

British Society of Animal Science

Annual General Meeting

**Monday 4 April 2011
18:15 hours**

**Room LT2
Exchange Building, Jubilee Campus,
University of Nottingham**



BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

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BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SIXTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN ROOM LT2 EXCHANGE BUILDING JUBILEE CAMPUS NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY MONDAY 4 APRIL 2011 AT 18.15 HOURS

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting held 13 April 2010 (Note 1) (Paper 68A)
- 2 Report of the Hon Treasurer and adoption of the audited accounts (Paper 68G) (Note 1)
- 3 Re-appointment of auditors/assessors
- 4 Report by Chief Executive for the year 2010 (Notes 1) and Reports of the Committees/Groups - (Paper 68B-F)
 - Programme and Publications
 - Strategy and Innovation
 - Communication and Education
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- 5 Amendment to the Constitution. Council proposes change of definition of Trustees (Paper 68H)
- 6 Election of Office Bearers and Council members (Notes 2-7)
- 7 5 year action plan and Ex-Presidents Report
- 8 AOB

M A Steele
Chief Executive
April 2011

NOTES

- 1 Papers 68A-68G are circulated with this notice, will be taken as read and comments from the floor are invited.
- 2 Election of President (Rule 10) Council proposes the election of Professor D I Givens
- 3 Election of Senior Vice-President (Rule 11). Council proposes the election of Mr C C Warkup
- 4 Election of Vice-President. Council proposes the election of Dr P E V Williams
- 5 Election of Chief Executive (Rule 12) Council proposes the re-appointment of Mr M A Steele
- 6 Election of Hon Treasurer (Rule 13) Council proposes the re-appointment of Dr B C Cooke
- 7 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:-

Dr E Baxter
Dr P Gill
Prof C K Reynolds

Nominations for Council members must be sponsored by at least two members and reach the Chief Executive no later than Monday 28 March 2011

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE HELD AT QUEENS UNIVERSITY, BELFAST, 13 APRIL 2010

Apologies

Apologies were received from Rex Waters, Sinead Waters, Gerald Wiener and Peter Williams. Dr Sinclair Mayne was in the chair and 42 members were present.

1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting held in March 2009 were accepted as correct. All matters arising were covered under agenda items.

2 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mike Steele presented a short report for 2009 which highlighted the major activities and achievements of the Society in 2009. Most of these were reported in more detail under the activities of the various BSAS groups

3 REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME AND PUBLICATIONS GROUP

Dr Caroline Rymer presented her last report as chairperson of the Programme and Publications Group as she would be retiring at the end of the Annual Conference. Belfast had involved a great deal of work and collaboration with the Irish ASF and she thanked both Michael Diskin and Sinclair Mayne for leading their teams so well. Dr Rymer thanked her group for editing the record 500 summaries received for the 2010 meeting.

She outlined the new initiatives at Belfast with the development of 'Highlights' rather than posters and a focus on more 15 and 5 minute presentations

In discussion members asked for better synchrony of sessions. Mixing paper times (5 and 15) in some sessions made it difficult to move between sessions and listen to specific papers. Chairpersons abilities with respect to time management varied and it would be worth rewriting their guidance notes to stress the importance of good time management.

The P&P group were also looking at changing the format of the Annual Conference to two full days rather than spread over three days. This would save costs and time for delegates. It might also offer opportunities to schedule the sessions to attract more industry representation. The 2011 Annual Conference was currently programmed for Chester but discussions with AVTRW and the new Animal Sciences Forum were being undertaken, so timings and venue were fluid.

On behalf of the members, Sinclair Mayne thanked Caroline for her hard work and commitment during her three year period as chair of P&P. The meeting confirmed that the new chair would be Ian Richardson from Bristol University.

4 STRATEGY AND INNOVATION GROUP

Dr Eileen wall outlined her group's new name and remit. This was agreed by the AGM.

S&I were planning to become more proactive on consultations. They were also engaging with the new Society Of Biology and BSAS representatives had attended the official launch in London in March 2010. BSAS would be undertaking talks with a number of other sister organisations to discuss common issues, joint ventures and the possibility of resource sharing.

S&I continued to be responsible for EAAP/BSAS relations and Geoff Pollott represented the Society at EAAP 2009 in Spain. Sandra Edwards would continue on EAAP Council as the Irish/UK Councillor until August 2010 when Mark Maguire of the Irish Dept of Agriculture would take over for a four year term. Mark had attended the Belfast meeting and had discussed a number of issues.

The Student Council had once again had a successful year and had run a very popular training day on statistics on the Sunday of the Belfast Conference. The SC had also started a BSAS facebook page which had 170 'friends'. Andrew Clempson would be replacing Catherine Hale as SC chair

5 EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Dr Liam Sinclair gave a short presentation on the activities of this group. Animal Bytes continued its successful development. It was available free to all users and published six issues a year, with each issue containing twelve articles. The overall objective was that Animal Bytes articles would be written in an easily understood format, and based on papers from the BSAS Annual Conference and increasingly from ANIMAL.

The UK levy boards, except QMS, continued their sponsorship and played an active role in identifying articles for distribution. The BSAS marketing group continued to join Education and Communications meetings.

6 REPORT OF THE JOURNAL ANIMAL

Prof Nigel Scollan presented a report. 2009 was the 4th year of the journal ANIMAL and had proven a very successful one. The editorial team lead by Michel Doreau and supported by INRA staff and the BSAS office had performed an excellent job. The publishers CUP had also done a very good job.

In 2010 ANIMAL would receive its first full Impact Factor which was predicted at 1.4. This would represent a very satisfactory level and much above that achieved by the BSAS's previous journal *Animal Science*. The Management Board of ANIMAL would be finalizing new five year agreements with the publisher and between the consortium members (INRA, BSAS & EAAP) in May of 2010. These new agreements would cover the years 2011-2015 inclusive.

ANIMAL remained a significant source of income for BSAS

7 REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER AND ADOPTION OF EXAMINED ACCOUNTS

Dr Brian Cooke reported that the number of full time BSAS members had fallen from 506 to 439 during 2009. This appeared to reflect a decline in the number of scientists within the traditional animal science industry, increased numbers of retirees and a failure of BSAS to recruit members from new areas. Numbers of both undergraduates and postgraduates were strong in comparison, which resulted in an increase in total membership..

BSAS was in the 4th year of its 5 year plan and activities from this focused mainly on Animal Bytes which was cost neutral due to sponsorship. This meant reserves had not been depleted as planned.

For conferences both costs and income had fallen, giving an overall loss of £15,500 for 2009. Journal income remained similar in 2009 to the previous year at around £63,000. Animal costs had fallen as CUP had taken on more of the technical editing giving all partners better returns. After 2010 BSAS would not get first call on income from Animal.

The value of BSAS investments was recovering from 2008 and stood at £525,000 with the likelihood of them reaching £600,000 by mid 2010. This meant BSAS was in a strong financial position.

Following a sustained campaign the 2010 Annual Conference had attracted significant sponsorship from both sides of the Irish border. Moving the conference venue offered greater opportunities to obtain sponsorship. Future collaborative and partnership ventures on meetings might also offer cost savings to help reduce losses. This would help reduce the normal losses sustained in running the Annual Conference.

Dr Cooke offered thanks to Michel Doreau, Editor In Chief of Animal, for his sound leadership in running ANIMAL and for INRA's support. As previously mentioned ANIMAL remained a vital source of income for BSAS.

Dr Cooke pointed out that BSAS Council had decided that due to the current economic situation no increases of membership fees were to be proposed. This meant that there would have been no increase in 2009 – 2011. This represented excellent value to members.

The meeting formally adopted the accounts

Proposed by Dr Mike Wilkinson
Seconded by Dr Dickon Hovell

Adoption or Assessors

Dr Cooke Proposed that Cheine & Tait be retained as official auditors/examiners of the accounts. Market testing showed them to be competitive and providers of sound advice.

Proposed by Prof. Nigel Scollan
Seconded by Prof. Jamie Newbold

On behalf of the society The President thanked Dr Cooke for his work in shepherding the society's finances through difficult times.

8 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

President - Professor Nigel Scollan
Senior Vice-President - Professor Ian Givens
Vice-President – Mr Chris Warkup
Chief Executive - Mr Mike Steele
Council members – Dr Peter Williams, Dr Karen Wonnacott and Dr Sinead Waters.

The President thanked the outgoing Council members Dr Lindsay Heasman, Dr Tommy Boland and Dr Ian Richardson (Ian will remain on Council as Chair of Programme and Publications)

9 HONORARY MEMBERS

The AGM unanimously agreed to award Honorary Memberships to Professor Colin Whittemore and Professor Michael Diskin.

They both expressed their thanks and the honour and privilege they felt in being awarded honorary membership of a Society that focused on professionalism, responsibility and integrity

10 FIVE YEAR PLAN UPDATE

The President gave a short update on the five year plan, which was now in year four. The key issue of concern to the Society was the ongoing decline in membership, with numbers declining from 604 in 2004 to 439 in 2009 (full membership basis). BSAS has a healthy number of student members but retaining them as full members was difficult as they moved on in their careers. Council had decided to devote a significant resource (£20,000) to recruitment and wished to start an active recruitment group. The Society would be advertising for interested parties to come forward to participate in this Group.

Discussion from the floor suggested

- Broadening the basis of membership as well as the meetings
- Targeting the many overseas PhD students studying in the UK
- Developing new models for membership including corporate.
- Identifying real benefits for individual membership
- Offering discounts/graduated fees to students

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President thanked the Society and BSAS officials for the tremendous support he had received during his Presidential year. From the floor and on behalf of the BSAS members the incoming President Prof Nigel Scollan thanked Dr Mayne for his excellent leadership during 2009/2010

The President reported he and Mike Steele had attended the ASF/AVTRW meeting at York in early April and discussed future collaboration on conference provision. A meeting with other societies to discuss sharing resources and backroom office functions would be held in May 2010.

BSAS was assisting RABDF in the provision of scientific presentations at the Dairy and Livestock Show at the NEC in Sept 2010.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT 2010

BSAS Council met on two occasions during 2010 in January and September. The President's committee met in January, May and September.

BSAS EX-PRESIDENTS REVIEW

Colin Whittemore has been leading a team of Ex-presidents to review BSAS's position and vision and will be presenting a report to the 2011 AGM. This will cover collaboration, projection to the lay community, increasing membership, creating relationships with end users, developing member benefits and increasing office functionality.

FEDERATION

Two formal meetings have been held with sister societies regarding the formation of a Federation to work together on projects and to share facilities and costs. These are on-going as there is a willingness to come together at the appropriate time.

ANIMAL

ANIMAL had another successful year and achieved its first impact factor of 1.46. Paper numbers submissions increased and the rejection rate has remained above 60%. A new consortium contract has been signed to cover the period until 2015 and a new publishing deal has been agreed with Cambridge University Press. BSAS can expect an income in excess of £65,000 for 2010 from ANIMAL. This level will drop during the new contract period as the agreement moves towards equal shares. BSAS office earns additional income from managing the editorial process of two of the journals sections (Breeding and Genetics; Behaviour, Welfare and Health).

ANNUAL MEETING 2010

The 2010 meeting was held jointly with the Irish Agricultural Forum at Queen's University, Belfast in mid-April with a theme of Food, Feed, Energy and Fibre from Land: A vision for 2020. Nearly 500 delegates attended an excellent and interactive meeting that will make a surplus thanks to significant sponsorship.

OTHER 2010 MEETINGS

The Nepal on Indigenous knowledge was cancelled following civil unrest in Nepal. BSAS organized and manage a 'Feed Forum' event at the Dairy & Livestock Show at NEC Birmingham 7/8 September. In September BSAS ran the European Workshop on Equine Nutrition (EWEN) at Cirencester. A KT workshop is planned for Worcester 3 March 2011.

STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

This group has been renamed and reviewed its remit. They have thoroughly reviewed the current BSAS scholarships and are looking to develop a new award with significant funding. A Society of Biology representative has been appointed and a new EAAP representative has been identified. S&I have been heavily involved in federation and review initiatives.

AWARDS

The Sir John Hammond Award was awarded to Dr Melissa Royal of Liverpool University in recognition of her outstanding contribution in disseminating knowledge within teaching, industry and the science community and her expertise in dairy cattle fertility.

The RSPCA/BSAS award for innovative developments in animal welfare was awarded to Rachel Casey of Bristol University for her outstanding contribution and commitment to improving companion animal welfare, particularly in the area of training techniques used to modify the behaviour of dogs

PRESIDENT PRIZE 2010

Theatre Winner - Eileen McCloskey, Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute/Queen's University Belfast
 Theatre Highly Commended award - Laura J Corbin, Roslin Institute
 Short theatre presentation Winner - Lara J Pocock, Royal Veterinary College
 Highlights Winner - Andrew M Clempson, Royal Veterinary College

HONORARY MEMBERS

Professors Colin Whittemore and Michael Diskin were awarded Honorary membership of BSAS.

Mike Steele
 January 2011

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2010

The Committee met on two occasions; in May to develop the structure of 2011 Annual Meeting and despite arctic conditions in December to review the summaries. A number of subsidiary meetings and confertels were also held with new 2011 partners AVTRW & ASF/BBSRC.

ANNUAL MEETING 2010

The 2010 meeting was held jointly with the Irish Agricultural Forum at Queens University, Belfast in mid-April in fantastic spring weather. Its theme was Food, Feed, Energy & Fibre from Land: A vision for 2020. Nearly 500 delegates attended including the lunchtime workshop on the role of Animal Science in future policies for sponsored by Devenish Nutrition.

There was an enormous range of topics as the IAF brought soils, agronomy, crops and economics in. This was well received and lead to some interesting discussions between specialists and animals scientists! There were 120 theatre presentations including 27 invited papers, 132 posters and 56 'Highlight' presentations. Belfast had the first trial of 'Highlight' sessions. These were 2/3 minute talks with 2 or 3 questions and enabled the audience to hear a broad snapshot of science across a wide range of topics. As 3 sessions ran in parallel in the same room it was like a livestock auction noise wise!. The chairpersons hated it but the speakers and audience had a great interactive time and wanted more!

The Proceedings were published as part (Vol 1 part 1) of *Advances in Animal Biosciences* the companion to the *Animal* journal. Selected invited papers are going forward for publication in *Animal*.

The WPSA ran a successful programme with a joint BSAS/WPSA session (Progress and Potential from Animal Breeding. Most BSAS poultry papers were incorporated into the WPSA progamme.

The Student Council organised their 'Student Sunday' which focused on statistics as well as the Tuesday night quiz in the Student Union. The Conference Dinner was held in the newly refurbished City Hall with the Secretary of Agriculture giving the welcome. Ceremonial scrolls were presented to Irish Ex-Presidents John Robertson and Jim O'Grady. The RSPCA and Presidents Prizes were also given out. The Hammond was awarded at the Hammond lecture to Melissa Royal.

The meeting mad e a welcome surplus largely because of the generous sponsorship of Devenish Nutrition, AFBI, Alltech, Teagasc and the two respective government departments: Agriculture Fisheries and Food & Agriculture & Rural Development.

2010 OTHER MEETINGS

The Planned Nepal November meeting on Indigenous Knowledge (IK) was postponed then cancelled following civil unrest in Nepal. Discussions are proceeding on how to deliver an IK workshop in the future. This might link to the KT workshop in Worcester 3rd March 2011 and the KT lunchtime event planned for Nottingham. A March KT a very successful event entitled 'Best Practice Knowledge Transfer was run at Worcester rugby club under the initiative of Sam Hoste and the animal-based Levy Boards.

BSAS organized and managed a 'Feed Forum' event at the Dairy & Livestock Show at NEC Birmingham 7/8 September. This was a rolling set of 8 practical talks to farmers on science based topics relevant to livestock farmers including big bale silage and robotic milking. Audiences varied depending on the time of day but all enjoyed the presentations including the 'real time' voting.

In September BSAS ran the European Workshop on Equine Nutrition (EWEN). This was at RAC Cirencester and attracted 130 delegates to the main programme and another 70 to the 'applied day'. The conference included a country fair and tour and once again the weather was very kind. Princess Anne was guest of Honour at the Gala Dinner. The event will make a small surplus thanks to extensive sponsorship.

This is my first year as Chair of the Programme Committee, and I would like to thank everyone from BSAS, WPSA, AVTRW and BBSRC/ASF for the hard work in putting the 2011 joint meeting together in Nottingham and especially "The Office".

Ian Richardson
April 2011.

REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND INNOVATION GROUP 2010

The group meet on two occasions in the year and had 2 teleconference meetings. Additional members joined to the group in the year including Toby Mottram, Karen Wonnacott and Richard Dewhurst. The group has representation from across the animal science/production, including industry, academic, teaching, policy and farm advisory.

AWARDS

The Sir John Hammond Award was given to Dr Melissa Royal (Liverpool University) and the RSPCA/BSAS award was given to Rachel Casey (Bristol University). A total of ten early career scientists had benefited from monies from the Murray Black, Sir Kenneth Baxter and Alan Robertson awards. Reports for many of the study tours are available on the website and highlight the benefit that that can be realised for these scholarships.

The group have updated the submission process for the early career travel/study tour awards and have provided further detail on the judging criteria. The details have been updated on the website and we urge all those eligible to consider the benefits of applying for the scholarships. The Group have also updated the information and processes for the range of Awards that the society can bestow. These details can be found of the website.

STRATEGY AND INNOVATION ROLE AND REMIT

This is the ideas and development group of the Society and deals with many of the issues facing BSAS and the animal science industry. As well as reviewing ethical matters it is also responsible for developing positions from the society including responding to relevant consultation documents and strategic response to issues facing the Animal Sciences. It is also involved in liaising with other relevant national and international organisations (e.g., other academic/animal production societies, umbrella organisations such as Federation of BioSciences and European Association of Animal Production, American Society of Animal Science). It is the initial point of contact for new ideas, themes and hot topics for that the society may consider taking forward (e.g., conferences, workshops, journal, Animal Bytes). It also reviews all applications for prizes, scholarships and awards.

SOCIETY OF BIOLOGY

Toby Mottram has agreed to represent BSAS with the Society of Biology. In the past year he has attended 2 meetings of the Society and has been in discussions with them to help frame the position of the Society of the roles of Animals in Research, including issues with Home Office licensing. He has also started discussions with the Education committee of the Society.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Andrew Clempson (RVC) has served as chair of the Student Council this year and will be replaced by Cameron Cragie (SAC). Student council have run successful events over the past year including their student Sunday event in association with the annual meeting in Belfast. The role of student council in the development and delivery of the 5-year plan is critical.

EAAP

Mark Maguire (Department of Agriculture, Ireland) took over from Prof Sandra Edwards as our area representative on the EAAP council in the September meeting. Dr Geoff Pollott will stand down as the EAAP representative for BSAS. However, we are pleased to say that Geoff will continue to play an active role at EAAP as vice chair of the scientific committee of EAAP. Thanks to Geoff for his input in role and we hope that he will continue to represent the society in his new role and continued input in S&I. Dr Jo Conington was approved by council to replace Geoff as EAAP representative and will attend the 2011 meeting in Stavanger, Norway on our behalf. We are continuing to work with EAAP to ensure that BSAS members enjoy the benefit of EAAP, including reduced EAAP annual meeting registration fees for UK based members.

CONSULTATIONS

This group will continue to respond to relevant consultations/strategy documents/position papers etc. However, these will focus on major consultations and will draw on groups of experts from the society membership to help develop our responses. No specific consultations were responded to in the year. However, a number of consultations were made available to members on the website.

Eileen Wall
March 2011

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP 2010-11

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

Liam Sinclair (Chair), David Leaver, Henry Greathead, Pinder Gill, Jonathan Long. In attendance: Lynfa Davies (HCC) and Karen Wonnacott (DairyCo).

The group met on 2nd Feb 2011.

ANIMAL BYTES

Animal Bytes forms part of the 5 year plan and is designed to be a conduit for disseminating 'translated' scientific information (from both meetings and the journal *Animal*) from BSAS to the wider audience. The Society has been successful in receiving funding from the levy bodies Dairy Co, Eblex, Bpex, HCC, AgriSearch and PigRegen Ltd, to the sum of £11,500 per annum for 3 years. We are currently 2 years in to the initial agreement and discussions are about to take place with the levy bodies regarding funding for a further 3 years. The levy bodies have also assisted in promoting the Animal Bytes web-site and providing links from their website.

Five editions of Animal Bytes have been produced to date in 2010-11. These have featured dairy cow fertility, nutrition, grazing, breeding and behavior and welfare; sheep nutrition, grazing, meat quality; pig meat quality; beef nutrition and grazing, meat quality and genetics; and the impact of climate change on livestock farming. The editions have been a mixture of articles from the annual proceedings and *Animal* (approximately 2:1). One further edition is planned before the annual meeting and will cover topics including equine/companion animals. All members have now been signed up to e-mail alerts, and in total 983 addresses receive notification when each new edition is posted on the website.

The web-site hit rate in 2010/11 was approximately 300 per month, similar to the 2009/10. Within the 3727 visits in the period Jan 2010-Jan 2011, 70% were new and had not visited previously, with visits from 84 countries. Most visitors to the site were from the UK (60%) followed by the USA (14%); Thailand and Ireland (3%); and Australia, Canada and the Netherlands (1.5% each). This compares to last year when 76% were from the UK, 8% from the USA, and 3% from Denmark and Ireland (with visitors from 72 countries). Approximately 4 pages were viewed each visit, with 24% direct traffic, 31% from referring sites and 30% search engines. Increasing awareness and hit rate to the web-site is an area that needs to be addressed. Options, including a publicity budget have been suggested to increase the use of the Animal Bytes website.

EDUCATION/KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Sam Hoste (Quantech Solutions UK) led a very successful Best-Practice Knowledge Transfer conference at Sixways Stadium, Worcester on 3rd March 2011.

Liam Sinclair
9 March 2011

REPORT OF THE JOURNAL ANIMAL 2010

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

The management board for Animal consists of three representatives from each of the partners, BSAS, INRA and EAAP as follows: EAAP holds the chair. From 2011 this will be an extra non- voting member.

BSAS: Professor Nigel Scollan; Mr Mike Steele and Dr Brian Cooke.

INRA: Dr Philippe Chemineau, Dr Nic Friggens and Dr Jaap Van Milgen

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

The editor-in-chief, Michel Doreau participates in meetings as does Professor Kris Sejrsen (President of EAAP). Nigel Scollan, Nic Friggens & Kris Sejrsen run a small team to assist with reviews.

Two formal management board meetings took place in Rome (May) & The Netherlands (October).

ANIMAL

Animal was printed monthly on time during 2010. Page numbers of Volume 5 (2010) were 2015 compared with 1771 in 2009. Papers are published on line individually before paper publication. Approximately 2 issues worth of papers are normally online ahead of the official publication date but this has increased slightly during 2010 and consequently 'Animal' has increased the number of budgeted pages available per year from 1800 to 2000 to avoid increasing the submission to publication period. This is currently around 255 days (fastest 81days). Acceptance to first decision is a mean of 50 days (range 21-109). As in previous years the main reasons for delays relate to authors and referees being late in responding.

The number of papers submitted July 2009 -June 2010 was 675 (2009 - 524) with 218 (2009 - 196) published giving a rejection rate of over 60%. Submissions numbers ranked in order by country were China, France Spain with UK & Italy at 4 and USA at number 10. France and UK provide 35% of published papers with another 38% coming from the rest of Europe. In 2010 there have been significant increases in papers published from Italy, Brazil, Germany and Belgium.

IMPACT FACTOR & CITATION

Animal received its first full impact factor of 1.46 in July 2010 and is the highest ranked non specialist journal other than JAS in its category. Improvement to this impact factor relies heavily on authors (*BSAS members have a key role to play here*) citing *animal* in their papers wherever they publish!!.

THE EDITORIAL TEAM AND OFFICE

The editor-in-chief Michel Doreau and his INRA/BSAS editorial team continue to work hard to deliver high quality papers with a quick turn round time. The editorial office consists of Nadine Miraux and Florence Normand (INRA-Clermont), Bridget Hilton and Fiona Ferguson (BSAS). The BSAS office has taken on an additional section of the journal, now handling both Genetics and Health and Welfare.

FINANCE & CONTRACTS

The projection for *Animal* in 2010 is a total surplus of £130,000. In accordance with the partnership consortium agreement BSAS will receive around £65K for 2010. From 2011 BSAS will receive a lower percentage of the total income as the consortia works towards equal shares in 2015. Animal has agreed a new 5 year publishing agreement with CUP in parallel with a new consortium agreement (BSAS/INRA/EAAP) lasting to 2015.

Advances in Animal Biosciences is now a recognised publication in the animal family and had 3 issues in 2010 which were the Proceedings from the BSAS Annual meeting, Tropical Animal Production (INRA Guadeloupe) and the EAAP 2009 Darwin papers.

Professor Nigel Scollan,
January 2011

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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Year ended 30 November 2010

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Council members (who are also trustees)

Prof Nigel Scollan	President
Prof Ian Givens	Senior Vice President
Mr Chris Warkup	Vice President
Dr Sinclair Mayne	Ex-President (resigned 13 April 2010)
Dr Brian Cooke	Honorary Treasurer
Dr Ian Richardson	Programme and Publications Chairperson
Dr Eileen Wall	Strategy and Innovation Chairperson
Dr Liam Sinclair	Education and Communication Chairperson
Dr Melissa Royal	Marketing and Recruiting Chairperson
Dr Lindsay Heasman	2007 (resigned 13 April 2010)
Dr Tommy Boland	2007 (resigned 13 April 2010)
Dr Ian Richardson	2007 (resigned 13 April 2010)
Dr Emma Baxter	2008
Dr Pinder Gill	2008
Dr Chris Reynolds	2008
Dr Richard Dewhurst	2009
Dr Mike Rose	2009
Dr Violet Beattie	2009
Dr Peter Williams	2010 (appointed 13 April 2010)
Dr Karen Wonnacott	2010 (appointed 13 April 2010)
Dr Sinead Waters	2010 (appointed 13 April 2010)

Chief Executive

Mr Mike Steele

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2010

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 2010 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 financial statements, 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:

- o 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.
- o Encourage the investigation of problems and matters pertaining to the science of animals and its applications.
- o 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.
- o Stimulate the incorporation into practice of advances resulting from research, experimental work and practical experience.
- o Co-operate with any other organisation in furthering any of the objects of the Society.
- o Do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2010

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year, the Society:-

- Organised and managed successful animal science conferences in Belfast (April) and, in conjunction with EAAP in Cirencester in September
- Managed with INRA, EAAP and Cambridge University Press the ongoing production of the scientific journal ANIMAL.
- 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.
- Continued to implement and update the 5-year Plan developed previously

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

The membership of the Society decreased marginally in 2010. This decrease is primarily due to an increase in undergraduate members (36) offset by a continuing decline in the number of ordinary members (29 or 6.6%) and postgraduate numbers (6 or 6.5%). The actual income was £33,869 (the figure in the income account is grossed up for the student discount rate).

	2010	2009
Ordinary members	410	439
Postgraduates	87	93
Retired	64	71
Honorary	26	23
Undergraduates	<u>302</u>	<u>266</u>
	889	892

Conferences

We have successfully run or been involved in two conferences this year. Both meetings ran a surplus. The surplus was £24,286 compared with a deficit of £15,401 in 2009.

Publications

Twelve issues of ANIMAL were published in 2010, resulting in a total of 2,105 A4 pages. The change four years ago from Animal Science and the two French journals to ANIMAL continued to result in a reduction of full subscriptions but increased exposure due to bundle sales by our publishers CUP. Thus, exposure was increased to well over 2,000. Final financial figures are still awaited from the publishers but income to BSAS has more than met the guarantee and is likely to exceed £65,000.

No occasional publications were produced this year other than the Advances in Animal Biosciences Series under which the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting was published. Sales of existing occasional publications have produced an income of £309 over and above production costs.

The ANIMAL management team is to be congratulated on the continued progress of the journal in 2010.

The overall BSAS journal account showed a surplus of £75,513 which includes a balance from Animal of £7,800 brought forward from 2009.

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2010

FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)

Statement of Financial Activities

The Society's charitable expenditure in 2010, excluding discounts, was some £69k higher than in 2009.

The level of student discounts for membership increased by some £3k this year, and for conferences also increased. Overall income increased by £158k. Publications income was up by £11k and that from conferences increased by £151k. Investment income increased by £1k.

In 2010 a surplus of £58k has been obtained compared with the deficit of £1,713 in 2009. The surplus from publications has increased to £76k whilst our performance on conferences has improved considerably.

The value of our investments has increased by £25k to £552k thus the Society's funds carried forward at 30 November 2010 were £680k.

During the year the Society has spent some £8.7k on the 5 Year Plan. This was offset by an income of £13k from the sales of Animal Bytes. The surplus of £4k means we have not had to call upon the £20,000 set aside in our investments for expenditure on the 5 Year Plan.

Forecasts for the future indicate that we face a deficit of about £17k in 2010, but this will be dependent on the continued success of the new ANIMAL journal and sponsorship of conferences. The value of the Society's investments is dependent upon the stock market conditions. These continue under active management by Barclay Wealth.

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 as investment managers. The Council have requested that the portfolio should achieve an income of about £24,000 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 £23k.

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 2010

FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In the coming years, the Society will:

- Continue to consult and work with stakeholders and members to promote an animal science agenda to a wide audience
- Organise or assist with the organisation of animal science conferences in the UK , and overseas
- Support the management of the scientific journal ANIMAL (part ownership) and associated publications.
- Develop new activities to meet the needs and aspirations of current and future members.
- Manage and support knowledge transfer of animal science developments via conferences and publications
- Seek opportunities to work with other organisations in the field of animal science

Statement of Council's Responsibilities

The Council are responsible for preparing the Report of the Council and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

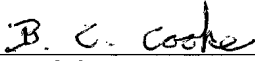
The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements, 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 Councils' responsibilities for the preparation and content of the Report of the Council. In addition, the Council are responsible for any other information published along with the Report of the Council and financial statements.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Council on **3 FEBRUARY** 2011 and signed on their behalf by:-



Dr 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.

This report is made to the Council and members of The British Society of Animal Science, as a body, in accordance with the terms of my engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to report my opinion as set out below and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The British Society of Animal Science and the Council and members, as a body, for my work or for this report.

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 best practice. My report on the Society's full report and financial statements describes the basis of my examiner's statement on those financial statements.

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 2010.

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Chartered Accountants and Independent Examiner
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10 FEBRUARY 2011

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30 November 2010

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	75,889	-	-	75,889	79,862
Investment income	22,727	-	300	23,027	21,918
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Income from publications	73,687	-	-	73,687	63,673
Income from conferences	245,366	-	-	245,366	94,074
Income from Genesis Faraday	-	-	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total incoming resources	417,669	-	9,300	426,969	268,527
Charitable expenditure					
Costs of generating voluntary income					
	36,464	-	-	36,464	40,314
Charitable activities	310,045	-	12,942	322,987	213,602
Governance costs	12,167	-	-	12,167	21,344
Total resources expended	358,676	-	12,742	371,618	275,260
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	58,993	-	(3,642)	55,351	(6,733)
Gross transfer between funds	(400)	(1,306)	1,706	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before revaluations and disposals of investments	58,593	(1,306)	(1,936)	55,331	(6,733)
Realised gain on sale of investments	2,486	-	176	2,662	5,020
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	61,079	(1,306)	(1,760)	58,013	(1,713)
Unrealised gain on revaluation of investments	23,859	-	986	24,845	56,782
Net movement in funds	84,938	(1,306)	(774)	82,858	55,069
Fund balances brought forward at 1 December 2009	561,474	4,800	31,110	597,384	542,315
Fund balances carried forward at 30 November 2010	646,412	3,494	30,336	680,242	597,384

The restricted funds column represents the Alan Robertson Genetics Fund income and expenditure, the IGA Future Conference Fund and the Genesis Faraday joint scholarship.

All operations are continuing.

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**BALANCE SHEET****As at 30 November 2010**

	£	2010 £	£	2009 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		471		494
Investments at market value		551,633		525,939
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		552,104		526,433
Current assets				
Debtors	132,938		78,164	
Cash and bank balance	31,229		17,140	
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	164,167		95,304	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(36,029)		(24,353)
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Net current assets		128,138		70,951
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Net assets		680,242		597,384
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Represented by				
Unrestricted funds		646,412		561,474
Designated funds		3,494		4,800
Restricted funds		30,336		31,110
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		680,242		597,384
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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 **3 FEBRUARY** 2011. 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.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

AGM 2011

Dear Member

At the Council meeting in London in February the Treasurer highlighted the difficulties of having every member of Council as a trustee if we wished to change our bank or investment advisers.

In consultation with the charity commissioners and OSCAR BSAS only needs to have a minimum of three trustees.

Council would like to propose an amendment to the constitution so that the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President and Treasurer are named as trustees of the society.

Please note that Council would still be the decision-making body of the Society and this proposed change would make little difference to the members but would allow more freedom of action for the Society. It would also take the burden of being a trustee away from those members of Council who have concerns over this responsibility.

The change involves moving the phrase who shall be trustees of the Society from its *italised* position to its **highlighted** position.

8. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council, (*who shall be 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 Honorary Treasurer, **who shall be trustees of the Society** and Chairpersons of any Committees plus nine ordinary members.