

**British Society of Animal Science**

# **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 24 April 2012  
18:30 hours**

**Room LT3  
Exchange Building, Jubilee Campus,  
University of Nottingham**





# BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

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# BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SIXTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN ROOM LT3 EXCHANGE BUILDING JUBILEE CAMPUS NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2012 AT 18.30 HOURS**

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| 1 | Minutes of the Meeting held 4 April 2011 (Note 1)   | (Paper 69A)            |
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M A Steele  
Chief Executive  
April 2012

### NOTES

- 1 Papers 69A-69G, circulated with this notice, will be taken as read and comments from the floor are invited.
- 2 Council proposes a £5.00 increase in full membership and £2.50 for retired and postgraduates from Jan 2013.
- 3 Election of President (Rule 10) Council proposes the election of Mr C C Warkup
- 3 Election of Senior Vice-President (Rule 11). Council proposes the election of Dr P E V Williams
- 4 Election of Vice-President. Council proposes the election of Dr Alastair Carson
- 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 V Beattie  
Dr R Dewhurst  
Dr M Rose

**Nominations for Council members must be sponsored by at least two members and reach the Chief Executive no later than Monday 16 April 2012**

## MINUTES OF THE SIXTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE HELD AT NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY, 4 APRIL 2011

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Rex Waters and Gerald Weiner  
Professor Nigel Scollan was in the chair and 67 members were present.

### 1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting held in April 2010 were accepted as correct. All matters arising were covered under agenda items.

### 2 REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER AND ADOPTION OF EXAMINED ACCOUNTS

Dr Brian Cooke reported that the number of ordinary BSAS members had fallen by 6.6% in the last 12 months whilst the total BSAS membership had remained static. The number of student members had increased.

BSAS continued to gain significant income from its publications (£73,000) Animal Bytes had a nominal income of £13,000 from sponsorship and ANIMAL income of £65,000 as BSAS's share from the consortium agreement with EAAP and INRA. The amount received from ANIMAL would change from 2011 because a new five year agreement had been signed where each partner would receive an equal share of surpluses by 2015. It was likely that BSAS's share would thus average £55,000 per year a decline of around £10,000 annually.

Because of significant sponsorship for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Belfast the conference had made a surplus in the region of £20,000. The EWEN meeting at Cirencester had also attracted significant sponsorship of £16,000 and would provide a surplus of around £5,000 to be shared between BSAS and EWEN.

In 2010 BSAS investments had increased by around £58,000 to £680,242 (November 2010). Thus BSAS was in a strong financial position. With an annual turnover of around £427,000. BSAS had a net value of 18 month's of worth turnover which was an acceptable figure for an educational charity.

#### The meeting formally adopted the accounts

Proposed by Dr Peter Rowlinson  
Seconded by Prof Ian Givens

Dr Cooke explained that in future BSAS may wish to change either its broker and/or its bank account. Currently to do this all trustees would be required to present personal identity details which would prove difficult given that all voting members of Council were trustees. An item to change the constitution reducing the number of trustees to four (three Presidents and the Hon Treasurer) would be appearing later on the agenda.

### 3 RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS/ASSESSORS

Dr Brian Cooke asked that the current accountants/assessors Cheine and Tait be retained for another year as a market review showed that they were value for money. This was approved by the meeting.

Proposed by Dr Brian Cooke  
Seconded by Dr Tim Keady

### 4 REPORT OF THE GROUPS AND COMMITTEES BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr Mike Steele gave a report covering all BSAS groups and committees. Written reports for each individual group had previously been circulated to the members. The verbal report highlighted aspects of each group's activities.

#### Programme and Publications

The meeting in Belfast in April 2010 had been run jointly with the Irish Agricultural Forum and had attracted 500 delegates. The meeting had been very successful and BSAS had been invited to run another joint meeting in Dublin in 2014. BSAS was very grateful for the enormous amount of work Dr Sinclair Mayne and his team had put into this success. The EWEN (equine nutrition) meeting in Cirencester had attracted 130 full delegates and 70 who attended the applied day and had been a social, academic and financial success. More recently 110 delegates attended the one day Knowledge Transfer Workshop at Worcester organised by Dr Sam Hoste. This brought together a whole new group of

experts in the field of KT who did not normally attend BSAS meetings. They were however keen to see another event in the future.

**Strategy and Innovation Group** The 2010 Hammond award had gone to Dr Melissa Royal of the Liverpool Vet school. S&I group were strengthening links with the new Society of Biology and had appointed a dedicated liaison person- Toby Mottram. Prof Sandra Edwards had completed her term as EAAP Council member representing Ireland and UK. Her position had now been taken by Mark Maguire from the Irish Dept. of Agriculture until 2013. BSAS had sent a letter to EAAP expressing interest in organising the Annual EAAP meeting in the UK in 2016.

#### **Communication and Education group**

This group had continued to concentrate on the successful delivery of Animal Bytes, translating scientific papers into technical articles for farmers and advisers. Supported by most UK Levy boards AB was now building a very attractive portfolio of open access articles. Prof Liam Sinclair would be stepping down as chair of this group at the end of the AGM to be replaced by Henry Greathead. BSAS was very grateful for the enormous amount of work Prof Sinclair had put in to making AB a success. Henry Greathead's position was confirmed by the AGM.

#### **Animal - journal**

The ANIMAL consortium had now signed a new partnership and publishing agreement for the next five years. EAAP, INRA and BSAS were very pleased with ANIMAL's successful academic and financial progress. They would once again be working with Cambridge University Press as publishers. ANIMAL received its first full impact factor in 2010 of 1.46, the highest for any general journal in its class other than the American Journal of Animal Science. Prof Nigel Scollan would be stepping down as one of the BSAS Board Member at the next Board Meeting in May. He would be replaced by Dr Richard Dewhurst. This position was confirmed by the AGM.

Prof Scollan offered thanks to Michel Doreau for the enormous amount of work he had put into running the journal and leading the editorial team. He also thanked INRA for the significant support in kind that they had provided for the journal.

### **5 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Dr Cooke explained that with the current constitution every voting member of Council was a trustee. Whilst this was a very transparent position it caused difficulties if BSAS wished to change its bankers and/or investment advisers. Any change would involve all trustees attending with personal identification and meeting with the new bankers/investment advisers which would be a logistically difficult process. After consultation with OSCAR it had been ascertained that a minimum of three trustees was required for an educational charity like BSAS.

He asked that the AGM approve that in the future the trustees consist of the three BSAS Presidents (Presidents, Senior Vice President, and Vice President) and the Treasurer.

Proposed by Dr Sinclair Mayne

Scoded by Dr Peter Rowlinson

Unanimously agreed by the AGM.

The new clause 8 in the Constitution would read as follows:

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council, 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 the 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.

### **6 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARER'S AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

President - Professor Ian Givens

Senior Vice-President - Mr Chris Warkup

Vice-President – Dr Peter Williams

Chief Executive - Mr Mike Steele

Treasurer Dr Brian Cooke

Ordinary Council members – Dr Andrew Clempson, Mr Sam Hoste, Prof Kevin Sinclair (elected for three years each). Dr Abdul Chaudhury was elected to replace Dr Peter Williams for a two-year period.

The President thanked the outgoing Council members Drs Emma Baxter, Pinder Gill and Chris Reynolds.

## 7 **FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN AND EX-PRESIDENTS' REPORT**

The President gave a short update on the new 5 year plan. He acknowledged the efforts of all past-presidents in developing the new strategic report. This had begun following discussions in Belfast on the need for the society to grasp the opportunity to play a more proactive and higher profile role in the animal science world. Led by Prof Colin Whittemore the report provided a number of recommendations that he would like the AGM to endorse.

The aims of the report involved the BSAS focusing on working for animal science by improving its visibility, its utility to both the members and others and evolving into a more modern organisation that could meet the needs and aspirations of those interested in animal science. The report focused on a number of themes including:

- increasing impact for end-users
- developing better benefits for members
- collaborating with other organisations/societies
- developing a federation of like-minded societies at home and overseas
- increasing the scope of the BSAS office (back office and front office).

BSAS was very good at developing ideas but did not translate them into tangible activities. There was a need for BSAS to have a proper Front Office.

The AGM discussed the report. BSAS needed, with others, to lobby European members of Parliament who were now the oversight group for legislation impacting on animal science in the UK. The AGM agreed that individuals who took responsibility for acting on behalf of BSAS should be given the authority and trust to speak on behalf the society as well as being given the resources to do so. BSAS needed people who could give the society profile. BSAS could then play a significant role in facilitating both information flow and translation from fundamental research through applied to technical application. BSAS could become a 'broker' for the implementation of good science.

BSAS intended to set up a number of small groups to work with current BSAS groups/committees to identify and undertake actions in the next 12 months.

The AGM unanimously accepted the report  
Proposed by Dr Eileen Wall  
Seconded by Mr Chris Warkup.

An invitation was given to all members to attend a workshop to discuss more detail of the activities of the ex-president's group to be held at lunchtime on 5 April in the Dearing building.

## 8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The President explained that Dr Michael Lee had taken up the role heading the new BSAS Recruitment Group. His group would be developing and delivering a recruitment programme for new BSAS members through a series of roadshows. This position was endorsed by the AGM.

From the floor Dr Geoff Pollott reminded the audience that he would be stepping down from his role as BSAS/EAAP rep. He would be replaced by Dr Jo Conington.

The President thanked the Society for the support he had received in his year as President. He had been actively involved as an officer of BSAS since 1999. He paid thanks to the BSAS office, officers and the chairs of the groups who worked hard for the Society.

From the floor and on behalf of the BSAS members the incoming Prof. Ian Givens thanked Prof. Scollan in helping provide BSAS a big opportunity by prompting the Ex-President's initiative. Prof. Givens saw great value in bringing together like minded societies, mobilizing the ex-presidents and focusing BSAS on the important issues facing the industry

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT 2011

BSAS Council met on two occasions during 2011 in February and September. The President's committee met in February, May and September.

### BSAS

The 2011 AGM commissioned Prof. Colin Whittemore to undertake a Strategic Review of BSAS in line with his report. This would cover

- increasing impact for end-users
- developing better benefits for members
- collaborating with other organisations/societies
- developing a federation of like-minded societies at home and overseas
- increasing the scope of the BSAS office (back office and front office).

A series of meetings with companies, sister organisations & individuals was held throughout the year. A BSAS workshop to discuss accreditation/register of animal scientists & technologists, collaboration and front & back offices functions was held in Birmingham in November.

### Animal

ANIMAL had another successful year with the start of the new consortium 5 year agreement and publishing contract with Cambridge University Press. The EIC Michel Doreau retired to be replaced by Jean Noblet from INRA. Cled Thomas retired as chair of the Management Board and was replaced by Nigel Scollan. Whilst the impact factor remained level the number of submissions increased. This lifted the rejection rate to above 65% and necessitated an increase in page numbers to allow submission to publication time to be maintained. Papers from UK & France remain the most published but papers from China and Spain have rapidly increased. The BSAS office continued to manage the Breeding & Genetics; Behaviour, Welfare and Health journals sections.

### Annual Meeting 2011

The 2011 meeting was held at Nottingham University jointly with the AVTRW & ASF with support from BBSRC. Nearly 400 delegates attended including a significant number of veterinarians. The theme was FOOD SECURITY: Challenges and Opportunities for Animal Science with the Hammond given by Professor Sir John Beddington, UK Government Chief Scientist. He lectured on - Food Security in a Climate Change World.

### Other 2011 Meetings

A BSAS KT meeting with 120 delegates was held at Worcester in March. BSAS again managed the 'Feed Forum' event at the Dairy & Livestock Show at NEC Birmingham in September. BSAS & BEF ran the first of 3 Equine road shows at Warwick College on stats with 45 delegates. BSAS assisted reading University with the DRINC workshop on Milk & dairy products in health & Disease with 100 delegates in December.

### Strategy and Innovation.

S&I developed and launched a BSAS new award for Emerging scientists. Toby Mottram became the new BSAS Society of Biology representative and Jo Connington the new BSAS EAAP representative.

### Communications Group

This continued to publish Animal Bytes on a regular basis with Student editors recruited. Henry Greathead replaced Liam Sinclair as chair.

### Awards

The Sir John Hammond Award was awarded to Prof. Liam Sinclair of Harper Adams University College in recognition of his outstanding contribution to research in applied dairy cow nutrition particularly on forages, milk quality management and mineral nutrition and your excellent ability to communicate research findings to advisors and farmers.

The RSPCA/BSAS award for innovative developments in animal welfare was jointly awarded to Peter Kettlewell & Malcolm Mitchell for their long standing research into the welfare implications of transport on livestock

### Presidents Prizes 2011

Theatre Winner – Naomi Fox, SAC

Theatre Highly Commended award – Anna Le Moine, Leeds University & Ollie Szyszka, Newcastle University.

Short theatre & Highlights presentation Winners were not awarded

### Finance

BSAS had a good financial year with a surplus of £20,000.

Mike Steele, February 2012



## REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2012

The Committee met on two occasions; in May to develop the structure of 2012 Annual Meeting and to discuss comments and potential improvements to be made following the 2012 meeting, and in early January to review the summaries and set the programme.

### ANNUAL MEETING 2011

The 2011 meeting was held jointly with the WPSA, AVTRW and ASF at Nottingham University, in early-April in variable spring weather. Its theme was Food Security - Challenges and Opportunities for Animal Science, with 365 delegates attending.

AVTRW, WPSA and BSAS had worked very well together for this conference. Individuals associated with ASF have also contributed. BSAS is undertaking the entire organisation for AVTRW and ASF with an integrated budget whilst WPSA continues to run a relatively separate meeting with its own application process.

There was a good range of topics between BSAS, AVTRW and ASF. This was well received and led to some interesting discussions between specialists and animal scientists! There were 182 theatre presentations including 25 invited papers, 63 posters and 21 'Highlight' presentations.

This was the second trial of 'Highlight' sessions. These were 2 minute talks with 2 or 3 questions and enabled the audience to hear a broad snapshot of science across a wide range of topics especially from younger researchers. There was one session on each of the two conference days and so competing noise was not an issue this time, but finding the location was a challenge for some. We think that they are sufficiently successful that in 2012 all poster applications are being given as highlights, with the optional opportunity to display a poster. There will be four sessions all at different times with up to 40 papers.

Unfortunately the judges decided that none of the poster or highlight presentations were of a sufficiently high standard to be awarded a prize. However, they were split over the prize for best oral presentation by a young researcher. The prize was awarded with two other candidates being highly commended.

The Proceedings were again published as part 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 and again most BSAS poultry papers were incorporated into the WPSA programme. This year those stating that they are entering papers under the BSAS rather than WPSA will have their own session when the WPSA meeting has closed so that delegates from both groups can attend.

The Student Council organised their 'Student Sunday'. The popular 'stats' programme was repeated along with sessions on publishing papers, writing your thesis, how to make a successful application for BSAS scholarships and a workshop on careers. The Conference Dinner was held in University facilities. A new management and improved arrangements have been promised for 2012. The RSPCA and Presidents Prizes were also given out. The Hammond was awarded to Dr Liam Sinclair.

The meeting made a welcome surplus largely because of the generous sponsorship of BBSRC through the auspices of ASF.

### 2011 OTHER MEETINGS

109 attendees at Best-Practice Knowledge Transfer, Sxways Stadium, Birmingham, 3 March 2011

48 attendees, AESE Roadshow (Advancing Equine Scientific Excellence), Warwickshire college, 7 December 2011

94 attendees at Milk and Dairy Products in Health and Disease, University of Reading, 19 December 2011

Ian Richardson  
February 2012

## REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND INNOVATION GROUP

The group had 3 teleconference meetings during the past year with a planned “strategy” meeting in March/April 2012. The group has representation from across the animal science/production, including industry, academic, teaching, policy and farm advisory.

The Strategy and Innovation group have active participation in many of the Groups established to help deliver some key actions from the recent Strategic Review. The group will continue to advise on this process.

### Awards

The Sir John Hammond Award was given to Dr Liam Sinclair (Harper Adams University) and the RSPCA/BSAS award was given to Malcolm Mitchell (SAC) and Peter Ketterwell (Independent Consultant, previously ADAS). A total of eight 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 can be realised for these scholarships. We have revised the reporting format for these awards to ensure the wider benefit for the recipient and the wider society. This revised reporting is in line with the changes made to the Awards Application procedures last year.

We have also established a new and larger award – a BSAS Early Career Award. This will be judged separately to the other awards and we expect to Award one a year, but only for excellent applications. This is a larger award, aimed at providing opportunities for those in the early part of academic career (during or within 3 year of completing postgraduate training). The award is to be used for specific short research programme and/or training opportunity in the UK or overseas, with a new academic/industrial partner (i.e., help support a new partnership rather than a piece of work with a current partner on current organisation). There are no specific categories so you may apply for funds to undertake any relevant animal science tour, study or research programme.

### Society of Biology

Toby Mottram is the BSAS rep with the Society of Biology. 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. The society has fed into the response of SoB to the proposed Transposition of the EU Directive of Animals used in Research and testing.

### Student Council

The BSAS Student Council exists of 8 members working in 4 different institutes across the UK. Chair of the council is Gbenga Adeleye (University of Newcastle). Currently the council is working hard to make its name know under all life science students and post-docs across the UK. A facebook page has been opened, flyers about the council are being made and a list of institutes to visit has been created. Planned activities organized by the council in 2012 are the Student Day at the Annual BSAS Conference and a Statistics Course that will take place in September/October. The student council is further active in the BSAS council to represent the interests of student members. The role of student council in the development and delivery of the 5-year plan is critical.

### EAAP

Mark Maguire (Department of Agriculture, Ireland) our area representative on the EAAP and Jo Conington (SAC) is the BSAS representative at EAAP assembly meetings. 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.

### EAAP 2016

BSAS have put the UK forward as the host of the 2016 EAAP meeting. A small working group has been established to take this forward for the society which will be chaired by Geoff Pollott.

### 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  
Feb 2012

## REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION GROUP 2011

### Membership

Jason Rankin (AgriSearch), Lynfa Davies (HCC), Kim Matthews (EBLEX), Howard Tonks (PigRegen Ltd), Derek Armstrong (BPEX), Ray Keatinge (DairyCo), Liam Sinclair (Harper Adams), Henry Greathead (University of Leeds, Chair), Kirsty Kliem (University of Reading), Pinder Gill (DEFRA), David Leaver, Sam Hoste (Quantech Solutions (UK) Ltd), Karen Wonnacott (BOCM PAULS LTD), Mike Steele (BSAS)

### Activities

#### Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 (Farmers Club, London)

12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (Farmers Club, London)

The Group was three years old this year. Consequently, at the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February Liam Sinclair (Chair, 2008-2011) announced that he would be standing down with effect from April (2011) having served his three year term. At this meeting it was agreed that Henry Greathead would take over as Chair. The Group thanks Liam Sinclair for all his work as Chair.

The focus of the Group's activities this year has been Animal Bytes. As initial funding for Animal Bytes had been secured for a period of three years, the Group is currently securing further financial support from: Agrisearch, BPEX, DairyCo, EBLEX, Hybu Cig Cymru, and PigRegen Ltd. Efforts are being made to try and secure funding from the poultry and equine industries, which would ensure more articles of relevance, to them, are published in Animal Bytes.

This year has seen publication of only four rather than six editions of Animal Bytes: Edition 13 (February; dairy cows and beef), Edition 14 (May; sheep and pigs), Edition 15 (October; equine, poultry and non-farm species) and Edition 16 (December; pigs and beef). The reason for this was the transition between Chairs. To ensure a more seamless transition period in future a list of responsibilities and supporting documents are being drawn-up for future incumbents.

While the majority of articles published in Animal Bytes have been sourced from the Proceedings of the British Society of Animal Science, an increasing number are being sourced from Advances in Animal Biosciences, Animal and other journals. The selection of papers for writing up as articles is largely made by the Chair, which is not ideal. On-going efforts have been made to try and encourage others to suggest papers for writing-up. At the suggestion of the levy boards (BPEX, EBLEX & DairyCo), the post-graduate students they fund have been approached to see if they would be interested in participating.

The Animal Bytes website hit rate for 2010/2011 was approximately 368 per month, which is similar to the 310/month recorded in 2009/2010. The majority of visitors were from the UK (53%), followed by the USA (14%). Thought has been given as to how to raise the profile of Animal Bytes and increase the hit rate, one outcome of which is to, in 2012, move from the current bimonthly edition of Animal Bytes to a rolling series of articles. This is because currently traffic 'spikes' after the publication of a new edition of Animal Bytes and then tails off.

Other activities of the group included a one-day 'Best-Practice Knowledge Transfer' event (3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2011) organised by Sam Hoste, and participation (Sam Hoste, Henry Greathead) in 'A Future in Food, Farming and the Environment Conference' (20<sup>th</sup> October 2011) at Askham Bryan College.

Henry Greathead  
January, 2012

## REPORT OF BSAS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE 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:** Dr Richard Dewhurst; Mr Mike Steele and Dr Brian Cooke.

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

**EAAP:** Professor Nigel Scollan (Chair), Dr Andrea Rosati, Dr Kris Sejrsen & Professor Eberhard von Borell

The Editors in Chief on Animal (Dr Jean Noblet) and Advances in Animal Sciences (Professor Cled Thomas) also attend Management Board.

Following my election at the 2011 AGM, I attended my first Animal Management Board meeting at Clermont-Ferrand in October 2011. Representatives from BSAS, INRA, EAAP and our publisher (Cambridge University Press) meet twice a year with a wide-ranging agenda around journal operation and development. The management board develops policies, oversees financial and legal matters, and responds to issues coming from the publisher, editorial board and authors. We also use teleconferencing and e-mail discussions to deal with specific issues. I have been impressed by the commitment of colleagues from other organisations working on the Management Board.

Animal is now in its sixth year of publication and has become established as a leading publication in the field. The journal has an Impact Factor of 1.458 which places it 16/55 in the Agriculture, Dairy and Animal Science list and 32/145 in Veterinary Sciences list. The most exciting news from the most recent Journal Citation Report was that Animal had the highest Immediacy Index in the animal science category. This measures the citations to papers in the year of publication and shows that our 2010 papers were a particular good set that were being cited very quickly. The Management Board continue to explore ways to increase the visibility of the journal and encourage all BSAS members to use the journal for their publications and to cite relevant work from it. We expect this to contribute to continued growth in our impact factor. It is pleasing to note that the journal received notification in March 2012 that it will be included on Medline.

Two of the stalwarts of the journal completed their terms in 2011. Michel Doreau from INRA has steered the journal through its first five years and was replaced as Editor-in-Chief by Jean Noblet, also from INRA. Cled Thomas handed over the reins as Chair of Management Board to Nigel Scollan. Cled will remain involved as he has taken on the role as inaugural Editor-in-Chief of Advances in Animal Biosciences, a sister journal for Animal. Advances in Animal Biosciences already publishes one-page summaries from conferences (BSAS Annual Meetings; Proceedings of the International Symposium on Herbivore Nutrition), and will expand to publish other conference and full papers.

Whilst we are already the premier animal science journal in Europe, we would like to see our profile grow to match competitor journals in America. It is important to stress that Animal is your journal – please use it to publish your work, read it and cite papers from it. I encourage all members to sign up for Table of Contents alerts at:  
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/contentAlert?jid=ANM&type=3>

Animal continues to be an important source of income for BSAS, even though we are moving from the guaranteed income of the first 5 years to a model in which we share profit with our partners EAAP and INRA.

If any BSAS members have comments about the way the journal is developing, or suggestions about how we can make it even better, please contact me by e-mail.

Dr Richard Dewhurst  
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 March 2012

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**SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended 30 November 2011**

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Year ended 30 November 2011

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Council members

Prof Ian Givens	President * (appointed 4 April 2011)
Prof Nigel Scollan	President (resigned 4 April 2011)
Mr Chris Warkup	Senior Vice President * (appointed 4 April 2011)
Prof Ian Givens	Senior Vice President (resigned 4 April 2011)
Dr Peter Williams	Vice President * (appointed 4 April 2011)
Mr Chris Warkup	Vice President (resigned 4 April 2011)
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 Recruitment Chairperson
Dr Emma Baxter	2008 (resigned 4 April 2011)
Dr Pinder Gill	2008 (resigned 4 April 2011)
Dr Chris Reynolds	2008 (resigned 4 April 2011)
Dr Richard Dewhurst	2009
Dr Mike Rose	2009
Dr Violet Beattie	2009
Dr Peter Williams	2010 (resigned 4 April 2011)
Dr Karen Wonnacott	2010
Dr Sinead Waters	2010
Dr Andrew Clempson	2011 (appointed 4 April 2011)
Mr Sam Hoste	2011 (appointed 4 April 2011)
Prof Kevin Sinclair	2011 (appointed 4 April 2011)
Dr Abdul Chaudhury	2011 (appointed 4 April 2011)

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Mr Mike Steele

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## **BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

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

**Year ended 30 November 2011**

#### **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 2011 are as stated on page 1.

The President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President and Honorary Treasurer are deemed to be the Trustees of the charity.

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 2010 in order 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.
- Encourage the investigation of problems and matters pertaining to the science related to animals and its application.
- 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.
- 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.



## BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

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

Year ended 30 November 2011

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year, the Society:-

- Organised and managed successful animal science conferences in Nottingham (April) and, in conjunction with KT Biosciences, Worcester in March
- 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 the 5-year Plan developed previously

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Membership

The membership of the Society increased marginally in 2011. This increase is primarily due to an increase in ordinary members (11) and postgraduate members (8). All other member numbers have remained consistent with the prior year. The actual income was £34,582 (the figure in the income account is grossed up for the discount rates).

	2011	2010
Ordinary members	421	410
Postgraduates	95	87
Retired	64	64
Honorary	26	26
Undergraduates	<u>303</u>	<u>302</u>
	909	889

##### Conferences

We have successfully run two conferences this year. Both meetings ran a surplus. The surplus was £16,815 compared with £24,286 in 2010.

##### Publications

Twelve issues of ANIMAL were published in 2011, resulting in a total of 2,023 A4 pages. The change five 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 continues at well over 2,000. Final financial figures are still awaited from the publishers. Income to BSAS is likely to exceed £60,000 compared to £67,000 in 2010.

No occasional publications were produced this year other than the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting. Sales of occasional publications have produced an income of £50.

The ANIMAL management team is to be congratulated on the continued progress of the journal in 2011.

The overall BSAS journal account showed a surplus of £74,097 which includes a balance from Animal of £2,000 brought forward from 2010.

Animal Bytes showed a surplus of £9,276 in 2011.

## **BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

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

**Year ended 30 November 2011**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)**

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

The Society's charitable expenditure in 2011, excluding discounts, was some £23k lower than in 2010.

The level of educational discounts for membership decreased by some £3,633 this year, and for conferences they decreased by £15,462. Overall income decreased by £73k. Publications income was up by £8k whilst that from conferences decreased by £64k. Investment income decreased by £1,000.

In 2011 a surplus of £27k has been obtained compared with the surplus of £58k in 2010. The surplus from publications has increased to £74k whilst our performance on conferences has continued satisfactorily.

The value of our investments has increased by £4k to £555k thus the Society's funds carried forward at 30 November 2011 were £700k.

During the year the Society has spent some £14k on the 5 Year Plan.

Forecasts for the future indicate that we face a deficit of about £ 47k in 2012, but this will be dependent on the continued success of the ANIMAL journal and sponsorship of conferences. This is predominately due to projected expenditure of £55k on the 5 Year Plan. 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 £22k.

#### **Grant Making Policy**

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

**BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

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

**Year ended 30 November 2011**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW (cont'd)**

**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 or assist with the organisation of animal science conferences in the UK and overseas
- Support the management of the scientific journal ANIMAL (part ownership)
- Develop new activities to meet the needs and aspirations of current and future members

**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 Council 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Council are responsible for keeping accounting records 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. They 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.

The Council 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 2 February 2012 and signed on their behalf by:-

*B. C. Cooke*

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 2011.

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9 FEBRUARY 2012

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30 November 2011

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2011	Total 2010
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	60,498	-	-	60,498	75,889
Investment income	21,804	-	277	22,081	23,027
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Income from publications	81,324	-	-	81,324	73,687
Income from conferences	181,218	-	-	181,218	245,366
Income from Genesis Faraday	-	-	9,000	9,000	9,000
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>344,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,277</b>	<b>354,121</b>	<b>426,969</b>
<b>Charitable expenditure</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	33,631	-	-	33,631	36,464
Charitable activities	269,298	-	9,000	278,298	322,987
Governance costs	18,091	-	-	18,091	12,167
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>321,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>330,020</b>	<b>371,618</b>
<b>Net incoming resources before transfers</b>	<b>23,824</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>24,101</b>	<b>55,351</b>
Gross transfer between funds	(3,600)	3,600	-	-	-
<b>Net incoming resources before revaluations and disposals of investments</b>	<b>20,224</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>24,101</b>	<b>55,351</b>
Realised gain on sale of investments	3,046	-	-	3,046	2,662
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>23,270</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>27,147</b>	<b>58,013</b>
Unrealised (loss)/gain on revaluation of investments	(7,177)	-	217	(6,960)	24,845
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>16,093</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>20,187</b>	<b>82,858</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 December 2010	646,412	3,494	30,336	680,242	597,384
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 30 November 2011</b>	<b>662,505</b>	<b>7,094</b>	<b>30,830</b>	<b>700,429</b>	<b>680,242</b>

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

All operations are continuing.

**BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**As at 30 November 2011**

	£	2011 £	£	2010 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets		236		471
Investments at market value		555,826		551,633
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		556,062		552,104
 <b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	105,244		132,938	
Cash and bank balance	93,394		31,229	
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	198,638		164,167	
 <b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	(54,271)		(36,029)	
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<b>Net current assets</b>		144,367		128,138
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<b>Net assets</b>		700,429		680,242
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 <b>Represented by</b>				
Unrestricted funds		662,505		646,412
Designated funds		7,094		3,494
Restricted funds		30,830		30,336
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		700,429		680,242
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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 2 FEBRUARY 2012. 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.