneau

EAAP: Professor Cled Thomas, Dr Andrea Rosati and Professor Eherhard von Borell

Dr Michel Doreau (INRA-Theix) was appointed editor-in-chief supported by Professor John Oldham (SAC-Edinburgh) and Dr Kris Sejrsen (Danish Institute of Agricultural Science, Denmark) in charge of *Strategic Development and Reviews and Special Issues*, respectively. A team of international editors have been appointed and a warm welcome is extended to them. The editorial office consists of H. Davies, F. Maurice, N. Miraux and D Poirel. Hilary Davies is a central member of the editorial team and the main link between the editorial office and the publisher. BSAS wish to express their sincere thanks to Hilary for her commitment to *Animal* and her excellent help in helping steer the journal through during the inevitable period of teething difficulties.

The journal is structured into six areas: (1) Animal Breeding and Genetics, (2) Nutrition, (3) Physiology and Functional Biology of Systems, (4) Behaviour, Welfare and Health, (5) Livestock Farming Systems and Environmental Impact and (6) Product Quality, Human Health and Well-being.

In 2007, the journal is based on a business plan of 1600 pages across 10 issues with the first issue due in February 2007. In 2008 onwards, the business plan is based on 1800 pages across 12 issues. To delivery the first issue of *Animal*, life has been hectic for the editorial office and the editors. The issue consists of 15 papers, 10 primary publications and 5 review papers. Of the reviews, 4 arise from the invited session on Nutrient Responses (BSAS annual meeting, York 2006) presented along with a front end editorial by Professor Ilias Kyriazakis. Eight of the 12 primary publications in this issue were papers accepted in *Animal Science* which have flowed through to *Animal* for publication, with the authors consent.

The management board met on 2 occasions since the AGM in York (Rome, May 2006 and INRA-Tours, October 2006). The management board for the journal were made aware in May 2006, that Cambridge University Press had acquired all CABI journals following the decision by CABI to move out of publishing journals and hence would be the publisher for *Animal*.

The website for submission of manuscripts went live at the end of June and until the end of December 2006, 259 manuscripts had been submitted from a wide geographical base. Very pleasingly 18 were received from the UK. Of the papers submitted, 41, 92, 53, 35, 24 and 14 were in sections 1-6, respectively.

FINANCE

The publications committee are again to be congratulated on establishing a surplus of £45,063 on the journal in 2006.

Unfortunately due to confusion in data transfer from CABI to CUP the full number of subscriptions is not yet known. However, it does appear that numbers are lower than for 2005.

During the year discussions have been finalised with EAAP and INRA over merging the two INRA journals and *Animal Science* into the new journal ANIMAL. £4,326 has been expended by BSAS on this development so leaving a publications surplus of £45,296.

Less than 200 members chose the printed version. 42 libraries subscriptions opted for electronic access only, an increase of 34 on 2005.

The projections for *Animal* are 40 – 60K for the society in 2007.

Nigel Scollan
Chair Publications Committee
12th January 2007

REPORT OF THE TECHICAL AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE 2006

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Alistair Carson (Chair), Kate Breuer (Secretary), Janice Harland (Press Officer), Geoff Pollott (EAAP representative), Bevis Miller, Aidan Moloney, Mike Hutchings, Janice Harland, Jonathan Mills, Helen Edge, Barbara Mclean, Jamie Robertson, Andrew Hemmings, Angela Wright, Carlos Sandoval Castro, Piotr Pasciak.

The committee met on 5 May 2005 (Southport) and also had a joint meeting with Programme Committee on that date, held a teleconference on 6 November 2006 and met on 4&5 December 2006 (Belfast).

PRIZES, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The following awards were made on the recommendation of the committee.

The Murray Black Scholarship was awarded as follows: -

Nicola Blackie, Writtle College, to attend the 14th International Symposium on Lameness in Ruminants in Uruguay, 8-11 November 2006.

Lesley Smith, SAC, to undertake a study on the effect of mixing cattle on social interactions and risk of disease transmission, conducted at the CSIRO Institute, Rockhampton, Australia.

Mark Fenwick, Royal Veterinary College, to attend the 7th International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium in Wellington, (NZ) and whilst there visit laboratories that share common research interests.

Camila Munoz, AFBI Hillsborough, to attend the 9th Langford Food Industry Conference: New Developments in Sheep Meat Quality'.

Emer Scott-Baird, University of Newcastle, to attend the 11th International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA) at SECC Glasgow, 6-11 August 2006.

Samantha Mason, University of Leeds, to undertake training in *Toxoplasma gondii* isolation technique at USDA, Beltsville, Maryland.

Timea Kupai, SAC/University of Kaposva, Hungary, to attend the 9th Langford Food Industry Conference: New Developments in Sheep Meat Quality'

The Alan Robertson

The following were awarded in December 2005 (taken up in 2006) to attend the 8th World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production in Belo Horizonte in Brazil, August 2006

Jenny Macfarlane, SAC
 Elly Navajas, SAC
 Suzanne Rowe, Roslin Institue
 Elina Karamichou, Roslin Institute
 Charlotte Kearsley, Roslin Institute
 Andreas Kranis, Roslin Institute
 Alex Lam, Roslin Institute
 Sinead McParland, Teagasc

Awarded 2006 (taken up 2007)

Olena Doran from University of Bristol, to participate in the 53rd International Congress in Meat Science & Technology, Beijing, August 2007

Claudia Paol Cardenas, Roslin Institute to attend the International Chick Meeting in Barcelona April 2007.

Catherine Hayhurst, Liverpool University for travel and subsistence for a genetics research project at Roslin Institute

Sir Kenneth Blaxter

Awarded December 2005 (taken up in 2006)

Michael Lee, IGER, to travel to the USDA-Agricultural Research Service, US Dairy Forage Research Centre, Madison, Wisconsin, USA to investigate ways of reducing pollution to the grassland environment and improving the healthiness of ruminant products, with particular reference to natural forage systems.

Noelia Aldai, Serida Institute, Spain, to attend the BSAS Annual Conference.

Samantha Llewellyn and Jessica Bricknell, Royal Vet College to attend the 7th International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium, New Zealand, following abstract submission.

Awarded December 2006 (taken up in 2007)

Emma Baxter, SAC to attend the 41st Congress of the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE) in Merida, Mexico and undertake a short study tour of pig farms in Mexico July 2007.

Fiona Lang, SAC, To attend the 41st Congress of ISAE in Merida, Mexico and a short research project at University of British Columbia, Canada.

The RSPCA/BSAS Award for Innovative Developments in Animal Welfare Awarded to the Bristol Animal Welfare Training Group.

The Sir John Hammond Memorial Prize

Awarded to Alistair Carson, Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Hillsborough.

BSAS MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Membership of the Society, although stable over the last couple of years, has been in long-term decline. In order to develop a strategy to address this, Council commissioned T&E to oversee a membership review to clarify the reasons for the decline in membership and bring forward recommendations to tackle the problem.

A membership review group led by Alan Duncan was established to oversee the process. An external consultant (Customer Matters Limited) was commissioned to undertake the study of membership. The main findings of the study (both qualitative and quantitative in approach) led to the following recommendations for consideration: -

- BSAS should re-evaluate its aims and make them consistent across all communication pathways.
- The Society should consider a third pillar for external communications and representations with faster links and stronger partnerships.
- A better structured annual meeting should be considered perhaps designed by discipline or species so that participants could better planned their attendance.
- BSAS needed to be proactive in recruiting new members at all levels.

T&E are currently in the process of producing proposals setting out options for Council to consider in each of these areas within the overall framework of a 5-year strategic plan for the society.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

T&E met with stakeholders within the animal science sector in Northern Ireland. This provided an excellent opportunity to highlight the current role of BSAS to a group of key stakeholders and to discuss with them the future direction of our society. Further meetings with key policy makers in GB are planned over coming months.

BIOSCIENCE FEDERATION

BSAS has continued to maintain links with the BioSciences Federation with the aim of giving the Society a voice at science policy level. John MacRea represents BSAS on the BSF Animal Science Committee and Barbara McLean is a member of the Sustainability Committee. BSF is still in its infancy and, as a new body, continues to work to define its roles and responsibilities.

Linkages with other organisations including the Association of Applied Biologists, British Grassland Society, Irish Grassland Association continue to be developed.

OCCASIONAL MEETINGS

BSAS organised/co-organised the following occasional meetings over 2006:-

Langford Food Industry Conference - New Developments in Sheepmeat Quality. 24-25 May 2006, School of Veterinary Science, Langford, Bristol.

Ethnoveterinary Conference - Harvesting Knowledge, Pharming Opportunities 14-15 September 2006, Writtle College.

Linking up the Meat Chain: Ensuring Quality and Safety for the Consumer. 19-20 October 2006, Krakow, Poland

Forthcoming meetings

High Value Grassland: Providing Biodiversity, A Clean Environment and Premium Products 17-19 April 2007. University of Keele, Staffs, UK. In association with BGS and BES.

Meat Quality & Food Safety Vilnius Lithuania 6/7 June 2007

Fertility in Dairy Cows (satellite conference of EAAP - Dublin 2007), Liverpool 30-31st August 2007 in Liverpool.

Sheep industry conference in association with the Irish Grassland Association and Ulster Grassland Society. Location and date to be confirmed.

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Over the year BSAS responded to several consultations including the Radcliffe Report on the Review of the Agricultural and Horticultural Levy Bodies, the Biosciences response to the Select Committee on Science and Technology review on 'Scientific Advice, Risk and Evidence: how government handles them' and a Defra consultation on the lifting of the export ban. BSAS responses can be viewed on the website.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council has continued to play a very positive role in promoting the society among the student community. At the AGM student Sunday activities included a session on dealing with the press, presentation and writing skills, viva skills and a presentation by Genesis Faraday on scholarships. A one-day conference held at Writtle in September covered tutorials on scientific writing and an industry forum discussing career opportunities. A Student Sunday event is organised for Southport April 2007.

BSAS helped in running an undergraduate conference at the University of Newcastle on December 13th to raise the profile of BSAS.

Ruth Pickard completed a very successful term as Chair of Student Council handing over to Suzanne Rowe.

EAAP REPRESENTATIVE

Geoff Pollott followed on from Melissa Royal in the position of BSAS/EAAP Representative during September 2006. Geoff attended the EAAP Annual Meeting 2006 in Anatalya and represented BSAS at workshops and the relevant commission boards meeting. Geoff's role also includes networking and liaising with EAAP personnel/commission boards and delegates to identify opportunities where BSAS may participate at a European level.

Sandra Edwards was appointed to the Board of EAAP as the representative of the UK and Ireland.

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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Year ended 30 November 2006

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Council members (who are also trustees)

Professor P Buttery – President
Professor G Simm – Senior Vice President (appointed 28 March 2006)
Professor C J Newbold – Vice President
Dr B C Cooke – Honorary Treasurer
Dr N D Scollan – Publications Chairman
Dr P Rowlinson – Programme Chairman
Dr A Carson – Technical and Ethical Chairman (appointed 28 March 2006)
Dr R Mayes
Dr B Miller
Dr H Edge
Dr K Shingfield
Dr E Wall
Dr L Heasman (appointed 28 March 2006)
Dr D Kenny (appointed 28 March 2006)
Dr L Sinclair (appointed 28 March 2006)
Ms A Wright (appointed 28 March 2006)
Professor J C MacRae (Resigned 28 March 2006)
Dr J Mills (Resigned 28 March 2006)
Dr A P Moloney (Resigned 28 March 2006)
Dr S Athanasiadou (Resigned 28 March 2006)
Dr A J Duncan (Resigned 28 March 2006)

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2006

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Constitution and objects

The Society has a Memorandum and Articles of Association formally set out and available for consultation at the Society office.

Organisation

The Council of the Society is an elected body, with three members being elected at each Annual General Meeting to serve for three years. Candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are proposed by Council for election at the Annual General Meeting. Members of Council holding office during the year ended 30 November 2006 are as stated on page 1.

The Council members meet twice per year, in order to discuss strategic and operational matters relating to the Society. Newly appointed Council members are provided with a copy of the governing document, a copy of the annual accounts, recent minutes of meetings and handbooks of governance and codes of practice. In addition, a verbal briefing is given by the President and the Honorary Treasurer.

A number of sub committee's carry out work in furtherance of the charity's objectives, and report directly to the Council Members.

Risk Management

The Council have assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Society, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The British Society of Animal Science (formerly The British Society of Animal Production) was formally constituted as an educational charity on 6 January 1944 and amended at the Annual General Meeting in 1994 in order to:

- Provide opportunities for those interested in and concerned with science and its application to animal production, to meet and exchange information, ideas and experiences relating to the production of animals and the products thereof.
- Encourage the investigation of problems and matters pertaining to the science of animals and its applications.
- Collect and publish information relating to science and its application to animal production; to print and publish any periodicals, books and leaflets which the Society may think desirable.
- Stimulate the incorporation into practice of advances resulting from research, experimental work and practical experience.
- Co-operate with any other organisation in furthering any of the objects of the Society.
- Do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.
- Encourage the development of young scientists in animal science.

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2006

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year, the Society:-

- Organised and managed successful animal science conferences in York (April), Chelmsford (September) and Krakow, Poland (October).
- Concluded the final issues of the journal Animal Science.
- Arranged with INRA, EAAP and Cambridge University Press the design, structure and resources for its new scientific journal ANIMAL (part ownership) to be launched in February 2007.
- Responded to relevant animal science related consultations.
- Consulted with stakeholders, BSAS members and a non-member cohort on its current and future aims, objectives and activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

The membership of the Society rose marginally by 1.0% (8) in 2006. This rise is entirely due to new post graduate members (25). As a result of reduced ordinary members subscription income fell by nearly £3,000. The actual income was £39,571 (the figure in the income account is grossed up for the student discount rate).

	2006	2005
Ordinary members	564	579
Postgraduates	109	84
Retired	59	63
Honorary	20	20
Undergraduates	<u>36</u>	<u>34</u>
	788	780

Conferences

We have successfully run or been involved in five conferences this year. All the BSAS conferences had a deficit (three BSAS and two in support of Association of Applied Biologists). In the case of the Annual Meeting, registered paying attendees showed a small decrease which in conjunction with increased costs led to a deficit of just over £21,000. The overall conference deficit increased from £22,661 to £36,267. This, in the main, was due to a conscious decision to keep down the registration fees.

Publications

Six issues of Animal Science were published in 2006, resulting in a total of 954 A4 pages. The change of publisher to CABI and an increase in costs has led to an unexpected reduction in subscription numbers. Final financial figures are still awaited from the publishers but income to BSAS has fallen from £53,947 to approximately £45,000.

No occasional publications were produced this year. Sales of occasional publications have produced an income of only £233.

The Publications Committee is again to be congratulated on establishing a surplus of £45,063 on the Journal in 2006. During the year discussions have been finalised with EAAP and INRA over merging Animal Science and two INRA journals into a single new journal 'Animal'. £4,326 has been expended by BSAS in 2006 in this development. The total publication surplus is £45,296 (47,341 in 2005). CUP are acting as publishers of 'Animal' and the first issue is due out in February 2007.

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2006

FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)

Statement of Financial Activities

The Society's charitable expenditure in 2006 was some £23,778 lower than in 2005, mainly due to the lower costs for publications and conferences.

Overall income decreased by £79,726, publications income was down by about £64,000, and that from conferences by about £21,000; investment income increased slightly. In 2006 a deficit of £43,006 has been incurred compared with a surplus of £19,175 in 2005. Due to changes in our publishing arrangements the high surplus from publications was not repeated and our deficit on conferences increased substantially. With the continued recovery in the stock market the value of our investments has increased by £68,775 to £662,014. Thus the Society's funds carried forward at 30 November 2006 were £722,606.

Forecasts for the future indicate that we face a deficit of about £21,000 in 2007, but this will be dependant on the success of the new 'Animal' journal in replacing Animal Science. The value of the Society's investments is dependent upon the stock market conditions. These continue under active management by Gerrard.

We confirm that the financial management of the Society continues in line with Council's policy on risk.

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted funds represent the general funds which the Council are free to use in accordance with the Society's charitable objectives. It is the policy of the Council to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately one year's unrestricted income. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs and to respond to any emergencies which may arise from time to time. Unrestricted funds were maintained at this level throughout the year.

The Council confirms that, in their opinion, the assets of the Society are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Investment Policy

In accordance with the constitution of the charity, the Council has the power to invest in shares, bonds and other investments as they see fit. The Council has engaged Gerrard Limited as investment managers. The Council have requested that the portfolio should achieve an income of £20,000 and they have adopted a medium risk investment strategy in order to achieve this goal. During the year the income received from investments amounted to £23,375.

Grant Making Policy

The Council invites applications for the annual grants that the Society awards. Applications will be reviewed by the Technical and Ethical Committee and awarded in accordance with the specific criteria.

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2006

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In the coming years, the Society will :

- Continue to consult with stakeholders and members to promote an animal science agenda to a wide audience.
- Organise animal science conferences in the UK (Southport & Liverpool) and overseas (Lithuania).
- Launch the new scientific journal ANIMAL (part ownership).
- Develop new activities to meet the needs and aspirations of current and future members.

Statement of Council's Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Council is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Council are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position for the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1992. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

A resolution concerning the re-appointment of Chiene + Tait, Chartered Accountants, as auditors and their remuneration will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Council on 17 January 2007 and signed on their behalf by:-

B C Cooke

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

We have examined the summarised financial statements of British Society of Animal Science.

Respective responsibilities of council members and auditors

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the (summarised financial statements) in accordance with the recommendations of the charities SORP.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report. We also read the other information contained in the (summarised annual report) and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 "The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the Report of the Council of British Society of Animal Science for the year ended 30 November 2006.

CHIENE + TAIT
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
61 Dublin Street
Edinburgh EH3 6NL

2 March 2007

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 30 November 2006

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2006	Restated Total 2005
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	45,028	-	-	45,028	48,195
Investment income	24,805	-	280	25,085	25,527
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Income from publications	100,483	-	-	100,483	164,290
Income from conferences	143,562	-	-	143,562	164,872
Income from Genesis Faraday	-	-	9,000	9,000	-
Total incoming resources	313,878	-	9,280	323,158	402,884
Charitable expenditure					
Costs of generating voluntary income	14,582	-	-	14,582	13,068
Charitable activities	330,904	-	13,014	343,918	367,696
Governance costs	9,709	-	-	9,709	2,945
Total resources expended	355,195	-	13,014	368,209	383,709
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(41,317)	-	(3,734)	(45,051)	19,175
Gross transfer between funds	(1,200)	(2,400)	3,600	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before revaluations and disposals of investments	(42,517)	(2,400)	(134)	(45,051)	19,175
Realised gain on sale of investments	2,045	-	-	2,045	-
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	(40,472)	(2,400)	(134)	(43,006)	19,175
Unrealised gain on revaluation of investments	65,150	-	1,580	66,730	78,834
Net movement in funds	24,678	(2,400)	1,446	23,724	98,009
Fund balances brought forward at 1 December 2005	667,341	2,400	29,141	698,882	600,873
Fund balances carried forward at 30 November 2006	692,019	-	30,587	722,606	698,882

The restricted funds column represents the Alan Robertson Genetics Fund income and expenditure and the IGA Future Conference Fund.

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 November 2006

	£	2006 £	£	2005 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		1,179		926
Investments at market value		662,014		593,239
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		663,193		594,165
 Current assets				
Debtors	20,309		7,994	
Cash and bank balance	78,524		136,812	
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	98,833		144,806	
 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(39,420)		(40,089)	
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Net current assets		59,413		104,717
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Net assets		722,606		698,882
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 Represented by				
Unrestricted funds		692,019		667,341
Designated funds		-		2,400
Restricted funds		30,587		29,141
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		722,606		698,882
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The summarised financial statements set out on pages 6 to 8 have been extracted from the full annual financial statements of the Society which were approved on 17 January 2007. The full annual financial statements have been audited and the auditors' opinion was unqualified.

These summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Society. For further information the full annual financial statements, the auditors' report on these financial statements and the Reports of the Council and Honorary Treasurer should be consulted. Copies of the full annual financial statements can be obtained from the Society's postal address.