

**British Society of Animal Science**

# **Annual General Meeting**

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18:00 hours**

**The Theatre  
Spa Complex, Scarborough**



# BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

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# BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SIXTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN THE THEATRE, SPA Complex, Scarborough TUESDAY, 1 APRIL 2008, AT 18:00 HOURS

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M A Steele  
*Chief Executive*  
March 2008

## NOTES

- 1 Papers 65A-65F are circulated with this notice.
- 2 Papers 65B-65F will be taken as read and comments from the floor are invited
- 3 Election of President (Rule 10) Council proposes the election of Professor C J Newbold
- 4 Election of Senior Vice-President (Rule 11). Council proposes the election of Dr Sinclair Mayne
5. Election of Vice-President. Council proposes the election of Prof Nigel Scollan
- 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 Geoff Simm  
Dr Helen Edge  
Dr Eileen Wall  
Dr Kevin Shingfield

Nominations sponsored by at least two members must reach the Chief Executive no later than Tuesday 25 March 2008.

Please see [www.bsas.org.uk](http://www.bsas.org.uk) for full details of proposed changes to the constitution. The essence of the modifications is to strike out the need for named committees, standing committees or groups within the structure of the society. This will give BSAS the flexibility to form working groups as required for specific roles and then disband them once no longer required.

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE HELD AT YORK UNIVERSITY ON TUESDAY, 3 APRIL 2007.**

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Newbold, John Alliston, Gerald Wiener and Bevis Millar.

Professor Peter Buttery was in the chair and welcomed to the AGM some 62 members.

**1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (64A)**

The minutes of the meeting held in April 2006 were accepted as correct and there were no matters arising that were not covered by agenda items.

**2 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Mike Steele presented his written report for 2006. He highlighted the enormous amount of work done by the secretariat during 2006/7 despite the maternity leave of the financial officer. The secretariat had been centrally involved in delivering the membership survey which had been an additional task during the year. BSAS was continuing its efforts to assist sister societies in Eastern Europe by co-sponsoring a Meat Science conference with the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy in Kaunas in early June.

**3 REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

(a) Programme Committee

Dr Peter Rowlinson gave a synopsis of his written report of the Programme Committee. York 2006 had been a very successful conference scientifically and socially but economics had made a move of venue for 2007 essential. Early indications from delegates had indicated that Southport has proved a very pleasant surprise for all those attending. After this meeting the BSAS office would, as usual, be e-mailing all speakers and delegates to solicit feedback on Southport as well as ideas for sessions in 2008.

The 2008 meeting would be at the Spa complex in Scarborough as Southport was unavailable due to rebuilding work. BSAS would probably return to Southport in 2009 and perhaps go to Belfast in 2010.

This was Dr Rowlinson's last report as chair of the committee as he had completed his term. Dr Caroline Rymer has agreed to replace him and this had been endorsed by Council and was agreed by the AGM. Prof. Peter Buttery thanked Dr Rowlinson on behalf of the BSAS for the hard work he had put in over the last three years.

(b) Publications Committee

Dr Nigel Scollan presented his report. The past year had been a very busy one as BSAS's journal *Animal Science* had closed at the end of 2006 and the new *ANIMAL* journal had been launched in February 2007. The online system for manuscripts for AS had closed in July and papers submitted after that time had been redirected to Animal. 2007 AS had contained 975 pages for the one volume 82. Ian Lean as senior editor had written a short history about AS in the last issue. Dr Scollan thanked both Ian and Hilary Davies for their efforts in managing AS so successfully over many years. He was also grateful to all editors and referees involved. A number were now involved with ANIMAL, which was a collaborative venture with INRA and EAAP. CABI passed the contract for AS and then ANIMAL to Cambridge University Press. Each partner has three people on the management board of the journal which met twice yearly. The next meeting was in Edinburgh in May. The senior editorial team of ANIMAL was Michel Doreau, John Oldham and Kris Sejrsen. There were currently 62 editors working in six sections with the editorial team based in France and Hilary Davies working as the ANIMAL/CUP link.

The first issue had been delivered on time in February following hard work from Michel Doreau's team and CUP. The March and April issues were also out, with May also scheduled on time. Everyone recognised much still needed to be done to improve the quality, flow and eliminate problems within the system. Dr Scollan was grateful for all comments received both good and bad which would be used constructively.

So far 259 manuscripts have been received including those passed on from AS and the two previous French journals (AR, RND). Eighteen UK papers had appeared in the first three months which was a big improvement on the numbers appearing in AS and Dr Scollan was grateful for the membership's support for the new journal.

The acceptance rate thus far was 40%, reflecting a high degree of filtering out of poorer quality papers. In response to questions from the audience Dr Scollan agreed that although time from submission to publication

was in line with other European journals it was too long. More detailed targets would be set at the May meeting of the management Board.

He also agreed that some areas needed more papers. Genetics was strong but reproduction, welfare and environment needed more submissions. A major effort would be undertaken to address these issues. Dr Scollan reported that although his term as Publications Chair should end this year Council had asked him to stay on for a further two years whilst ANIMAL completed its start up period. This was agreed by the AGM.

#### (c) Technical & Ethical Committee

Dr Alistair Carson reported his report. He acknowledged the contribution made by his predecessor Alan Duncan in leading the strategic review group that had led on to the 5 year plan. The T&E committee had agreed a number of scholarships during 2006 and were pleased that this side of BSAS charitable spending was attracting a good number of quality applications thanks to Student Council's efforts. The Black and Blaxter awards were generally aimed at those in the earlier part of their careers. He reported that T&E had discussed a new lifetime achievement award but subsequently decided that an amended 'Honorary Membership' would better suit requirements. This would be discussed later.

T&E had met with Northern Ireland stakeholders in Belfast in December and had the opportunity to raise the profile of BSAS and discussed ways of addressing policy issues.

Further meetings with Welsh, English and Scottish stakeholders were planned.

Dr Carson reported that John MacRae continued to act as BSAS liaison on the Animal Science Group of the Federation of Biosciences, whilst Barbara Maclean sat on the sustainability group.

BSAS was co-organising the High Value Grassland meeting with BGS and BES at Keele in April and had meetings planned in 2007 in Lithuania (Meat Science), Liverpool (Dairy Fertility) and Ireland (sheep). T&E had coordinated a number of responses to consultations and the responses were on the BSAS website.

The Student Council had once again been very active running a student day at Writtle College last September and the student Sunday at Southport. They had also given a presentation at a student conference in Newcastle in December. Suzanne Rowe has led the team during 2006 and would be handing over to Ryan Law for 2007. Geoff Pollott had attended EAAP in Turkey as BSAS Rep with Sandra Edwards now sitting on the EAAP Board.

From the floor Drs Cled Thomas and Dickon Hovell reminded the audience that UK animal science once again faced significant changes with many research institutes likely to be absorbed into university systems. Research funding continued to decline. Dr Carson agreed that BSAS were aware of the need to strengthen its lobbying for animal science and the series of planned stakeholder meetings were part of a strategy to remind policy makers of the importance of supporting the science. He also agreed with a further suggestion that BSAS should consider widening its remit to attract more poultry and fish scientists. BSAS needed to retain its strong base and expand to new areas. WPSA would be coming back into the 2008 main meeting. Dr Rowlinson reminded the audience that the member's survey had asked that the Society make stronger representations to government as part of a long term strategy. This had now become part of the 5 year plan. BSAS was also working with the very influential BSF and needed to get scientists working in small animal work more involved. The President thanked Dr Carson for his efforts during 2006.

#### 4 **HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dr Cooke explained the change in format of the financial statement presented. This was because charity law had changed. It was also no longer necessary for the accounts to be *audited* as the turnover was below £500,000/year and thus allowed an *examination* which saved the Society money and was still rigorous enough for accounting purposes. This would require a minor amendment to the constitution planned under item 5.

Membership numbers in 2006 had seen an increase in student and postgraduate numbers but a continued fall in ordinary member numbers. Total subscription fees had thus declined. BSAS continued to heavily subsidise conferences which were all deemed scientifically successful. York cost BSAS £21,000 and in 2006 the Society spend £36,000 on conferences. More sponsorship would be welcome and a group had been established to review this. The Fertility conference was also doing very well in attracting sponsorship.

The publications accounts for 2006 were a little disappointing as CABI appeared not to have marketed either Animal Science or the 2006 York proceedings very well and thus subscription income was less than planned. A surplus of £49,000 was still achieved and considered reasonable.

BSAS has also had to repay VAT as it had been over-claiming during the last three. Thus £24,000 had been taken from the 2006 accounts.

The net financial results for 2006 showed a deficit of £43,000 compared with £19,000 in 2005. As BSAS assets had increased by £68,000 in the year the value of BSAS (£722,000) had still increased during 2006 and thus the Society remained in a very strong financial position.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Dr Cooke and seconded by Dr Rowlinson and accepted by the AGM.

Dr Cooke further proposed a small increase in subscriptions from £60 to £62 for full members and from £30 to £31 for postgraduates and retired members.

This was seconded by Dr Scollan and accepted by the AGM. This would come into force in January 2008. The President thanked Dr Cooke for his robust care of the Society finances.

## **5 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSITUTION**

The AGM agreed the following changes to the constitution.

Deletion of the phrase from clause 7 *'provided that the total number of such Honorary Life Members at any time does not exceed twenty.'*

The addition to clause 15 of *'or assessed.'*

The first change allows the election of additional Honorary Life Members to BSAS over the current 20. The second change gives BSAS discretion to have the annual accounts either formally audited or assessed. Both changes were agreed by a show of hands. There were no objections

## **6 RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS/ASSESSORS**

Dr Cooke explained the changes in charity law and answered queries from the floor. The AGM agreed to re-appoint Cheyne and Tait as auditors/assessors for the 2007 accounts. Proposed by Dr B Cooke and seconded by Prof Jeff Wood. A market audit showed that Cheyne and Tait remained very competitive.

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

In line with Council proposals the following were elected by the AGM.

President - Prof Geoff Simm

Senior Vice President - Prof Jamie Newbold

Vice President - Dr Sinclair Mayne

Chief Executive - Mr Mike Steele

Honorary Treasurer - Dr Brian Cooke

Council Members - Dr Lindsay Heasman, Dr Tommy Boland & Dr Ian Richardson

## **8 ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBER**

Following an introduction by Dr Alistair Carson Dr Shamus Hanrahan was unanimously elected as an Honorary Life member of BSAS.

## **9 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY AND FIVE YEAR PLAN**

Dr Alan Duncan presented a summary of the membership survey undertaken during 2006. This has engaged with members, lapsed members and non members across different membership groups (ordinary, student, retired). The survey had identified their views on society aims, areas for improvement, likes and wish list for activities.

The top aims identified for BSAS were exchanging information, promoting animal science, supporting & sustaining the animal science community, peer review and promoting productivity in farm animals. Potential for improvement included enhancing the understanding of animal science within society, promoting environmentally sustainable livestock production, improving quality and safety of food, enhancing the integration of AS into economic and ethical systems & disseminating knowledge.

The members like the office, its staff and activities. They enjoyed conferences especially for their networking and that they were well managed. They liked internal BSAS communications but worried about the relevance of information and lack of sufficient external communications. They want more messages relevant to farmers and society in general. They saw the need to improve representation of AS to the wider society. They were generally happy with the journal but would like to see it improve its quality further.

Given unrestricted resources members identified the following ideas that BSAS might pursue.

- Providing educational resources
- A popular magazine
- Being proactive in food chain issues.
- CPD/Accreditation

BSAS had 3 pillars of activity to build on : Conferences, Journals & Information (knowledge transfer) .

Geoff Simm presented a brief insight into BSAS thinking on translating the findings of the survey into a 5 year plan. He wanted to see more transparency in BSAS activities and to develop a framework that all members could contribute to. BSAS Council had come up with a new mission statement: *advancing the science relating to animals*. He as incoming President had identified a number of topical themes that BSAS could focus on including:

- climate change
- diet & health
- security of food supply
- ethical animal production welfare

He was now developing this into a strategy and structure. A number of working groups had been formed to cover membership, education, knowledge transfer, sponsorship and stakeholders. There were plans for an international meeting on animal science and climate change in 2008/9.

A discussion then took place. Prof Colin Whittemore expressed a wish to build on positive outcomes of the survey as well addressing negatives. He felt knowledge transfer was much more than just a popular magazine. Others wanted to see the research base strengthened, the inclusion of minor species (fish, horses, hens). Prof Simm was keen to engage with government during his year as President to press the case for animal science.

## **10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Professor Peter Buttery, outgoing BSAS President thanked the Vice Presidents, Council and BSAS office for their help during his year in office. He was very pleased that the membership survey had yielded so much useful information that was now being put to use in the 5 year plan.

He mentioned the sad and recent death of David Allen, so long a strong supporter of BSAS. From the floor Prof Geoff Simm thanked Peter Buttery on behalf of the members for his excellent leadership during 2006/7.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT 2007

BSAS Council met on two occasions during 2007, in January and September, in London. The President's committee met in January, May & September. The year has been an exciting one with the development of a five year plan, the launch and successful first year for the new journal ANIMAL and really good conferences in Southport Lithuania and Liverpool.

### BSAS FIVE YEAR PLAN

Council, under the stewardship of Prof Geoff Simm agreed a five year plan that was presented to the AGM and the membership in general. A number of threads running through the plan include, promoting career options to students and younger members, raising the profile of animal science to educationalists and students, consumers, industry, and policy makers, publishing *animal*, running conferences and publishing proceedings, promoting collaboration and partnership and expert opinion, providing a gateway to scientific information, a range of services to members, including news alerts, training and career opportunities and educational resources for teachers with organisations like FACE. The mission statement was rewritten as 'advancing the understanding of science relating to animals'

A BSAS scientific agenda was identified with a global perspective that would stimulate the application of appropriate new and existing technologies to address key issues in food production and resource use. In the immediate future the focus will be on *Challenges of global climate change* and *Animal products to meet societal needs*

It was agreed that the committee structure be modernised with a simpler and more flexible constitution. The publications committee would be subsumed into the programme committee and the T&E would divest aspects of its remit to 2 new groups: education & communications and marketing.

A matrix of actions was devised and a great deal of energy has gone into one of the first: planning lobbying events at the Scottish and UK parliaments in the spring of 2008.

### PUBLICATIONS

The primary focus has been on launching and managing ANIMAL for its first year with our partners INRA and EAAP. The year has been a hard but very successful one. Revenues to BSAS have been up to expectation and a surplus has been made for both INRA and EAAP. The new journal has a significantly wider subscription list than Animal Science because of the marketing arrangements of Cambridge University Press who have proved to be excellent publishers. The partnership with INRA and EAAP has led on to other fruitful collaboration. INRA, EAAP and BSAS are currently working with others on a joint conference in Tunisia (May 2008) on Livestock & Global Climate Change and another is planned for early in 2009 in Guadeloupe on Sustainable Intensive Animal Production in the Humid Tropics.

### PROGRAMME

The 2007 Annual Meeting at Southport proved very successful and delegates enjoyed the venue much to their surprise! Council continued their commitment to supporting the Society's annual conference as a benefit to members and thus the event run a deficit. The conference dinner in the Floral Hall was excellent and the games night on the Tuesday great fun. The Student Council organised another very successful 'Student Sunday' in the Scarisbricke Hotel. The Floral Hall complex is unfortunately closed for refurbishment in 2008 when the meeting will be in Scarborough. Peter Rowlinson retired as Chair of the Committee to be succeeded by Caroline Rymer.

### TECHNICAL AND ETHICAL

Alistair Carson led the T&E committee through an exciting year being heavily involved in the 5 year plan. As usual it awarded travel and research grants from the Murray Black, Kenneth Blaxter and Alan Robertson scholarships and gave monies to the Nuffield Foundation and to summer placements. The latter again included working with Genesis Faraday to jointly fund 4 genetic research grants. The December meeting of T&E took place in Birmingham where discussions on the new group structure of the Society continued.

### OCCASIONAL AND STUDENT MEETINGS

BSAS helped IGA and UGA with a farmer orientated sheep meeting in Navan Ireland in May. A very successful Meat Science conference in Kaunas, Lithuania saw BSAS take out a 5 person speaker team in June. Mel Royal led a team that delivered an excellent Cattle Fertility conference in Liverpool in August. This latter event was preceded by a student day covering job skills. Like the conference it attracted a mixture of animal scientists and vets. In December Mike Steele attended the student organised animal health conference at Newcastle University where BSAS was a major sponsor.



## **AWARDS**

The Sir John Hammond Award was given to Dr Nigel Scollan, IGER, for his 'outstanding contribution to research in Animal Science, particularly on the development of concepts in relation to environmental impact and product quality of pastoral beef farming systems and your influence on the future agenda of sustainable animal agriculture'.

The RSPCA/BSAS award for innovative developments in animal welfare was given to Françoise Wemelsfelder, SAC, for her 'outstanding contribution to the assessment of animal welfare through innovative research and development of Qualitative Behaviour Assessment methodology'

## **PRESIDENT PRIZES 2007**

These were awarded to Lorna Baird, AFBINI, for her theatre presentation on

A comparison of sole lesion development for Norwegian dairy cattle and Holstein Friesian dairy cattle on three different systems in lactation 1 and 2

Angela Wright of RVC received the best poster award for her presentation on Analysing the risk of a bovine brucellosis epidemic in great Britain using the cattle tracing scheme: have we just been lucky so far?

There were three commendations:

Jessica Brickell, RVC, for her mini theatre/poster on 'The incidence of calf mortality on dairy farms in southern England'.

Stuart Williamson, University of Liverpool, for his theatre presentation on 'Food-derived phytochemicals 'Curcumin' and 'Resveratrol' counteract the catabolic effects of inflammatory lipopolysaccharides: studies on in vitro models of canine and porcine arthritis'.

Sam Mason for her poster on 'Toxoplasma gondii in sheep: epidemiological clues from wild rabbits and hares'.

## **HONORARY MEMBERS**

Dr Shamus O'Hanrahan was made an Honorary Member of BSAS at the AGM in April.

## REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE 2007

During the reporting year the Committee met jointly with Technical & Ethical in May to generate ideas for the 2008 Annual Meeting and again in late November to assess the submitted summaries and agree invited sessions.

### ANNUAL MEETING 2007

The first meeting in Southport was a great success. It attracted a similar number of delegates to 2006, and the decreased venue costs meant that the subsidy needed by BSAS was reduced to £16000.

There were 153 theatre presentations including 17 invited papers. This number of theatre presentations is a considerable increase (33% more than 2006) from previous years. This was brought about by reducing the length of time given to 'standard' presentations to 15 minutes, and especially by the introduction of 'mini' theatre presentations. In these presentations, authors were generally given a total of five minutes (including time for one question of clarification). Feedback on these short presentations has generally been very positive, and it often provided more of an audience than would have been achieved from a poster presentation. The quality of some of the posters continues to be an issue, as well as ensuring there is an audience for them. An initiative being tried this year is the presentation of the 'messages' from posters on a plasma screen throughout the conference, to raise awareness and profile of the posters. The development work being undertaken at the Southport complex meant that some of the sessions were interrupted by building noise. This should all be finished by the time we return to Southport in 2009. We also hope to have addressed the issue of the visibility of the screen in the main theatre by then as well. The Student Council organised another successful 'Student Sunday' with lectures, workshops and fun. They also managed games and a quiz for the conference on Tuesday night. It was good to be able to walk to this event and to the Conference Dinner (held in the Floral Hall of the Exhibition Centre) rather than having to rely on coaches for transport.

The online submission system was used again for 2008. There were 317 summaries submitted, which was similar to 2007 (320). Of these 35 were rejected immediately with revisions sought on a large number of the remainder, but in general the quality of all summaries is improving. As in previous years, papers from Iran constitute a sizeable proportion of the summaries. The 2008 programme has three, and at times four parallel sessions. WPSA are meeting in the Spa complex at the same time, and have collaborated with BSAS in a joint session on the impact of biofuels on livestock production. Another session on this topic has also been prepared, in an attempt to respond to feedback to put together themed days. This theme was thought to be of particular relevance to industrial members in the feed sector, and the intention was that Tuesday would be a day in which these members could attend for a day and find a full programme of interest to them.

Publications and Programme Committee continue to liaise to find the best means of selecting invited papers for publication in *Animal*. Some papers from the sessions on *Livestock and Global Climate Change*, *Impact of Biofuels* and the *Value of Animal Science* are likely to be published in *Animal* shortly.

The newly refurbished Southport venue is booked for the 2009 Annual Meeting, which will be from 30 March- 1 April.

### 2007 OCCASIONAL MEETINGS

BSAS was involved with two very good occasional meetings in 2007:

- Meat Science: organised by Lithuanian Veterinary Academy with support from BSAS, 6 June 2007, Kaunas, Lithuania.
- Fertility in Dairy Cows, 30-31 August 2007, Liverpool.

In addition, BSAS helped IGA and UGA with a farmer oriented sheep meeting in Navan, Ireland in May and was a major sponsor for an animal health conference at Newcastle University that was organised by students.

Caroline Rymer  
January 2007.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2007

### MEMBERSHIP

*Nigel Scollan (Chairman), Jes Scaife (Secretary), Liam Sinclair, Kevin Shingfield, Hilary Davies, Ian Lean, Brian Cooke and Mike Steele.*

### MEETINGS

The committee met formally on one occasion, in January 2007. Nigel Scollan, Brian Cooke and Mike Steele participated in two formal management board meetings associated with *Animal* which took place in Edinburgh and Paris in May and October 2007, respectively. This has been a very exciting year for BSAS publications with the launch of our new journal in February 2007, in conjunction with EAAP and INRA and our publisher Cambridge University Press. The following sections provide a summary of activities associated with *Animal* and associated financial information.

### ANIMAL

Volume 1 of *Animal* was printed as 10 parts running from February through to November 2007. The page numbers in volume 1 totalled 1531 (compared with 975 in the final volume of *Animal Science* in 2006). The business plan for 2007 permitted a maximum of 1600 pages. The “unused pages” have been carried forward to 2008. The number of papers submitted was 532, until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007, from a wide geographical base. In 2008, the journal moves to monthly publication with a total page budget of 1800.

Total papers published in 2007 were 163 of which 20 were reviews. Papers published by section were Animal Breeding and Genetics 29, Nutrition 42, Physiology and Functional Biology of Systems 27, Health and Welfare 16, Livestock Systems 15 and Product quality 14. The reviews were derived from (1) 12 from BSAS (6 from annual meeting in 2006, 3 from annual meeting in 2007 and 3 from the Ethnoveterinary conference held at Writtle in September 2006), (2) 3 targeted reviews from INRA scientists and (3) 5 unsolicited reviews. A further 3 papers are in press (publication early 2008) from the microbiology session at the BSAS winter meeting, York 2006. The reviews are very well received by the readership (see below). The Animal management board see reviews as strategically important to the journal. Kris Sejrsen has now established a small team (Nic Friggens, Nigel Scollan and himself) to assist in liaising with conferences organisers etc (i.e BSAS, EAAP and others) to identify potential review papers at an earlier stage during development of conference programmes as well as identifying invited “hot review” topics from key research groups.

Special thanks are due to the editor-in-chief Michel Doreau and his editorial team who have been instrumental in ensuring a high degree of editorial rigour and delivering the high standard and quality of *Animal*. They along with Cambridge University Press ensured that all issues in Volume 1 were delivered on time. The Society wishes to thank all editors for their excellent work and dedication to the journal. Section Editors are J. Weller (Israel; Animal Breeding and Genetics), P. Moughan (New Zealand, Nutrition), R. Hill (USA, Physiology and Functional Biology of Systems), Sandra Edwards (UK, Health and Welfare), R. Dewhurst (New Zealand, Livestock Systems) and P. Guesnet (France, Product Quality). In late 2007, the editor-in-chief decided to split the nutrition section into non-ruminants and ruminants an editorial perspective and Richard Dewhurst and Paul Moughan appointed as section editor for ruminants and non-ruminants, respectively. Alberto Bernues (Spain) takes over a section editor for Farming Systems in early 2008. The section editors are supported deputy section editors and 51 editors (France 10, USA 8, UK 5, Germany 5, Spain 5, Denmark 5, Italy 4, Ireland 1, Serbia 1, Mexico 1, Finland 1, Israel 1, Poland 1, China 1, Sweden 1, Switzerland 1, Ethiopia 1 and Greece 1).

The editorial office consists of H. Davies, F. Maurice, N. Miraux and D Poirel. BSAS wish to express special thanks to Hilary Davies for her commitment to *Animal* and the pivotal role she played in the transition from *Animal Science* to *Animal*. Hilary retired from her editorial duties in October 2007 and BSAS wish her well for the future. Since November 2007, Bridget Hilton from the BSAS office (~ 1 day per week) is now working closely with colleagues in the INRA editorial office in facilitating the processing of submitted manuscripts.

The management board and the editorial team have now agreed targets in relation to editorial process. The journal aims to have a decision back to the author within 70 days of manuscript submission. It is acknowledged that during 2007, some manuscripts have been processed very efficiently and others much less so. It is hoped that procedures are now in place to ensure that the process operates efficiently at all times and maintains a high degree of editorial rigour.

Cambridge University Press are able to provide information on the numbers of “full text views” for all papers, and too date the top paper with 1944 full text views is the review paper by Jean-Francois Hocquette and colleagues published in the first issue of *Animal*, “*Recent advances in cattle functional genomics and their application to beef quality*”. In terms of original publications the top paper, too date, with 1482 full text views is by Karamichou *et al.* “Selection for

carcass quality in hill sheep measured by X-ray computer tomography". Please ensure you read and cite *Animal* papers !! this is critical for development of the journal *Impact Factor*.

### **ANIMAL MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The management board for Animal consists of three representatives from each of the partners, BSAS, INRA and EAAP as follows:

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

**INRA:** Dr Philippe Chemineau, Dr William Martin-Rosset and Dr Michel Bonneau

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

The editor-in-chief, Michel Doreau participates in the meeting with inputs also from 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.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

The occasion publication *Applying Equine Science: Research into Business* appeared early in 2007. This is the final BSAS publication from NUP. Future proceedings will be produced by BSAS and marketed by CUP.

### **FINANCE**

*Animal* is estimated to achieve a surplus of £70 K. In accordance with the partnership consortium agreement BSAS will receive £50K and 10K each to EAAP and INRA. This is an excellent achievement and a good financial foundation for *Animal*.

The full number of subscriptions for 2007 are 485 with *Animal* also been sold within some 1500 consortium packages by CUP. The numbers of full subscriptions are lower than original anticipated arising from the major of the 3 foundation journals (*Animal Science*, *Animal Research and Reproduction*, *Nutrition and Development*).

Less than 200 members chose the printed version. 57 libraries subscriptions opted for electronic access only, an increase on 2006.

The projections for *Animal* in 2008 are total surplus of ~ £128K with 69K to BSAS and 29K each to EAAP and INRA in accordance with the consortium agreement.

### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

It is evident that much of the Publications Committee activity now operates in a European context through *Animal* and hence the focus and requirement for this committee has changed considerably. This will be addressed as part of revised committee structures to be considered by the AGM in April 2008.

Nigel Scollan  
Chair Publications Committee  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

## **REPORT OF THE TECHICAL AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE 2007**

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

Alistair Carson (Chair), Kate Breuer (Secretary), Janice Harland (Press Officer), Geoff Pollott (EAAP representative), Aidan Moloney, Mike Hutchings, Jonathan Mills, Helen Edge, Barbara Mclean, Jamie Robertson, Andrew Hemmings, Angela Wright, Tommy Boland.

The committee met on 16 May 2007 (Edinburgh) and also had a joint meeting with Programme Committee on that date and met on 6 December 2006 (Birmingham).

### **PRIZES, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following awards were made on the recommendation of the committee and taken-up during 2007.

#### **The Murray Black Award**

Jenny Gibbons, SAC to present a paper at the International Society for Applied Ethology Conference, followed by a study tour.

Keelin O'Driscoll, Teagasc to present papers at the American Animal Science Association, joint meeting.

Konstantinos Zaralis, SAC to present paper at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on the Nutrition of Herbivores, China.

#### **The Alan Robertson Award**

Olena Doran, University of Bristol to participate in the 53rd International Congress in Meat Science and Technology, China.

Claudia Paol Cardenas, Roslin Institute to attend the International Chick Meeting, Spain.

#### **The Sir Kenneth Blaxter Scholarship**

Emma Baxter, SAC to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> congress of ISAE, Mexico and undertake a study tour.

Fiona Lang, SAC to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> congress of ISAE, Mexico and undertake a research project at the university of British Colombia.

Blaxter Scholarships awarded 2007 to be taken up 2008 - Soumela Savvidou, University of Plymouth, Mrinialni, University of Bangor.

#### **The RSPCA/BSAS Award for Innovative Developments in Animal Welfare**

Awarded to Françoise Wemesfelder, SAC.

#### **The Sir John Hammond Memorial Prize**

Awarded to Prof. Nigel Scollan, IGER, Aberystwyth, UK.

#### **Honorary Membership**

Awarded to Dr Seamus Hanrahan, Teagasc, Athenry.

#### **Lifetime achievement award**

In taking forward this proposal, it became apparent that the suggested criteria were very similar to that for honorary membership. Consequently, it was proposed to Council that the constitution be amended to enable increased number of honorary members (maximum of 30 in mind). This was agreed by the Council and subsequently the amended constitution passed at the AGM at which Seamus Hanrahan was put forward as a new honorary member.

### **FIVE YEAR PLAN**

The committee fed into proposals for remodelling the committee structure of BSAS to underpin the development of the 5-year plan. Areas of responsibility have been agreed for the new committees. Education and information group will take information to a wider audience through publications like Animal Bytes. Options to fund an education office in collaboration with other members of the Biosciences Federation will be explored. Marketing and recruitment group will be responsible for sponsorship PR & Public profile and recruitment activities. It is proposed that T&E will focus

on consultations, scholarships liaison with outside organisations including the biosciences federation and EAAP, as well as ethics, welfare and vision.

Popular technology transfer publication. Animal Bytes. First edition is currently being worked-up by Janice Harland with articles produced by a journalist (Rachel Potter, ex editor of Dairy Farmer).

### **BIOSCIENCES 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 McCrea continues to represent BSAS on the BSF Animal Science Committee and Barbara McLean is a member of the Sustainability Committee. T&E were represented at an educational resources meeting and our press officer attended a press offices meeting with the Science Media Centre. T&E are looking at options for identifying topic areas that the society would be happy to offer individuals to talk to the media.

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

### **OCCASIONAL MEETINGS**

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

- Fertility in Dairy Cows (August 2007). Over 200 delegates attended a successful conference.
- Meat science and food safety, Lithuania (June 2007). BSAS input continues to help in building research networks with Eastern Europe.
- Sheep meeting held in association with Irish Grassland Association and Ulster Grassland Society (October 2007). Well attended event with researchers, processors and primary producers presenting papers.
- Livestock and climate change, Tunisia May 2008. President leading organisation with full programme
- Intensive agriculture, Guadeloupe, 2008/09.

### **CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

There were no consultation responses in 2007. T&E are working to ensure that BSAS as stakeholders are sent the relevant consultation papers from Defra and the devolved administrations.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

The student council has continued to play a very positive role in promoting the society among the student community.

A one-day conference held to coincide with the Fertility Conference, Liverpool included tutorials on entrepreneurship, being an expert witness, getting into academia, how to start your own business and how to build an attractive CV.

A Student Sunday event is organised for the annual meeting, Scarborough 2008, which will include basic statistics for animal science, communicating to farmers, industry and the media, how not to murder your supervisor, scholarships and funding opportunities, relaxation techniques, nutrition for beginners and genomics for beginners.

Ryan Law will complete what has been a very successful term as Chair of Student Council and will hand over to Carol-Anne Duthie at the AGM.

### **EAAP**

Geoff Pollot attended the EAAP Annual Meeting 2007 in Dublin 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. Geoff has also agreed to cover developing links with EAAP countries.

### **T&E MEMBERSHIP**

Janice Harland will be retiring as BBSAS Press Officer at this year's AGM. The society is indebted to Janice for the massive contribution she has made to the Society.

Adrian Moloney who has put significant input into the activities of T&E has completed his term in the committee.

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**BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL**

**Year ended 30 November 2007**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Council members (who are also trustees)**

Prof Geoff Simm	President (appointed 3 April 2007)
Prof C Jamie Newbold	Senior Vice President (appointed 3 April 2007)
Dr Sinclair Mayne	Vice President (appointed 3 April 2007)
Dr Brian Cooke	Honorary Treasurer
Prof Nigel Scollan	Publications Chairperson
Dr Caroline Rymer	Programme Chairperson
Dr Alistair Carson	Technical and Ethical Chairperson
Dr Helen Edge	2005
Dr Eileen Wall	2005
Dr Kevin Shingfield	2005
Dr David Kenny	2006
Miss Angela Wright	2006
Dr Liam Sinclair	2006
Dr Lindsay Heasman	Re-appointed 3 April 2007
Dr Tommy Boland	Appointed 3 April 2007
Dr Ian Richardson	Appointed 3 April 2007
Prof Peter Buttery	Resigned 3 April 2007
Dr Robert (Bob) Mayes	Resigned 3 April 2007
Dr Bevis Miller	Resigned 3 April 2007
Dr P Rowlinson	Resigned 3 April 2007

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## **BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

### **REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)**

**Year ended 30 November 2007**

#### **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, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President, Chief Executive 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 2007 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.

# BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

## REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2007

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year, the Society:-

- Organised and managed successful animal science conferences in Southport (April), Lithuania (June) and Liverpool (August).
- Managed with INRA, EAAP and Cambridge University Press the design, structure and resources of its new scientific journal ANIMAL (part ownership) 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.
- Developed the 5 year plan to face the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Membership

The membership of the Society rose by 17.4% (137) in 2007. This rise is entirely due to new under graduate members (157). Ordinary member numbers fell by 4% (24). As a result of the increased membership fee, subscription income increased by £300. The actual income was £39,900 (the figure in the income account is grossed up for the student discount rate).

	2007	2006
Ordinary members	542	564
Postgraduates	108	109
Retired	62	59
Honorary	20	20
Undergraduates	<u>193</u>	<u>36</u>
	925	788

#### Conferences

We have successfully run or been involved in three conferences this year. Both the annual meeting and the Lithuanian meeting ran a deficit but the fertility meeting at Liverpool resulted in a healthy surplus in the main due to the £10,500 sponsorship which was obtained. 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 nearly £17,000. The overall conference deficit decreased from £35,875 to £6,939.

#### Publications

Ten issues of ANIMAL were published in 2007, resulting in a total of 1,531 A4 pages. The change from Animal Science and the two French journals to ANIMAL resulted in a reduction of full subscriptions but increased exposure due to bundle sales by our publishers CUP. Final financial figures are still awaited from the publishers but income to BSAS has met the guarantee of £50,000.

One occasional publication was produced this year; sales of occasional publications have produced an income of only £237.

The ANIMAL management team is to be congratulated on establishing the journal in 2007.

The overall BSAS journal account showed a surplus in excess of over £41,000.

## **BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

### **REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)**

**Year ended 30 November 2007**

#### **Statement of Financial Activities**

The Society's charitable expenditure in 2007 was some £68,898 lower than in 2006, mainly due to the lower costs for conferences and the decrease in the direct expenditure of BSAS on the production of publications.

Overall income decreased by £33,888, publications income was down by about £46,000, and that from conferences increase by about £10,000; investment income increased slightly. In 2007 a deficit of £1,970 has been incurred compared with a deficit of £43,006 in 2006. Despite the changes in our publishing arrangements the surplus from publications is similar to 2006 and our deficit on conferences decreased. The value of our investments has increased by about £9,000 to £671,599. Thus the Society's funds carried forward at 30 November 2007 were £730,679.

Forecasts for the future indicate that we face a deficit of about £26,000 in 2008, but this will be dependent on the continued success of the new ANIMAL journal. The value of the Society's investments is dependent upon the stock market conditions. These continue under active management by Barclay Wealth (formerly t/a 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 Barclay Wealth (formerly t/a Gerrard) as investment managers. The Council have requested that the portfolio should achieve an income of £28,000 and they have adopted a medium/high risk investment strategy in order to achieve this goal. During the year the income received from investments amounted to £27,471.

#### **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.

### **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 (Scarborough), and overseas (Tunisia)
- Support the management of the scientific journal ANIMAL (part ownership)
- Develop new activities to meet the needs and aspirations of current and future members.

## BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

### REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2007

### FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)

#### Statement of Council's Responsibilities

Law applicable to Charities in Scotland requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing the financial statements the Council should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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 departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements, which they are responsible for preparing, comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the terms of the charity's Founding Deed. The applicable law also sets out the Council's responsibilities for the preparation and content of the Report and Financial Statements. In addition, the Council are responsible for any other information published along with the Report and Financial Statements.

Council are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Council on 16 January 2008 and signed on their behalf by:-



B C Cooke



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE**

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

**Respective responsibilities of council members and independent examiners**

The Council Members are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of the charities SORP.

My responsibility is to report to you my opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and Report of the Council. I also read the other information contained in the summarised financial statements and consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

**Basis of opinion**

I conducted my 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 my 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 2007.

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**BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

**STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(incorporating INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

**For the year ended 30 November 2007**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	44,937	-	-	44,937	45,028
Investment income	27,127	-	344	27,471	25,085
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Income from publications	54,135	-	-	54,135	100,483
Income from conferences	153,727	-	-	153,727	143,562
Income from Genesis Faraday	-	-	9,000	9,000	9,000
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>279,926</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,344</b>	<b>289,270</b>	<b>323,158</b>
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	12,985	-	-	12,985	14,582
Charitable activities	265,230	-	9,790	275,020	343,918
Governance costs	4,238	-	-	4,238	9,709
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>282,453</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,790</b>	<b>292,243</b>	<b>368,209</b>
<b>Net outgoing resources before transfers</b>	<b>(2,527)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(446)</b>	<b>(2,973)</b>	<b>(45,051)</b>
Gross transfer between funds	(1,600)	1,600	-	-	-
<b>Net outgoing resources before revaluations and disposals of investments</b>	<b>(4,127)</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>(446)</b>	<b>(2,973)</b>	<b>(45,051)</b>
Realised gain on sale of investments	1,003	-	-	1,003	2,045
<b>Deficit for the year</b>	<b>(3,124)</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>(446)</b>	<b>(1,970)</b>	<b>(43,006)</b>
Unrealised gain on revaluation of investments	8,663	-	1,380	10,043	66,730
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>5,539</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>8,073</b>	<b>23,724</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 December 2006	692,019	-	30,587	722,606	698,882
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 30 November 2007</b>	<b>697,558</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>31,521</b>	<b>730,679</b>	<b>722,606</b>

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 2007**

	£	2007 £	£	2006 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets		795		1,179
Investments at market value		671,599		662,014
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		672,394		663,193
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	74,720		20,309	
Cash and bank balance	28,191		78,524	
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	102,911		98,833	
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	(44,626)		(39,420)	
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<b>Net current assets</b>		58,285		59,413
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<b>Net assets</b>		730,679		722,606
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<b>Represented by</b>				
Unrestricted funds		697,558		692,019
Designated funds		1,600		-
Restricted funds		31,521		30,587
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		730,679		722,606
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The summarised financial statements set out on pages 7 and 8 have been extracted from the full annual financial statements of the Society which were approved on 16 January 2008. The full annual financial statements have been subject to an independent examination and the independent examiners' report 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 independent examiners' report on these financial statements and the Report of the Council should be consulted. Copies of the full annual financial statements can be obtained from the Society's postal address.



**THE CONSTITUTION**

Amended and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Society on 1 April 2008 at the Spa Complex, Scarborough.

- 1 The name of the Society is the **BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE**.
- 2 The objects of the Society are:-
  - a) To provide opportunities for those interested in and concerned with the science relating to animals and its application to meet and exchange information, ideas and experiences.
  - b) To encourage the investigation of problems and matters pertaining to the science related to animals and its application.
  - c) To collect and publish information about the science relating to animals and its application; to print and publish any periodicals, books and leaflets which the Society may think desirable.
  - d) To stimulate the incorporation into practice of advances resulting from research, experimental work and practical experience.
  - e) To cooperate with any other organisations in furthering any of the objects of the Society.
  - f) To do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.
- 3 All persons who are or have been engaged or interested in research, education or advisory activities in relation to the science related to animals and its application, or associated with the practical livestock keeping shall be eligible for election to membership of the Society.
4. Application for membership shall be approved by a member of the Society, and election to membership shall be made by the Council of the Society.
5. The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting and such other General Meetings as may be required in order to conduct the business of the Society in accordance with the Constitution.
- 6
  - a) Each member shall pay on entrance and thereafter annually a subscription, the amount of which shall be proposed by the Council and authorised by a General Meeting.
  - b) The subscription shall be payable in advance on the first day of January each year or as agreed by the Council. Council agreed a special resolution to permit the Society to enter into formal agreement with the Bank of Scotland to

operate direct debiting mandates in time for subscription renewal on 1 January 1992; specifically the Honorary Treasurer is allowed to commit the Society to a direct debit indemnity.

- c) In the event of the subscription being one year or more in arrears, membership shall lapse but reinstatements may be made on full payment of subscription arrears.
- 7 The Council may propose for approval at an Annual General Meeting the election of Honorary life members of the Society. Such Honorary life members shall have distinguished themselves in the field of science relating to animals and its application or have rendered signal service to the Society. Honorary life members shall have, without payment, all privileges of membership.
8. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council who shall be the trustees of the society, which shall be empowered to take, on behalf of members, all administrative and financial actions necessary to secure the objects of the Society. The Council shall have powers to foster and approve the formation of local branches of the Society which shall have the same objects as the Society and which are detailed in item 2 of this Constitution. The Council of the Society shall consist of a President, Senior Vice President, Vice-President and Chairpersons of any Committees, Honorary Treasurer and nine ordinary members.
- 9 The ordinary members of the Council shall hold office for three years, and three of them shall not be eligible for re-election until a year has elapsed. If an ordinary member is elected President, Senior Vice President or Vice-President, or otherwise ceases to be an ordinary member of the Council, the vacancy created shall be filled by a member nominated by the Council and approved at the next General Meeting. The member thus nominated shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the ordinary member they replace but after retiring shall remain eligible for election.

The method of election of ordinary members of Council shall be as follows:

- a) Candidates must be nominated by at least two members of the Society. They must be members of the Society.
  - b) All nominations must be in writing and delivered to the Chief Executive not later than seven days before the Annual General Meeting.
  - c) If there are more nominations than vacancies, election shall be by ballot at the meeting.
  - d) If there are too few nominations, the Council shall fill the vacancies by appointment.
- 10 The method of election of President shall be that the Council shall propose a member of the Society and his/her name shall appear on the notice calling the Annual General Meeting.

At this meeting the Chairpersons shall propose that this member be appointed and if this proposal is adopted the new President will take office at the conclusion of the meeting. The President shall not remain in office for more than one year unless the Annual General Meeting fails to approve the Council's proposal.

The duty of the President shall be to preside over meetings of the Society and of the Council. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees. If for any reason the President is unable to exercise this office, the Senior Vice-President shall act in his/her place.

In the event of the Annual General Meeting failing to approve the Council's proposal the Council shall conduct a postal vote of the members on its proposal.

- 11 The Vice-President and Senior Vice President shall remain in office for one year. The method of election shall be that the Vice-President and Senior Vice President shall be nominated by the Council or by at least three members of the Society. Nominations must be received by the Chief Executive 28 days in advance of an Annual General Meeting and notice of nominations given 21 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. It is normal practice for the retiring Senior Vice-President to be nominated President for the following year and the Vice President to be nominated Senior Vice President .
- 12 The Chief Executive shall be appointed by the Council and the appointment confirmed by an Annual General Meeting. He/she shall continue to hold office at the discretion of the Council. His/her duty will be to be responsible for and act as Agent of the Council, keep a record of and attend the Society's business meetings and such other activities as the Council may determine. The Chief Executive shall be a non-voting member of the President's Committee and all Committees.
- 13 The Honorary Treasurer shall also be a member of the Council. He/she shall be nominated by the Council and his/her appointment confirmed by an Annual General Meeting. He shall continue to hold office at the Council's discretion. His/her duty shall be to receive, disburse and account for the Society's monies as the Council requires.
- 14 Assistant office bearers may be appointed and continue to hold such office at the discretion of the Council unless duly elected under paragraph 9.
- 15 Accounts shall be kept of all monies received and expended by the Society. At the Annual General Meeting in each year a duly examined statement of the financial position of the Society, having been made available at least 21 days beforehand to each member, shall be laid before the Society. The Council shall recommend to the Annual General Meeting the appointment of an organization or person to examine and report on the Society's accounts.
- 16 The Council shall have power to appoint Committees (or other working groups hereafter referred to as Committees) and shall determine their terms of reference. These Committees shall be responsible to the Council. A Committee's membership and lifespan will be subject to Council ratification. The duration of consecutive membership of a Committee should not normally be longer than five years. Members

of committees shall be elected members of the Council and co-opted society members. Council shall approve the Chairman of each Committee.

A President's Committee will advise the Council on the policies and arrangements for the conduct of the Society's affairs and act in an executive capacity. The President, Senior Vice-President, Vice President and Honorary Treasurer will be members of the Committee. Co-option shall be limited to members of Council and the immediate past President.

- 17 The Quorum of Council meetings shall be four and at least 21 days written notice shall be given of such meetings.
- 18 At least twenty-one days notice shall be given of General Meetings of the Society. The quorum of General Meetings of the Society shall be twenty-five.
- 19 At meetings of the Society and of Council, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.
- 20 This Constitution may be amended only at a General Meeting of members. A proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive and subscribed by at least three members and it shall be circulated to all members at least 21 days before the meeting.

1 April 2008