



Annual Business Meeting

**Thursday 5 July 2007 at 12.00 hours
Lecture Theatre 1, Boyd Orr Building
The University of Glasgow**

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General Secretary's Notices

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SOCIETY

Attention is drawn to Rules 12, 13 and 18 concerning applications for membership of the Society, which are considered by the Committee for acceptance without a ballot by the Society. Application forms are available from the Society's website. Applications submitted to the Society's office before 26 June 2007 will be considered at the July 2007 Committee Meeting.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Members are requested to send notices of any changes of permanent address, degrees or titles, to the Society's office without delay.

CL OAKLEY LECTURE

Applications are invited for the 29th CL Oakley Lecture, to be given at the Summer 2008 Meeting.

A **brief curriculum vitae** of the applicant, normally aged 40 years or less, together with a **500-word abstract** of the research being presented, should be received in the Society's office by **1 December 2007**.

GRANT SCHEMES

Visit the Society's website for full details and application forms — www.pathsoc.org.uk

The schemes are summarised below:

BURSARIES FOR UNDERGRADUATE ELECTIVE VACATION STUDIES

The Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland is offering a number of bursaries to undergraduate students of medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry or biomedical science to enable them to work for elective or vacation periods in departments of pathology in universities, medical schools, NHS laboratories or research institutes in the United Kingdom or overseas. Proposals for work on research projects in any branch of pathology or for acquisition of experience in diagnostic departments are eligible for consideration. **Such work should normally be sponsored by a Member of the Society.** The closing dates for applications are **31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October** each year.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Society sponsors a number of Fellowships to enable members of the medical and allied professions working in the UK or Ireland in pathologically-related biomedical research to travel to other institutions for periods of up to 12 months to learn new techniques of value in their clinical and/or laboratory research. The closing dates for applications are **1 January and 1 August** each year.

INTERCALATED DEGREES IN PATHOLOGY

The Society provides a sum each year for up to six medical, dental or veterinary undergraduates who wish to take an Intercalated Degree (either BSc or MRes/MSc) in Pathology in Great Britain or Ireland but who are unable to do so because of lack of local education authority funding. The closing date for applications is **1 March** each year.

OPEN SCHEME

This scheme supports a range of additional activities, all of which share one common aim, namely to support the Society's Mission Statement. Additional funds have been allocated to this Scheme from 2006–2009 as part of the *Centenary Splash*. **Applications are invited from Members of the Society of at least 12 months standing.** The closing dates for applications are **1 March, 1 June, 1 October and 1 December** each year.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS BURSARIES

A number of bursaries will be made available to cover the cost of registration fees for Society Members who are post-graduate students (PhD, MD or MSc) and wish to present their research at Society meetings. An applicant whose work is/has been selected for presentation in a plenary session will be favoured. The closing dates for applications are **1 June and 1 November** each year.

PHD STUDENTSHIPS

The Society provides a PhD sponsorship scheme. Applications are invited from **established Members of the Society (membership of minimum 12 months) who wish to act as supervisors** of a project which will lead to the award of a PhD for the student carrying out the work under their supervision. The closing date for applications is **1 November** each year for projects commencing the following year.

PILOT STUDY GRANT SCHEME

The Pilot Study Grant Scheme has been established to encourage Members who are trainees in Histopathology or Immunology to undertake investigative research. Applications are invited from Specialist Registrars (or Honorary Specialist Registrars) in the discipline. The Society will support research which will lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals and/or to the award of a higher degree. Additional funds have been allocated to this Scheme from 2006–2009 as part of the *Centenary Splash*. The closing dates for applications are **1 January** and **1 August** each year.

TRAVEL & CONFERENCE BURSARY

This scheme was introduced in 2004 to encourage and promote scientific communications at major international meetings. **The Society meetings are excluded from these awards.** Applications are invited from established Members of the Society (membership of minimum 12 months). Members who are in substantive NHS consultant, academic or similar permanent positions are **ineligible** for this Scheme. There are no deadline dates for this bursary as applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of 6 July 2006.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
3. Elections:
 - (a) General Secretary – Elect.
 - (b) Treasurer.
 - (c) Committee Members.
 - (d) Trainees Sub-Committee.
4. President's Report * (*Prof DA Levison*).
 - 4.1 Society Centenary.
 - 4.2 Other activities in 2006–2007.
 - 4.2 Presentation of Ritchie Medal.
5. General Secretary's Report * (*Prof PA Hall*).
 - 5.1 Notice of Proposal to Amend Rule Numbers 1 and 3 from July 2008.

The Committee propose the amendment of rule numbers 1 and 3 as below in order to formalise the election of Officers one year in advance (Rule 1) and the Chairs of the Education & Training, Research and Trainees Sub-Committees Chairs (Rule 3).

OFFICERS BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

Rule number 1 – current wording:
The Society shall elect from its members a President who shall be appointed for a period of three years. Subject to election and willingness of the incumbent this may be extended for one 3 year term only.

Proposed new wording – changes are italicised
The Society shall elect from its members a President who shall be appointed for a period of three years. Subject to election and willingness of the incumbent this may be extended for one 3 year term only. *The President will be appointed one year in advance (President-elect) to ensure continuity, this additional year not being part of the stated term.*

Rule number 3 – current wording:
The Society shall elect from its members a General Secretary, a Meetings Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall be appointed for a period of five years, irrespective of whether they are elected due to retirement of a previous Officer, or replacing a demitting or resigning Officer. All Officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Proposed new wording – changes are italicised
The Society shall elect from its members a General Secretary, a Meetings Secretary and a Treasurer. *In addition, Chairs of the Education & Training and the Research Sub-committees shall be elected from the members. A Chair of the Trainees Sub-committee shall be elected by Ordinary members who are trainees.* These officers shall be appointed for a period of five years (*three years for Chairs of Education & Training, Research and Trainees Sub-Committees*), irrespective of whether they are elected due to retirement of a previous Officer, or replacing a demitting or resigning Officer. All Officers shall be eligible for re-election. *All posts will be appointed one year in advance to ensure continuity (officer-elect), this additional year not being part of the stated term.*
 - 5.2 Society Lectures, Medals and Awards: Call for nominations for 2008.
 - 5.2.1 Goudie Lecture and Medal – *nomination deadline 1 June 2007.*
 - 5.2.2 CL Oakley Lecture – *application deadline 1 December 2007.*
 - 5.2.3 Doniach Lecture and Award – *nomination deadline 1 December 2007.*
 - 5.2.4 Ritchie Medal – *nomination deadline 1 November 2007 and 1 May 2008.*
 - 5.3 Membership.
 - 5.4 Other matters.

6. Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Auditors * (*Prof AD Burt*).
 - 6.1 Review of the Year 2006.
 - 6.2 Investment Management – Tendering Project, November 2006.
 - 6.3 Grant Scheme budgets – The Centenary Splash.
 - 6.4 Society Offices.
 - 6.5 Accounts for the year ended 31.12.06 – to seek acceptance and approval.
 - 6.6 Re-appointment of Auditors – to seek approval.
 - 6.7 Other matters.

7. Meetings' Secretary's Report * (*Prof M Pignatelli*).
 - 7.1 Centenary Meeting, Manchester, July 2006.
 - 7.2 Winter Meeting incorporating Trainees Programme, 3–5 January 2007, UCL.
 - 7.3 Future meetings.

8. Sub-Committees – Chairmen's Reports.
 - 8.1 Education and Training Sub-Committee (*Prof P Domizio*)
 - 8.2 Research Sub-Committee (*Prof S Fleming*)
 - 8.3 Trainees' Sub-Committee (*Dr KE Robertson or Dr M Deheragoda*)

9. Editor's Report * (*Prof CS Herrington*).

10. Webmaster's Report * (*Prof J Lowe*).

11. Any Other Business.

* In order to improve the timeliness of the meeting, brief verbal reports will be given at the Business Meeting. A detailed *Annual Update Report* will be available to Members on our website (www.pathsoc.org.uk) from Friday 1 June 2007.

Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of the Society held in Main Hall Part 1, The Armitage Centre, University of Manchester at 17.00 hrs on Thursday 6 July 2006.

1. Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting of 7 July 2005.

The minutes were accepted by the meeting – the acceptance was proposed by Prof S Fleming and seconded by Dr N Kirkham.

Prof Sir David Weatherall (Oxford)
Prof Sir Dillwyn Williams (Cambridge)
Prof Dennis H Wright (Winchester)

As Prof Pignatelli had to depart early, item 10 was brought forward.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes of 7 July 2005.

There were no matters arising.

3. Election of Meetings Secretary-Elect.

Prof M Pignatelli would retire as Meetings Secretary in July 2007 after his sterling work as Meetings Secretary since 2002. In order to aid the smooth handover, the Committee had decided to elect a replacement proleptically (as had been done for the President and would be done for all Officers in future). Only one nomination had been received for this post from Prof IO Ellis, Nottingham, and he was duly elected as Meetings Secretary-Elect in the absence of any other candidates. His five year term of office would commence in July 2007. Prof Ellis was congratulated on his election.

4. Election of Committee Members.

Three vacancies existed following the retirement of Dr B Angus, Prof S Fleming and Dr JJ Going. Five nominations had been received from Dr RJ Byers (Manchester), Prof M Ilyas (Nottingham), Prof N Lemoine (London), Dr SR Snead (Coventry) and Prof AH Wyllie (Cambridge). Following the ballot the following were duly elected to the Committee Dr RJ Byers, Prof NR Lemoine and Prof AH Wyllie.

5. Election of Honorary Members.

The Society's Rules permit the existence of 30 Honorary Members. In commemoration of its Centenary year the Committee at its meeting in January, having considered many distinguished individuals who might be offered Honorary Membership, had proposed and circulated a ballot paper for the following 10 individuals to be granted Honorary Membership. Questions were invited from the floor on this matter – there were none.

Following a ballot, therefore, the following were proposed and duly elected as Honorary Members:

Prof Colin C Bird (Edinburgh)
Prof Christopher W Elston (Nottingham)
Prof Sir Roddy MacSween (Glasgow)
Dr Basil C Morson (W Sussex)
Prof Sir Keith Peters (Cambridge)
Dr Eric Sidebottom (Oxford)
Prof Sir James CE Underwood (Sheffield)

10. Meetings' Secretary's Report.

Prof M Pignatelli reported as follows:

10.1 Newcastle Pathology 2005, 5–8 July (3rd Joint Meeting with BDIAP).

This was a great success, was well attended with 480 delegates registered and there were 250 abstracts. Feedback had been excellent and our collaboration with the BDIAP remained strong.

10.2 Winter Meeting 2006, 4–6 January, Cambridge.

This incorporated the Trainees' Forum and was considered to be a great success in terms of the number of delegates, i.e. 200. Prof Pignatelli thanked the local organisers, i.e. Prof AH Wyllie, Dr MJ Arends and Prof VP Collins for an excellent meeting.

10.3 Current Meetings.

Centenary Meeting 2006, 4–7 July, Manchester.

This had been an excellent meeting, with 496 delegates. A number of new initiatives were included, i.e. Meet the Experts lunchtime sessions for Trainees, which had been very well received as was the Histopathology Examinations session. These sessions would be repeated in future meetings. Prof Pignatelli thanked the local organisers, i.e. Prof T Freemont, Dr R McMahon and Dr E Benbow for an excellent meeting.

10.4 Future Meetings.

Winter Meeting 2007, 3–5 January, UCL, London.

Prof M Novelli will be the local organiser. The programme was almost finalised with 3 symposia on urological pathology, advances in lymphomas and non-gynaecological cytopathology. There will also be an Undergraduate Education session, a trainees' programme and a joint symposium with the Chinese Pathological Society was also planned, which we hope will become part of an on-going collaboration.

Glasgow Pathology 2007: 3–6 July (4th Joint Meeting with the BDIAP).

Prof B Gusterson, Dr K Oien & Dr JJ Going are the local organisers. The programme had almost been finalised and included symposia on molecular profiling, neuropathology, renal

pathology, gastrointestinal pathology. A Meet the Experts trainees' session will also be held.

2008 Winter Meeting, Oxford, 7–9 January.

[Note: date has subsequently been amended to 8–9 January]

Drs S Manek and BF Warren are the local organisers. The Examinations Hall, had been identified as an appropriate venue. Topics are to be identified by the local programme committee shortly.

2008 Summer Meeting, Leeds 1–4 July.

Prof P Quirke, Dr H Grabsch and Prof A Hanby are the local organisers. A venue had been identified and a draft programme had already been drawn up, including symposia on incipient neoplasia, degeneration/regeneration; modelling disease from yeast to human and a joint symposium with ISCO (International Society for Cellular Oncology) on Friday 4 July.

2009 Winter Meeting, Guys/Kings/St Thomas, London, 7–9 January.

Prof S Lucas had agreed to host the meeting and a site visit was planned for the Autumn.

2009 Cardiff (5th Joint Meeting with the BDIAP), 30 June–3 July.

Prof GT Williams and Prof B Jasani are the local organisers.

2010 Winter Meeting, London, January.

Prof GW Stamp had agreed in principle to organise the meeting. The venue and dates are yet to be confirmed.

2010 Summer Meeting, St Andrews.

Prof CS Herrington, St Andrews and Prof S Fleming, Dundee had offered to jointly host this meeting – this was subject to confirmation.

2011 Summer Meeting (would be the 6th Joint Meeting with the BDIAP).

Suggestions for venues were requested and this would be the subject of discussion with the BDIAP before any decision would be taken.

Questions were invited from the floor – there were none.

Prof Pignatelli then thanked Mrs J Saunders, local department, Ms RA Pitts and Ms J Johnstone for all their efforts in organising the meeting and presented them with floral bouquets.

The General Secretary thanked the Meetings Secretary for giving his report.

6. President's Report.

Prof Sir NA Wright reported as follows:

6.1 Society Centenary.

The Centenary had got off to a great start with the current meeting in Manchester which was well attended and with the publication of the

Centenary History, which had been distributed to all members.

6.2 Other Matters.

RAE

As was now well known the 2008 RAE may be the last Research Assessment Exercise as we know it and it was likely that a metrics based mechanism for funding allocation would be developed. The Society would continue to make representations and support Academic Pathology as best it could.

Clinical Excellence Awards

The President had written commendations for several members and both he and his successor would be happy to continue to do this.

Human Tissue Act

Following release of the consultation on the Codes of Practice, the President had responded on behalf of the Academy of Medical Sciences and the Path Society.

Public Lecture

The Society continues to endeavour with our policy for holding Public Lectures, although they are poorly attended by the public, this week's lecture by Prof M Brazier had been most enjoyable.

Academic Pathology Forum, January 2006.

This was held at the Cambridge Meeting, Prof PA Hall had given a presentation on *The Future of Academic Pathology* and there was a very interesting debate. It was planned to hold the Academic Forum on an annual basis at the Winter Meeting and the Society had asked Prof Sir NA Wright to continue to Chair this.

The President concluded by saying how much he had enjoyed his 6 years as President and hoped that Prof DA Levison would enjoy his Presidency just as much.

Questions were invited from the floor – there were none.

The General Secretary thanked the President for giving his report.

7. President-Elect's Report.

Prof Levison thanked the President on the Society's behalf for all that he had done for the Society and for UK Pathology.

Prof DA Levison reported as follows:

7.1 Trainees' Sub-Committee, including Ordinances.

Prof Levison had been charged with setting up the Trainees' Committee Steering Group shortly after his election last summer. The Steering Committee (chaired by Prof Levison) comprising 9 trainees from around the British Isles included SHO's, SpRs, lecturers and research fellows.

Ordinances had been drawn up and the first formal independent meeting of the Trainees Sub-Committee had been held earlier this week. Two co-chairs had been appointed by the sub-committee, namely Dr M Deheragoda, London and Dr K Robertson, Dundee. The trainees have been responding to the initiatives which the Society has taken and are joining in large numbers. Sessions held this week had been well supported and well received.

It was envisaged that the Trainees' Sub-committee chair would present their own report at future Annual Business Meetings. In the future a mechanism for the trainee members of the Society to directly elect their sub-committee would be established.

Questions were invited from the floor – there were none.

Prof Hall thanked Prof Levison for his report.

8. General Secretary's Report.

Prof PA Hall reported as follows:

There had been various changes to the Society's Governance over the past 2 years and the Sub-Committee Chairs would be delivering their reports shortly.

8.1 Proposal to Amend Clause IV of the Constitution (to remove reference to microbiology).

In late 2001 the microbiology element of our membership departed and moved to the Society for General Microbiology, following which this Clause required amendment to remove the reference to microbiology.

We had previously believed that we were not permitted to amend the Constitution and that application should be made via the Privy Council. It has, however, transpired, that the Charity Commission are able to grant us an Order of Amendment, and subject to approval at this meeting, we proposed that the wording be amended as given in the meeting Agenda, i.e.:

Current wording:

IV. Any person who is, or has been, engaged in research or in teaching in connection with pathology *or medical microbiology or with any allied science* shall be eligible for election as an ordinary member.

Proposed new wording:

IV. Any person, normally a medical, dental, veterinary or science graduate, who is or has been engaged in research or in teaching in connections with pathology, shall be eligible for acceptance as an ordinary member.

The proposal that had the full support of the Trustees having been discussed by the Committee.

Questions were invited to the floor – there were none.

8.2 Amendments to the Rules (following notice given at the July 2005 Annual Business Meeting).

Following notice duly given at the 2005 Business Meeting, in order to allow more flexibility of

dates for future Society Scientific Meetings, and in particular to allow our co-ordination with the BDIAP, we propose to amend Rule number 20 as follows:

Proposed new wording:

Rule No 20

The scientific work of the Society shall be carried on at ordinary meetings, one of which shall normally be held in June or July and shall also include the annual business meeting. Other scientific meetings may be arranged by the Meetings Secretary with the approval of the Committee. At this meeting the number of ordinary meetings to be held during the ensuing year, their places and approximate dates, shall be determined; the Secretaries shall present their reports; the Treasurer shall submit his accounts and the office-bearers shall be chosen.

Previous wording:

Rule No 20

The scientific work of the Society shall be carried on at ordinary meetings, one of which shall be held in June or July and shall also include the annual business meeting. Other scientific meetings may be arranged by the Meetings Secretary with the approval of the Committee. At this meeting the number of ordinary meetings to be held during the ensuing year, their places and approximate dates, shall be determined; the Secretaries shall present their reports; the Treasurer shall submit his accounts and the office-bearers shall be chosen.

This was accepted by the Meeting.

8.3 Society Lectures, Medals & Awards: Call for nominations for 2007.

8.3.1 Goudie Lecture & Medal.

The lecturer for 2007 had already been selected by the Committee and was to be Prof PA Hall (nominated by Prof Sir NA Wright).

8.3.2 CL Oakley Lecture – nomination deadline 1 December.

Nominations must be submitted to the Society by 1 December for the Glasgow meeting in July 2007.

8.3.3 Doniach Lecture and Award – nomination deadline 1 December.

Nominations must be submitted to the Society by 1 December for the Glasgow meeting in July 2007.

8.3.4 Ritchie Medal – nomination deadlines 1 November and 1 May.

This was introduced in January in honour of the 1st General Secretary of the Society. It would be given on occasions to individuals who have made substantial contributions to pathology and the Society.

Prof Hall thanked Dr E Sidebottom for drawing our attention to Prof Ritchie who was one of the founder members of the Society.

Any member of the Society may nominate individuals for this medal which would be selected by the Committee.

8.4 Membership.

8.4.1 Deceased members.

The Society had been informed of the deaths of the following 13 members since July 2005:

(S) = Senior Member
(H) = Honorary Member
(O) = Ordinary Member
Year indicates date joined

Dr GL Asherson, London – 1963 (S)
Dr RO Barnard, Godalming – 1963 (S)
Prof TSL Beswick, Ludlow – 1953 (S)
Dr DC Caldwell, Perthshire – 1953 (S)
Dr AH Cruickshank, Liverpool – 1941 (H)
Prof AC Cunliffe, Kendal – 1941 (S)
Prof PDJ Holland, Dublin – 1964 (S)
Dr EV Hulse, Wantage – 1955 (S)
Dr H Ingham, Chester – 1947 (S)
Prof KJB Lewin, California – 1966 (S)
Dr GAK Missen, London – 1953 (S)
Dr HM Rice, Newbury – 1950 (S)
Prof PJ Scheuer, London – 1963 (S)

Members' passing is recognised by a one minute silence at the Society's Committee Meetings.

8.4.2 Membership.

The General Secretary was pleased to announce that there was a continued upward trend in membership. Contributing factors are the new initiatives implemented over the past couple of years. We now have around 1200 members, having introduced Concessionary Rates for trainees/PhD Students/Biomedical Scientists. The challenge for the future is to retain this level and to continue with drive to recruit more members and ensure membership remains attractive. Promotional postcards have been produced containing information on membership and its benefits, including, the *Journal*, discounts on Wiley publications, free copy of *Understanding Disease* and the *TNM Handbook*, and the various grant schemes. We are optimistic that our membership will continue to grow.

8.5 Other Matters.

There were none.

The President thanked the General Secretary for giving his report.

9. Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Auditors.

Prof AD Burt reported as follows:

9.1 Review of the Year 2005.

The 2-page summary accounts for 2005 had been distributed to all members as part of the Annual Business Meeting Agenda booklet. The Trustees have seen a full set of accounts which are available to all members on request.

Income continues to increase, both from the *Journal of Pathology* and from our

investment from dividends. We have realised a gain in investment income in the last year and income amounted to around £650,000.

Journal of Pathology

The Editor-in-Chief and Wiley have continued to ensure continued increased acceptance of only high quality papers from the best institutions. We have moved to lower colour costs in line with other journals and are therefore predicting that income from the journal to plateau in the next year.

The FTSE has been more volatile over the months prior to the meeting, but the Society remains in sound financial shape with over £6million in general fund balance.

Questions were invited from the floor – there were none.

Prof Sir James Underwood proposed acceptance of the accounts and this was seconded by Prof A Hanby.

9.2 Investment Portfolio

Prof Burt reported that for many years we have been well served by Cazenove's but it was the duty of the Trustees to carry out regular reviews of our investment portfolio. The Committee have therefore agreed that this would be put out to tender within the next couple of months. Cazenove will be invited to tender along with other companies.

9.3 Grant Scheme Budgets: The Centenary Splash.

As indicated in previous Society mailings the Committee had committed to spending £1 million from our reserves as part of our Centenary year celebrations.

Some of this expenditure will be carried through to 2007 and 2008 although the majority will be spent in 2006.

This expenditure was to be made up of:

- £250,000 will be donated to the Royal College of Pathologists as part of their appeal to develop educational facilities at 2 Carlton House Terrace.
- the award of an additional two PhD Studentships this year (three in total).
- the introduction of the Centenary Clinical Fellowships – up to three will be awarded in October/November this year.
- Provision of copies of *Understanding Disease* (The Centenary History of the Society) and the *TNM Manual* to all Society members.
- expansion of the Pilot Study, Open Scheme and other grant and award allocations.

Grant Scheme Funds spent in 2005 were as follows:

Grant Scheme Budgets.

Bursaries.

£15,750 was available for 2005 (£750 brought forward from 2004). We awarded nineteen in 2005 totalling £14,580 – balance of £1,170 was carried forward to 2006. This scheme moved to four closing dates a year in 2006 (Jan, April, July and October).

Pilot Study Grant Scheme.

£20,000 was available for 2005. We supported four applications totalling £19,408. Balance of £592 was carried forward to 2006. Next closing date for applications 1 August (changed from October).

Fellowships.

£20,000 was available for 2005. We supported four totalling £20,000. Next closing date for applications 1 August (changed from October).

Intercalated Degree Awards.

Five studentships were available in 2005 (5 x £3,750) totalling £18,750. Successful departments were: Leeds, Leicester, Manchester, Sheffield and Southampton. The number of awards increased to eight in 2006. In 2006 initially we had only five applications therefore the Officers felt last year's winners should be allowed to re-enter their names for the remaining three awards. We have a low application rate for this Scheme – the rule preventing successful departments from entering the following year's draw had now been lifted. The next closing date was 1 March 2007.

Open Scheme.

Up to £40,000 is allocated annually. £60,165 was available for 2005 (£20,165 brought forward from 2004). Fourteen awards were granted in 2005 at a cost of £38,923. This included £1,120 towards the Society's delegation to the Japanese Meeting in April 2005 and support of the Society at the BA Meeting in Dublin, Sept 2005 at £3,808. The balance of £21,242 carried forward to 2006. There were now four closing dates/year, the next being 1 October.

PhD Studentships.

Up to three awards were available in 2006 – the additional two forming part of the Centenary Splash expenditure as detailed in *The Way Forward*. Eight applications were received and the three Studentships were awarded to Prof PM Kaye (York), Prof PA Hall/Dr SEH Russell (Belfast) and Prof M Pignatelli/Prof PR Maddedu (Bristol). £49,155 is allocated each year, payable in three annual instalments of £18,385 (MRC levels). London Weighting is paid in addition wherever applicable.

Travel Award Scheme.

£2,500 was available in 2005. Four awards were granted totalling £1,717 although one award was returned since their abstract was not accepted for the meeting, therefore total spent £1,316 leaving £1,184 to be carried forward to 2006. Applications considered on receipt by the Meetings Secretary and Dr MJ Arends. The application deadline is open.

Conference Bursaries for Postgraduate Students.

£2,500 is allocated each year. This was introduced in 2005 (in *The Way Forward*). No applications had been received to date. The application deadline is open.

Questions were invited from the floor – there were none.

9.4 Society Offices.

As reported last year the agreement to extend our lease until 2024 on a reduced premises had been agreed. Although conclusion was expected by Autumn 2005, a number of previously unforeseen issues had arisen during the year and it was expected that the final lease should become available for signature shortly.

The College staff had already taken up residence in our former meeting room. The Society offices had been reorganised effectively and were working very well.

9.5 Other matters.

9.5.1 Additional authorised signatory.

Currently the Treasurer and Administrator were the only authorised signatories and it was felt to be prudent to add the General Secretary as an authorised signatory on all our bank accounts and official documents. Approval was sought and this was given.

9.6 Reappointment of Auditors for 2007.

Prof Burt reported that we had received a poorer level of service from Menzies during the past year compared to previous year which they themselves acknowledged. The Committee had decided therefore that Menzies should formally be put on 'notice' and the Treasurer will monitor their performance.

Prof AM Neville indicated that as a result of recent legislation year-end accounts and auditing processes should be separate exercises and raised the question of whether it should be carried out independently by different companies. This will be investigated further by the Treasurer.

It was therefore proposed that Menzies be reappointed as auditors for 2007 with the proviso that their further appointment would be subject to satisfactory ongoing performance. Prof Sir J Underwood proposed this and this was seconded by Prof Sir NA Wright.

Further questions were invited from the floor— there were none.

The General Secretary thanked the Treasurer for giving his report.

11. Education and Training Sub-Committee – Chairman’s Report.

Prof P Domizio had tendered her apologies. Prof AD Burt reported as a representative of the Sub-Committee on her behalf.

The Sub-Committee has been existence for around one year. Most of the work has been conducted by email, with two meetings being held in January and July this year. The achievements to date have been:

Elective Bursaries.

A review and restructuring of the elective bursaries, under the leadership of Dr E Benbow. The application form has been streamlined and we are working towards online submission of applications in future. The applicant adjudged to have submitted the best elective report will receive a prize and will be invited to present their work at a future Society meeting.

Undergraduate Essay Prize.

A review of the process for commissioning, submitting and marking the Society Prize Essay had taken place, under the leadership of Dr J Chow. The winner will be invited to receive their prize at a Society meeting. Ten high-quality submissions had been received this year (a 50% increase on last year). The winner was a first year medical student at UCL.

Undergraduate Education Symposium.

It was planned to have an education symposium at the Winter Meeting in London. Speakers were to include several sub-committee members, a medical student and the director of the Centre for the History of Medicine at Birmingham University. There will be a debate on the motion “Medical students DON’T need to learn pathology”.

The sub-committee continues to discuss the following:

Intercalated Degree Awards.

Grants for Intercalated Degrees were under the leadership of Dr RFT McMahon. There would be a survey of all the medical schools to ascertain what courses were being offered.

Joint RCPATH/Path Soc Core Curriculum Working Group.

This is led by Prof P Domizio. Work on this has slowed recently, but it is hoped that momentum will be regained in the near future.

12. Research Sub-Committee – Chairman’s Report.

Prof S Fleming reported as follows:

The Committee had now been active for six months and had held meetings in January and July. Its aims are to further the interests of the Society through the promotion of research activity through its members and other members of the pathology profession. Mostly this is done through the various grant schemes, i.e. PhD Studentships, Pilot Study and Fellowships. These schemes were instrumental in getting research started and allowing people to travel to other institutions to carry out research.

We have also developed the Centenary Clinical Research Fellowships to fund SpR level pathologists to undertake high quality full-time research for a period of up to three years at a clinical salary level. This has been advertised over the past 3–4 weeks and the application closing date was 1 September 2006. It was hoped to have a shortlist by mid-October with interviews in mid-November. Fellowships would be taken up between January and July 2007 depending on individual university terms. The review panel would be chaired by the Sub-Committee Chair. Prof Sir J Underwood had agreed to act as independent Chair of the Selection Committee and he was thanked for his assistance.

Prof Fleming reported that a great deal of work has been gone into developing robust scoring systems for applications.

Closing dates for these schemes have been adjusted to accommodate Sub-Committee procedures. The deadlines for Pilot Study and Fellowship have been brought forward to 1 August and 1 January and for the PhD Studentships to 1 November.

Prof AM Neville enquired how grant reports were followed up. Prof Fleming reported that although past efforts to extract reports were quite often unsuccessful, we now have a rigorous system in place. Reports are reviewed by the Sub-Committee and returned for revision if they failed to meet criteria. It was anticipated that successful applicants would present resultant work at Society meetings.

Prof Hall thanked Prof Fleming for his report.

13. Journal of Pathology – Editor-in-Chief’s Report.

Prof CS Herrington summarised his report as follows:

— The Journal of Pathology’s impact factor has recently risen to 6.213 and it is now the premier Pathology Journal in the world, having overtaken the *American Journal of Pathology*. This was a fantastic achievement and Prof Herrington acknowledged the contribution of the many individuals who have been part of this over recent years, including Prof PG Toner who had been the previous Editor.

- A substantial increase in submissions has been seen although our stringent guidelines for acceptance would remain intact.
- Journal web-site has been improved significantly through John Wiley Interscience. This includes (1) links to the most accessed articles, (2) accepted articles displaying title, author and abstracts within a few days of acceptance, searchable by a digital object identifier (DOI).
- An important feature in the improvement in our position was the introduction of the Annual Review Issues (ARI) in 1999 by Prof Toner. 2006 was on *Infectious Disease: cause and cure*.
Future topics were: 2007 *The Pathology of Ageing*, 2008 *Molecular and Cellular Themes in Inflammation*, 2009 is likely to be *Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine* and 2010 will probably return to *Cellular Themes in Cancer*.
- Associate Editors were extremely important and Prof Herrington thanked them for their efforts. These are being replaced on a rolling basis to ensure effective succession planning. Prof J Kirkpatrick would step down at the end of this year and will be replaced by Prof G Niedobitek.
- Review submissions have increased and a Reviews Editor has been appointed.
- With a view to increasing our profile internationally, marketing had been increased, particular in the North America. We had a presence at USCAP this year and would also attend next year. We would be visiting a meeting of the Association of Directors of Pathology in China to make them aware of the *Journal* and the Society there, and also attending USCAP and ASIP in 2007.
- The Editorial Committee have recently established the *Sims Woodhead Medal*, in honour of the first editor. The object being to recognise individuals who have made substantial contributions to the *Journal*. Nominations should be made in the form of a 500-word citation and may be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief at any time. The Medal would be awarded by the Editorial Committee and presented at a Society Dinner. Notices will be placed in Society Mailings, on the website and in the *Journal*.

Prof Herrington thanked everybody involved in the *Journal*, including John Wiley's who had been excellent publishers.

Questions were invited from the floor – there were none.

Prof Hall thanked Prof Herrington for his report.

14. **Web Master's Report.**

Prof J Lowe sent his apologies. Prof Hall reported on his behalf:

Over the past 10 months the website has been totally redesigned. While it is still a work in progress we hope it has improved considerably. We now have a much more effective back-end system and hopefully by the autumn of 2006 we will have the facility to e-mail all members. Prof Hall apologised for the lack of a full report.

15. **Any Other Business.**

Japanese Society of Pathology.

As part of our on-going reciprocal arrangement, a delegation from the Japanese had attended and made an important contribution to this meeting and were very welcome. We hope to forge a similar exchange programme with China/Hong Kong with the aim of developing the Society profile's and marketing the *Journal*.

There being no further business the Meeting terminated at 18.05 hrs.

Following the meeting the Poster Prize winners were announced by Prof AJ Freemont, Manchester as follows:

Sir Alastair Currie Prize: £250

Dr A Jones, CRUK, London
Abstract number P4

Second Poster Prize: £200

Dr J LeQuesne, Leicester
Abstract number P203

Third Poster Prize: £150

Dr K Lloyd, Leicester
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Peter A Hall
General Secretary
August 2006

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Financial Statement 2006

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2006

| | 2006 | | 2005 | |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | |
| Tangible assets | | 68,444 | | 79,998 |
| Investments | | 5,693,641 | | 5,379,362 |
| | | <u>5,762,085</u> | | <u>5,459,360</u> |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Stock | 827 | | 2,186 | |
| Debtors | 510,497 | | 387,651 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 351,302 | | 124,963 | |
| | <u>862,626</u> | | <u>514,800</u> | |
| Creditors : amounts falling due within one year | <u>192,472</u> | | <u>46,910</u> | |
| Net current assets | | <u>670,154</u> | | <u>467,890</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>6,432,239</u> | | <u>5,927,250</u> |
| Funds | | | | |
| Unrestricted | | <u>6,432,239</u> | | <u>5,927,250</u> |

STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEES

These summarised accounts, comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet, have been extracted from the full Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2006. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Society. For further information the full Financial Statements, the Report of the Auditors on those financial statements and the Trustees Annual Report should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from The Administrator at 2, Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AF.

The full Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 were approved by the Trustees in May 2007 and a copy has been submitted to the Charity Commission.

A D Burt
Treasurer

for and on behalf of the Trustees of the Society

1 May 2007

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

We have examined the summarised accounts of The Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised accounts in accordance with the recommendations of the Charities SORP. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised accounts with the full financial statements and Trustees' Annual Report. We also read the other information contained in the statement by the Trustees and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised accounts.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report of The Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2006.

1 May 2007

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PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

| | General Fund | Designated Funds | TOTAL | TOTAL |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2005 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOME AND EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | |
| Members subscriptions | 57,356 | - | 57,356 | 54,531 |
| Income from journals | 404,990 | - | 404,990 | 373,415 |
| Investment income | 149,198 | - | 149,198 | 136,437 |
| Meetings income | 97,376 | - | 97,376 | 55,192 |
| Sponsorship | 1,708 | - | 1,708 | 4,360 |
| Sundry income | 817 | - | 817 | 15,265 |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | 711,445 | - | 711,445 | 639,200 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | |
| Costs of generating funds: | | | | |
| Investment management fees | 2,925 | - | 2,925 | 1,973 |
| Charitable activities: | | | | |
| Journal of Pathology | 67,260 | - | 67,260 | 43,333 |
| Grants and awards payable | 27,353 | 244,801 | 272,154 | 179,121 |
| Support costs for meetings | 283,391 | - | 283,391 | 181,904 |
| Costs of charitable activities | 378,004 | 244,801 | 622,805 | 404,358 |
| Governance costs | 8,000 | - | 8,000 | 7,285 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | 388,929 | 244,801 | 633,730 | 413,616 |
| NET INCOMING/OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS | | | | |
| Transfers | 322,516 (306,191) | (244,801) 306,191 | 77,715 - | 225,584 - |
| NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR | 16,325 | 61,390 | 77,715 | 225,584 |
| OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES | | | | |
| Realised gain/(loss) on investments | 28,673 | - | 28,673 | 20,137 |
| Unrealised gain on investments | 398,601 | - | 398,601 | 648,558 |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | 443,599 | 61,390 | 504,989 | 894,279 |
| FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD | 5,520,608 | 406,642 | 5,927,250 | 5,032,971 |
| FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD | 5,964,207 | 468,032 | 6,432,239 | 5,927,250 |

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