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Annual General Meeting

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17:30 hours

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BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD IN ROOM LT3, EXCHANGE BUILDING JUBILEE CAMPUS NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2013 AT 17.30 HOURS

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| 1 | Minutes of the Meeting held 24 April 2012 (Note 1) | (Paper 70A) |
| 2 | Report by Chief Executive for the year 2012 (Notes 1) and Reports of the Committees/Groups - <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Science and Technology Events▪ Strategy and Innovation▪ Communication▪ Stakeholders | (Paper 70B-F) (Note 1) |
| 3 | Report of the Hon Treasurer and adoption of the audited accounts | (Paper 70G) (Note 1) |
| 4 | Re-appointment of auditors/assessors | |
| 5 | Election of Office Bearers and Council members (Notes 3-7) | |
| 6 | AOB | |

M A Steele
Chief Executive
April 2013

NOTES

- 1 Papers 70A-70G 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 Dr P E V Williams
- 3 Election of Senior Vice-President (Rule 11). Council proposes the election of Dr A F Carson
- 4 Election of Vice-President. Council proposes the election of Professor S C Bishop
- 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 appointment of Dr P H Simmins
- 7 Election of Council members (Rule 9)
The following members of Council are due to retire and, except for the retiring Past-President and Dr A S Chaudhry rule (9), are not eligible for immediate re-election:-

Dr A S Chaudhry
Dr S Waters
Dr K Wonnacott

Nominations for Council members must be sponsored by at least two members and reach the Chief Executive no later than Monday 8 April 2013

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE HELD AT NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY, 24 APRIL 2012

Apologies

No apologies were received

Professor Ian Givens was in the chair and 63 members were present.

1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting held in April 2011 were accepted as correct. Proposed by Dr Ian Richardson and seconded by Dr Eileen Wall. All matters arising were covered under agenda items.

2 REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mike Steele presented a report for 2011 and a summary of all written reports from groups and committees that had been previously circulated. He highlighted the major activities and achievements of the Society in 2011.

A KT meeting with 120 delegates was held at Worcester, BSAS had again managed the 'Feed Science Forum' event at the Dairy and Livestock Show at NEC Birmingham and had with BEF ran the first of three 'Equine Road Shows' at Warwick College on statistics for college tutors. BSAS had assisted Reading University with the DRINC workshop on 'Milk and Dairy Products in Health and Disease' with 100 delegates. S&I had developed and launched a new BSAS award for *Emerging Scientists* whilst Communications continued to publish Animal Bytes now with student editors helping Henry Greathead who had replaced Professor Liam Sinclair as chair.

ANIMAL had another successful year with the start of a new five year consortium agreement and publishing contract with Cambridge University Press. The EIC Dr Michel Doreau retired to be replaced by Dr Jean Noblet from INRA. Professor Cled Thomas retired as chair of the Management Board and was replaced by Professor Nigel Scollan.

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

3 REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER AND ADOPTION OF EXAMINED ACCOUNTS

Dr Brian Cooke summarised the accounts that have been previously circulated. With the change to the constitution the number of trustees had been reduced to four so as to facilitate ease of banking and accounting. These would be the three Presidents and the Treasurer. The number of full-time ordinary members of BSAS had slightly increased over the last 12 months for the first time in many years.

The society was likely to make a surplus on conferences in the region of £16,000 but sponsorship of events had fallen since 2010 and 2012 could be lower still. The Journal account was likely to provide a surplus of around £74000 with just under £10,000 coming from Animal Bytes. Under the current five-year deal with co-owners INRA and EAAP the BSAS's share of the surplus from ANIMAL would decline so that by 2014 each partner would get equal shares. This would be reflected in lower income for BSAS in future annual accounts. There was also concern that libraries were not renewing subscriptions due to financial cutbacks which might reduce the total surplus.

Although Council had agreed that expenditure on the strategic plan could be spent during 2011 it was likely that most expenditure would occur in 2012 (£100,000 over five years). The BSAS investment income had increased very slightly despite difficult financial markets. Investment value continued around the £700,000 mark

The meeting formally adopted the accounts

Proposed by Chris Warkup

Seconded by Professor David Leaver

Adoption of Assessors

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

Proposed by Dr Brian Cooke
Seconded by Dr Mike Wilkinson

Subscriptions

The society had not increased its annual membership subscriptions for four years and the Treasurer proposed a modest increase from £65 to £70. To be implemented from January 2013.

Proposed Dr Brian Cooke
Seconded Dr Eileen Wall

On behalf of the society The President thanked Dr Cooke for his wise and huge input into BSAS finances.

4 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

President - Mr C C Warkup
Senior Vice-President - Dr P E V Williams
Vice-President – Dr Alastair Carson
Chief Executive - Mr Mike Steele
Honorary Treasurer Dr B C Cooke
Chief Executive Mr M A Steele

Council members
Dr Ryan Law
Dr Debbie Nash
Dr Mary Vickers
Dr Jos Houdijk

The President thanked the outgoing Council members Dr Violet Beattie, Dr Richard Dewhurst and Dr Mike Rose

5 ACCREDITATION

Professor Colin Whittlemore gave a short paper (attached) explaining the BSAS Accreditation scheme (Register of Animal Scientists and Animal Technicians). The system for joining and assessment was almost complete and would be available online shortly. It would need testing and then a gradual rollout to members and others interested in joining the register out-with the society. An accreditation panel was being formed and invitations would go to both specialists and independent members in due course. The AGM endorsed Colin Whittlemore's role as the person to lead this accreditation panel in the interim. They accepted that there was an enormous amount of work involved in both getting this group established and then able to manage the flow of applications. A range of expertise would be required.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concern was expressed about *nutritional standards* used in research and the needs for an up to date review. BSAS and its members could undertake such a review but not without adequate funding as the amount of work involved would be very large if the assessment was done properly.

BSAS was following up its *expression of interest* in running EAAP 2016 by looking at a number of possible UK venues to run this European meeting. Given the current economic climate a robust budget was required and BSAS members would be attending EAAP 2012 to discuss a number of issues with EAAP Council and the Secretariat. If the society was to take the risk of running a large meeting then it would have to be done on terms with which BSAS was comfortable.

On behalf of the incoming president Professor Nigel Scollan gave a short verbal CV of Chris Warkup (incoming President) who was looking forward to his presidential year. He was of the opinion that it was time for the society to stand up and be counted in terms of advocating strengthening the UK research base.

On behalf of the members Dr Pete Williams thanked Professor Ian Givens for his Presidential year. He complimented him on his care and attention to detail in guiding the Society through the last 12 months.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT 2012

BSAS Council met on 2 occasions in February and September. President's committee met in February, May and September.

AGM 2012 This focused on the commissioned Strategic Review headed up by Prof. Colin Whittemore who reported on:

- Increasing impact to end-users, and the authority of the Society
- Developing the benefits of BSAS Memberships
- Collaborations with other Societies & federation
- Functionality of BSAS Office & progress towards BSAS back & front offices.

ACCREDITATION The register of Animal Scientists and Animal Technologists was launched in September 2012. It is overseen by the Society of Biology and Science Council. Targeted members were invited to join.

ANIMAL ANIMAL had another successful year with Nigel Scollan as the new head of the Management Board. This met in Italy (June) and Cambridge (Nov). The Impact factor rose to 1.744. Submissions remain healthy. China and Brazil became the fastest growing submission countries. Plans are being put in place to develop Advances in Animal BioSciences into a journal. The future for publishing looks a challenging one and BSAS must plan for a declining level of income from ANIMAL.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012 The 2012 meeting was held at Nottingham University jointly with the AVTRW. WPSA also had their spring meeting at the same time and venue. Over 400 delegates enjoyed a wet weather conference. The theme was **HEALTHY FOOD FROM HEALTHY ANIMALS** with the Hammond Lecture from Professor Mike Gibney on the Role of animal-derived foods in an obesogenic environment)

OTHER 2012 EVENTS BSAS organised 2 ASES stats Roadshow at Harbury & Ashkum Bryan, the Feed Science Seminars at the RABDF Livestock show, the ISES International conference at Edinburgh Vet school and a student workshop on Statistics at Leeds.

THE ACADEMICA ASSOCIATION AA now has 12 member groups & held two country events as well as a breakfast meeting at Nottingham.

EAAP 2016 A small BSAS team identified a short list of UK venues and negotiated a management package with EAAP for 'EAAP 2016'

BSAS GROUPS BSAS redesigned its functions into a number of new or remodelled groups/committees: Strategy and Innovation, Science & Technical Event, Communications, Stakeholders, Accreditation.

AWARDS The Sir John Hammond Award was awarded to Dr Tim Keady of Teagasc for his research on forage production, applied nutrition, and product quality and technology transfer.

RSPCA/BSAS Award for Innovative Developments in Animal Welfare 2012 was presented to Professor David Macdonald and his Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU), Department of Zoology, Oxford University. for its work on wildlife conservation and animal welfare.

Presidents Prizes 2012 Theatre Winner – Marcin Pszczola, Wageningen UR Livestock Research

Best Highlight Presentation - Muhammad Jaspal University of Bristol

Highly Commended Theatre - Ollie Szyszka, Newcastle University & Faye Shepherd Duchy College

BRIAN COOKE Brian Cooke's sudden death in May this year was a great shock to all. His contribution to BSAS over his period as Treasurer and financial advisor was immense. As an acknowledgement to Brian a one-off scholarship will be offered for this year in his area of non-ruminant nutrition. ANIMAL will also provide a number of open access publishing slots for young authors.

NEW BSAS TREASURER Howard Simmins has taken up the post of BSAS Treasurer. Howard knows the Society well, having been BSAS Programme chair and Council member. He has excellent financial skills and a strong interest in BSAS's strategic development.

FINANCE With considerable programmed expenditure on the strategic review BSAS had a deficit of £54000 although it remained very strong financially due to its reserves.

Mike Steele
February 2013

REPORT OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EVENTS GROUP 2012

During the year as part of BSAS development the committee changed it's name from P&P to Science and Technology Events (S&TE) committee.

The Committee met in June for its business meeting, to develop the structure of 2013 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 2012

The 2012 meeting was held jointly with the WPSA, AVTRW and ASF at Nottingham University, with 365 delegates attending in early-April. Its theme was 'Healthy Food From Healthy Animals' with the Hammond Lecture from Professor Mike Gibney.

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 lead to some interesting discussions between specialists and animals scientists! There were 182 theatre presentations including 25 invited papers, 63 posters and 21 'Highlight' presentations.

This was the third 'trial' of Highlight sessions and in 2012 all poster applications were given as highlights, with the optional opportunity to display a poster. These were 2 minute talks with 2 or 3 questions whilst the speakers changed 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.

PRESIDENTS PRIZES 2012

Theatre Prize winner was Marcin Pszczola, of Wageningen UR Livestock Research and Ollie Szyszka, Newcastle University and Faye, Shepherd Duchy College were highly commended. There was no prize for a short theatre presentation. Muhammad Jaspal of the University of Bristol was awarded best highlight presentation, there was no highly commended

The Sir John Hammond Award was presented to Dr Tim Keady of Teagasc and the RSPCA/BSAS Award for Innovative Developments in Animal Welfare 2012 was presented to Professor David Macdonald and his Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WildCRU), Department of Zoology, Oxford University.

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 some BSAS poultry papers were incorporated into the WPSA programme, though those stating that they were entering papers under BSAS rather than WPSA had their own session when the WPSA meeting has closed so that delegates from both groups could attend.

The Student Council organised their 'Student Sunday' on the Monday. It also held a 2 day statistics course in Leeds in September

Ian Richardson
February 2012

REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND INNOVATION GROUP

The group had two teleconference meetings and a meeting in Belfast during the year. 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. We have had particular close linkages in the development of the Accreditation Group, now active in its own right.

Awards

The Sir John Hammond Award was given to Dr Tim Keady, Teagasc, Ireland and the RSPCA/BSAS award was given to David MacDonald, Zoology, University of Oxford. A total of six early career scientists had benefited from monies from the Murray Black, Sir Kenneth Baxter and Alan Robertson awards. This includes Sandra Starke, RVC, Vasilis Symeou, Newcastle University, Gustaf Rydevik and Cameron Craigie, SAC (SRUC) for the Murray Black. Lizbeth Lachrame-Lora, University of Liverpool for the Alan Roberson and Sophia Stavrakakis, University of Newcastle for the Kenneth Blaxter. We have also established a new and larger award – a BSAS Early Career Award. The first award recipient was Jennifer Kember, Aberystwyth.

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.

Links to other organisations

Richard Dewhurst has made great strides in exploring BSAS links to other societies and groupings, particularly with the help of the Society of Biology.

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.

Student Council

The Student Council chair was handed over from Oluwagbemiga (Gbenga) Adeleye, Newcastle University to Kate Johnson, RVC. A number of student events have taken place over the year including a Statistics course (Sept) and a Genomics workshop in Jan 2013 and the Student Event ahead of the Annual Conference. The Student Council continue to grow in their activities and are active across all groups of the society.

EAAP 2016

BSAS have put the UK forward as the host of the 2016 EAAP meeting. A small working group has been formed involving Mike Steele, Howard Simmins, Michael Lee, Ryan Law, Geoff Pollott and Eileen Wall. The activities this year have focussed on short listing potential venues, discussions with EAAP on the Terms and Conditions of hosting as well as establishing a sound financial and project plan for undertaking this event. This will continue over the coming few months in discussion with EAAP.

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.

Finally, my time is coming to an end as Chair of S&I. I have enjoyed it immensely and wish I had more time to do even more for the society. I would particularly like to thank Ryan Law as Secretary of the group and of course Mike Steele and the office for all their support. I wish the new Chair every success.

Eileen Wall
March 2013

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 2012

MEMBERSHIP

Jason Rankin (AgriSearch), Lynfa Davies (HCC), Kim Matthews (EBLEX), Sue Rabbich (BPEX), Mary Vickers (DairyCo), Henry Greathead (University of Leeds, Chair), Kirsty Kliem (University of Reading), Sam Hoste (Quantech Solutions (UK) Ltd), Karen Wonnacott (BOCM Pauls Ltd), Mike Steele (BSAS Chief Executive), Caroline Stocks (BSAS Communications Director), Liam Sinclair (Harper Adams), Pinder Gill (DEFRA), David Leaver

During the year the Education and Communications Committee was restructured and renamed the Communications Group, which now, along with Animal Bytes, includes all Society publications, namely Animal, Advances in Animal Biosciences, Animal Briefs, newsletters, leaflets and brochures, press releases and press conferences. A meeting was held at the University of Leeds on the 10th January (2013) to discuss the workings of this new group. As this restructure took place part-way through the year the activities of the 'old' Education and Communications Committee are reported separately from those of the newly incorporated areas of the 'new' Group.

ACTIVITIES (Education and Communications Committee)

The Committee met on the 1st February 2012 at the Farmers Club, London. The main business of the meeting was to discuss Animal Bytes, which included receiving feedback from the stakeholders, and consideration of ways to develop Animal Bytes further with a view to increasing its readership.

Seven editions (Editions 17-23) of Animal Bytes were published during the year. The end of the year saw the last monthly edition; articles are now to be published on a weekly basis. There was significant student input, under the leadership of Anna Lemoine (University of Leeds), into the editing and writing of articles for Animal Bytes, an outcome of the meeting held on the 1st February (2012). Georgina Crayford (University of Liverpool) took over as student lead at the end of the year.

Viewing of the Animal Bytes website increased by 69% compared to the previous year, but, at just over 6,500 viewings, this is still at least ten-fold lower than what is wanted. It is hoped that the new website, developed during the year, the new weekly publication of articles, and increased media awareness, thanks to the efforts of Caroline Stocks (BSAS Communications Director), will see a big increase in viewings during 2013.

As was the case last year the Committee ensured BSAS had a presence, thanks to Stephen Pace, at the 'A Future in Food, Farming and the Environment Conference' (8th November 2012) held at Askham Bryan College.

ACTIVITIES (Animal, Advances in Animal Biosciences and Animal Briefs)

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A series of papers on controversial and topical animal science issues were published on the new BSAS website which also incorporates ANIMAL Bytes

Henry Greathead
March, 2013

REPORT OF THE STAKEHOLDERS GROUP 2013

SUMMARY OF TASKS AND STRUCTURE

The stakeholders is a new grouping within BSAS aimed at making the society more accessible to our major stakeholders i.e. Academia, Industry and other Animal Science orientated organisations. The group will eventually consist of three arms encompassing these three main stakeholder groupings. In the first year of the group the aim was to set up the arm for academia, this was achieved with the development of the new Academia Association (AA). The aim for the current year will be to set up an industry group initiative to mirror the AA and an organisations grouping to encompass the levy boards and other animal science centric organisations. Once these three arms of the group are developed a stakeholders committee will be formed made up of representatives of each group.

ACADEMIA ASSOCIATION

The academia association (AA) was launched, at last year's annual meeting at the inaugural BSAS AA Breakfast, as a grouping of higher education universities/colleges and research institutes which engage in animal science teaching and research. To join each member must have at least 5 ordinary member equivalents of BSAS or 10 to be a gold member. At the event the aim of the AA was stated as a hub to facilitate collaboration between animal science active Universities colleges and institutes and support animal science based students within their organisations (linked to student council). The ultimate aim would be to link the AA, industry group and organisations group to facilitate competitive grant capture and form strong research links under the BSAS umbrella. The founding members of the AA and their ambassadors were:

Aberystwyth University (Michael Lee); Harper Adams University College (Liam Sinclair); Nottingham Trent University (Emily Burton); Scottish Agricultural College (Eileen Wall); Obafemi Awolowo University (Akinyele Adeshinwa); University of Bristol (Ian Richardson); University of Newcastle (Abdul Chaudhry); University of Nottingham (Kevin Sinclair); University of Reading (Kirsty Kleim)

The first ambassadors' meeting was held in Birmingham 29th June 2012. At the meeting Michael Lee was elected as chair of the ambassadors committee to stand for 1 year. It was also agreed to obtain presence of the AA on the new BSAS website, to summarise all member organisations facilities and research objective to produce a database accessible via the internet. It was also agreed to strengthen the links with student council to aid tracking of Post graduate students, and to target key organisations which were not current AA members.

The second ambassadors' meeting was held in Aberystwyth 10th December 2012. The grouping had grown by two new members: Teagasc (David Kenny), Writtle College (Sifelani Chikunya) in addition Jos Houdijk had taken the role of ambassador for the newly named Scottish Rural University College with Eileen wall acting as deputy. In the meeting it was agreed that each member would nominate a deputy ambassador and a student representative to stand on student council. This would further strengthen the visibility of BSAS within the AA member organisations. Since the meeting the AA has grown to 12 members with the joining of the University of Leeds (Amy Taylor), Christina Marley has taken the role of ambassador at Aberystwyth University and Michael Lee has taken Ian Richardson's role at Bristol University with Ian acting as deputy.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

A meeting was held in Birmingham on 14th March 2012 with members of AESE – Advancing Equine Scientific Excellence to discuss the options for AESE to join the stakeholders group and how the organisation will be set up. These options will be discussed fully with council.

Michael RF Lee
March 2013

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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 November 2012

BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE
REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 November 2012

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BRITISH SOCIETY of ANIMAL SCIENCE

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Year ended 30 November 2012

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Council members

Mr Chris Warkup	President * (appointed 24 April 2012)
Prof Ian Givens	President * (resigned 24 April 2012)
Dr Peter Williams	Senior Vice President * (appointed 24 April 2012)
Mr Chris Warkup	Senior Vice President * (resigned 24 April 2012)
Dr Alistair Carson	Vice President * (appointed 24 April 2012)
Dr Peter Williams	Vice President * (resigned 24 April 2012)
Dr Howard Simmins	Honorary Treasurer * (appointed July 2012)
Dr Brian Cooke	Honorary Treasurer* (until May 2012)
Dr Ian Richardson	Science and Technology Events Chairperson (formerly Programme and Publications)
Dr Eileen Wall	Strategy and Innovation Chairperson
Dr Henry Greathead	Communications Chairperson
Dr Richard Dewhurst	2009 (resigned 24 April 2012)
Dr Mike Rose	2009 (resigned 24 April 2012)
Dr Violet Beattie	2009 (resigned 24 April 2012)
Dr Peter Williams	2010 (resigned 4 April 2011)
Dr Karen Wonnacott	2010
Dr Sinead Waters	2010
Dr Andrew Clempson	2011 (resigned 1 December 2011)
Mr Sam Hoste	2011
Prof Kevin Sinclair	2011
Dr Abdul Chaudhury	2011
Dr Ryan Law	2012 (appointed 24 April 2012)
Dr Jos Houdijk	2012 (appointed 24 April 2012)
Dr Mary Vickers	2012 (appointed 24 April 2012)
Dr Debbie Nash	2012 (appointed 24 April 2012)

* Trustees of the Society during the year

Chief Executive

Mr Mike Steele

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2012

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 2012 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 committees carry out work in furtherance of the charity's objectives, and report directly to the Council Members.

Brian Cooke

Brian Cooke, the BSAS Treasurer for the last 12 years, died suddenly in May 2012. His contribution to BSAS over his period was immense. He will be remembered for both his financial expertise and robust and kindly manner.

New BSAS Treasurer

Howard Simmins has now taken up the post of BSAS Treasurer. He has excellent financial skills and a strong interest in BSAS's strategic development.

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.

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2012

- 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year, the Society:-

- Organised and managed Milk and Dairy Products in Health and Disease (December 2011), the successful animal science conferences in Nottingham (April), Student Council Statistics Workshop (September), 3 Road shows in collaboration with AESE and one meeting managed on behalf of ISES, Edinburgh (July).
- 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 with the first members joining the accreditation scheme.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Membership

The membership of the Society increased in 2012. This increase is primarily due to an increase in undergraduate members (76) and postgraduate members (10). A concern was the reduction in ordinary members by 34. The actual income was £32,200 (the figure in the income account is grossed up for the discount rates). The Society took the first step towards corporate membership.

	2012	2011
Ordinary members	387	421
Postgraduates	105	95
Retired	66	64
Honorary	25	26
Undergraduates	379	303
Corporate members	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	963	909

Conferences

We have successfully run one conference, two meetings, 3 road shows and 1 workshop this year. Overall there was a loss of £2,168 compared with a surplus of £16,815 in 2011. The cost management for the meetings has improved but the contribution from sponsorship was lower than in 2011.

Publications

Twelve issues of ANIMAL were published in 2012, resulting in a total of 2,060 A4 pages. The change six years ago from combining 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. As contracted, the proportion paid to BSAS compared with our partners will continue to reduce until it stabilises at 1/3 each in 2015. Final financial figures are still awaited from the publishers. Income to BSAS is likely to be around £54,000 compared with £62,816 in 2011. The ANIMAL management team is to be congratulated on the continued progress of the journal in 2012.

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (cont'd)

Year ended 30 November 2012

No occasional publications were produced this year other than one edition of the Advances in Animal Biosciences Series i.e. the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting. Sales of occasional publications have produced an income of £119. The overall BSAS journal account showed a surplus of £66,553 which includes an over accrual of the amount receivable from ANIMAL of £741 brought forward from 2011.

Animal Bytes showed a surplus of £12,649 in 2012, which was an increase of £3,715 over 2011. The surplus was due to lower expenditure.

Statement of Financial Activities

The Society's charitable expenditure in 2012, excluding discounts, was some £109,860 higher than in 2011.

The level of educational discounts for membership increased by £5,191 this year, and for conferences they decreased by £3,202. Overall income increased by £29k. Publications income was down by £13k whilst that from conferences increased by £37k. Investment income increased by £2k.

A deficit of £54,214 was obtained compared with the surplus of £27k in 2011. The surplus from publications was £66.5k whilst conferences showed a deficit of £2.1k.

The value of our investments has increased significantly to £601k. The Society's funds carried forward at 30 November 2012 were £688k a decrease of £12k on 2011.

During the year the Society has spent some £29k on the 5 Year Plan in line with expectations.

The Society performed slightly worse than forecast for 2012 as it planned on a deficit of £47k in order to invest in the accreditation scheme as part of the 5 year plan. The forecast for 2013 is also negative (£70k), and indicates the need for a new regular source of income, with sponsorship being a target. The reduction in income from Animal and subscriptions is likely to continue. The value of the Society's investments is dependent upon the stock market conditions, which continue under active management by Barclays Wealth.

We confirm that the financial management of the Society continues in line with Council's policy on risk, which is under continual review in the present difficult economic conditions.

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 Barclays Wealth as investment managers. The Council has 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 £24k. The target is under review in the light of reduced income from other sources, whilst maintaining a prudent management of the portfolio.

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.

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Future Strategy

The present negative balance shows no signs of reversing in 2013 or in future years given the expected income from membership subscriptions, publications and investments. Conferences are unlikely to break even without additional income. Therefore any future strategy requires a consistent new source of income and one strong contender should be sponsorship. It is in the business plan to increase income from sponsorship and this will be prioritised in 2013. Other opportunities to increase income and reduce costs, as appropriate, will be under continual review.

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).

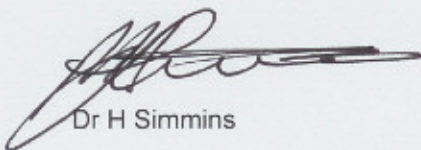
The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these 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 6 February 2013 and signed on their behalf by:-



Dr H Simmins

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF
THE 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 2012.

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STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30 November 2012

	Un- restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2012 £	Total 2011 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	62,911	-	-	62,911	60,498
Investment income	23,982	-	293	24,275	22,081
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Income from publications	68,391	-	-	68,391	81,324
Income from conferences	218,221	-	-	218,221	181,218
Income from Genesis Faraday	-	-	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total incoming resources	373,505	-	9,293	382,798	354,121
Charitable expenditure					
Costs of generating voluntary income	43,324	-	-	43,324	33,631
Charitable activities	354,979	2,000	9,000	365,979	278,298
Governance costs	32,566	-	-	32,566	18,091
Total resources expended	430,869	2,000	9,000	441,869	330,020
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers	(57,364)	(2,000)	293	(59,071)	24,101
Gross transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before revaluations and disposals of investments	(57,364)	(2,000)	293	(59,071)	24,101
Realised gain on sale of investments	4,076	-	781	4,857	3,046
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(53,288)	(2,000)	1,074	(54,214)	27,147
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	41,903	-	-	41,903	(6,960)
Net movement in funds	(11,385)	(2,000)	1,074	(12,311)	20,187
Fund balances brought forward at 1 December 2011	662,505	7,094	30,830	700,429	680,242
Fund balances carried forward at 30 November 2012	651,120	5,094	31,904	688,118	700,429

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

All operations are continuing.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 November 2012

	£	2012 £	£	2011 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		-		236
Investments at market value		600,566		555,826
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		600,566		556,062
Current assets				
Debtors	122,362		105,244	
Cash and bank balance	43,230		93,394	
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	165,592		198,638	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(78,040)		(54,271)	
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Net current assets		87,552		144,367
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Net assets		688,118		700,429
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Represented by				
Unrestricted funds		651,120		662,505
Designated funds		5,094		7,094
Restricted funds		31,904		30,830
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		688,118		700,429
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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 6 FEBRUARY 2013. 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.