

**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

Held at the Paul Froggatt Centre, The Queen's University of Belfast,  
Monday 4 September 2000, commencing at 5.30 pm .

**1. Quorum**

The quorum for this meeting was set at 25 members.

**2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

These were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the proceedings.

**3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Annual Report:

The accounts had been prepared and examined by an independent examiner. The Annual Report covering the period April 1999 to March 2000 had been submitted with accounts to the Charities Commission earlier in the year and had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Past Meetings

- (i) The Autumn 1999 Meeting on "Myocardial responses to Sub-lethal ischaemia: Stunning, Hibernation and Preconditioning" was held at University College London on 23 and 24 September 1999, organised by Dr Gary Baxter
- (ii) The Spring 2000 Meeting, on "Molecular Aspects of Cardiac Development", was held at The National Heart and Lung Institute, London, on 23 and 24 March 2000, organised by Dr Paul Barton and Professor Peter Scambler.

There had been no workshops since the previous Annual General Meeting in September 1999.

Future Meetings and Workshops

The following Meeting and Workshop had been approved by the Committee:

Spring 2001 – A meeting on "Apoptosis in the Heart" to be held at St Thomas' Hospital, London, on 23 and 24 March 2001, organised by Drs Angela Clerk and Richard Heads

Spring 2001 – A workshop on “QT Prolongation and Torsades de Pointes” to be held at the University of Liverpool (date to be finalised), organised by Dr Susan Coker and Professor George Hart.

#### British Cardiac Society

On 17 May 2000, The BSCR symposium at the British Cardiac Society’s annual meeting in Glasgow was on “Nitric Oxide and Cardiac Function: From Laboratory to Clinical Practice”, organised by Dr Adrian Brady

#### Travel bursaries

The Society had continued to award travel bursaries to postgraduate students. A total of 19 had been awarded in the last year to enable student members of the BSCR to attend BSCR meetings and were valued at up to £150 each.

#### Sponsorship

The Chairman informed members that the BSCR had been without sole core sponsorship during the financial year 1999/2000, despite the efforts of the Committee. The year 2000/2001 had not so far resulted in recruitment of sponsorship although several possibilities were being pursued currently. The Society’s finances for the immediate future, however, were in good shape, permitting a high level of activity. The Committee did not foresee the need to increase the annual subscription rate at present. The Chairman asked any member who had ideas for sponsorship to contact him.

### **5. Treasurer’s Report**

#### Presentation of accounts

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the Financial year April 1999-March 2000. The total income for the year was £8114, which was considerably less than in the previous year due to the absence of core sponsorship. The total of funds carried forward on 31 March 2000 was in excess of £59,000 which the Treasurer estimated would sustain the Society at its current level of activity for another five years in the absence of core funding.

#### Membership

There were 407 members of the Society who were fully paid-up for the calendar year 2000. Of this total, 49 were student members.

#### Subscription rates

Subscription rates for . . . would be retained as follows:- ordinary membership £15, student membership £9, ordinary joint membership BSCR/ISHR £40, student joint membership BSCR/ISHR £34.

### **6. Secretary’s Report**

#### Committee membership

The Secretary reported that the current members of the Committee were Dr Metin Avkiran (chairman), Dr Gary Baxter (secretary), Dr Michael Curtis (treasurer), Dr Paul Barton, Dr Adrian Brady, Dr Sarah George, Professor Michael Marber, Dr Barbara McDermott, Dr Saadeh Suleiman, Dr Lip Bun Tan, Dr Ian Zachary, Dr James Mockridge (Bulletin co-editor) and Dr Nicola smart (Bulletin co-editor). No members were due to retire at the end of the calendar year 2000. However, the next calendar year would bring four retirements of

committee members and it would be necessary to invite nominations for committee membership.

Office bearers

Dr Avkiran's tenure as Chairman commenced in January 2000 and he would continue in office until December 2002. The Treasurer and the Secretary were both due to retire after three years in post at the end of 2001. Dr Mockridge would be stepping down as Bulletin co-editor at the end of this year

**7. Bulletin Editors' Report**

Dr Nicola Smart reported that Bulletin production was proceeding smoothly resulting in mailings in January, April, July and October. She solicited members to continue to contribute articles for publication in the Bulletin.

**8. Any other business**

There was no other business

**9. Date of the next Annual General Meeting**

The next AGM would be held on the first day of the Autumn 2001 Meeting which had not yet been approved.

The meeting closed at 6 pm

Signed: *Meter Steward*  
(Chairman)

Date: 2-11-2001

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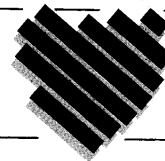
TREASURER'S STATEMENT:- APRIL 1999 - MARCH 2000

(all amounts in £ Sterling)

	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions <sup>1</sup>	6971	5517
British Cardiac Society	-	-
Sponsorship	-	22500
Bank Interest	1143	1961
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8114</b>	<b>29978</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Scientific Meetings <sup>2</sup>	9644	12754
Bulletin and Secretarial Costs	6477	5212
Committee Expenses	1891	1290
Insurance	316	284
Accountancy Fees	475	425
Bank Charges <sup>3</sup>	300	212
Travel Bursaries	307	2463
Printing, Postage and Stationery	537	1816
Other Expenses	47	236
Depreciation of Office Equipment	219	220
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20213</b>	<b>24952</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>	<b>-12099</b>	<b>5026</b>
Funds Brought Forward at 1 April	71271	66245
<b>Funds Carried Forward at 31 March</b>	<b>59172</b>	<b>71271</b>

<sup>1</sup>Subscriptions for BSCR (net of refunds and ISHR subs). <sup>2</sup>Administration and speaker costs. <sup>3</sup>Foreign Currency Transaction Charges.

Registered Charity no. 1011141



## ANNUAL REPORT 1999/2000

This Annual Report covers the activities of the British Society for Cardiovascular Research (BSCR) over the period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000.

### Main meetings

In the period covered by this Report, the BSCR held two main meetings.

The Autumn 1999 meeting was held at University College London on 23 and 24 September, on the topic of "Myocardial Responses to Sub-lethal Ischaemia: Stunning, Hibernation and Preconditioning", and was organised by the Secretary, Dr Gary Baxter. The meeting was well attended with around 120 registered participants. Among the speakers were several international visitors, including Dr Guy Heyndrickx (Aalst), Dr Michael Cohen (Alabama), Dr Rainer Schulz (Essen), Dr Rene Lerch (Geneva) and Professor Lionel Opie (Cape Town) who delivered the British Cardiac Society lecture. A gala dinner was held during the meeting at the British Medical Association's House in Tavistock Square. A report of this meeting was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 13, number 1).

The Spring 2000 meeting was held at the National Heart and Lung Institute, London, 23 and 24 March 2000. It was on the topic of "Molecular Aspects of Cardiac Development" and organised by Dr Paul Barton and Professor Peter Scambler. The meeting had more than 90 registered participants and included talks from distinguished overseas guests, namely Professor Antoon Moorman (Amsterdam) and Dr Roger Markwald (South Carolina) who gave the British Cardiac Society lecture. A very successful aspect of this meeting was a canape reception on the first evening which served also as a poster viewing session. A report of this meeting was published in the BSCR

Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 13, number 3).

### Workshop

During the period covered by this Annual Report, a workshop was organised by Dr Sarah George, Professor Andrew Newby and Professor Gianni Angelini at the University of Bristol on 27 April 1999. The topic was "Models of Intimal Thickening and Their Relevance to Human Pathologies". Twenty nine participants took part in this very successful workshop. A report of this meeting was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Volume 12, Number 3).

### British Cardiac Society Symposium

The BSCR proposal to the British Cardiac Society, for a symposium on "Atherosclerotic Plaque Rupture: Clinical Significance, Mechanisms, Prevention", was selected as a Plenary Session. The session, organised by Professor Andrew Newby was held during the British Cardiac Society Annual Meeting at the GMEX Centre, Manchester, on 20 May 1999. The Symposium had occupied a prominent position in the BCS meeting and was considered successful in spite of last minute changes to the programme.

### Committee, Officers and Elections

During the period covered by this Report, the BSCR Committee met on 3 occasions; on 20 September 1999 at the Hatter Institute, UCL Hospital, London; on 18 January 2000 at the British Cardiac Society's House, Fitzroy Square, London; and on 23 March 2000 at the National Heart and Lung Institute, London. During this period, the Chairman, Professor Angelini, completed his term of office and was succeeded on 1 January 2000 by Dr Metin Avkiran. The Secretary (Dr Baxter) and the Treasurer (Dr Curtis) remained in office, each having been appointed on 1 January 1999 for three

years. Dr James Mockridge remained as Co-Editor of the Bulletin but Dr Harold Raat relinquished co-editorship to return to Holland in September 1999. Dr Nicola Smart was proposed and co-opted as Co-Editor of the Bulletin, to succeed Dr Raat.

Three Committee members were due to retire at the end of their period of office on 31 December 1999: Dr Kathryn Ryder, Dr Michael Marber, Dr Adrian Brady. Nominations were sought and an election held during the summer to replace these outgoing members. Dr Marber and Dr Brady sought re-election. Biographies of eight candidates were published in the summer issue of the Bulletin (Vol 12, number 3). Eighty nine ballot papers were returned and Dr Sarah George, Dr Marber and Dr Brady were elected to serve from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2002. It was noted that with the retirement of Dr Ryder, the number of clinically qualified committee members would be fewer than required by the Society's Constitution. The Committee agreed unanimously to co-opt Dr Lip-Bun Tan, who had stood for election, to serve as Committee member from 1 January 2000.

### Annual General Meeting

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held during the Autumn 1999 meeting at UCL on 20 September. The AGM was chaired by the Secretary (in the Chairman's absence) and was attended by 30 members.

### Sponsorship

Despite enormous efforts on the part of the Committee and Officers, the Society had been unable to secure sole sponsorship from any pharmaceutical company for the financial year commencing 1999. New sponsorship is sought for 2000 and a sponsorship sub-committee was formed to spearhead this effort. Careful administration of the Society's reserves, together with subscriptions, fund-raising by meetings

organisers, and donations by the British Cardiac Society, had permitted the Society to maintain its currently high level of activity.

#### **The Bulletin**

In the period covered by this report, the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin, a key medium of communication for members, was published at 3 monthly intervals under the direction of James Mockridge and Harold Raat (St Thomas' Hospital, London). Dr Raat was succeeded by Dr Nicola Smart (also St Thomas' Hospital) in September 1999.

**G F Baxter**  
**BSCR Secretary**  
The Hatter Institute  
UCL Hospitals & Medical School  
London WC1E 6DB

#### **BSCR Committee 1999/2000**

##### **Chairman:**

• Prof G D Angelini (1/97-12/99)  
*University of Bristol*

• Dr M Avkiran (1/00- )  
*Kings College London*

##### **Secretary:**

• Dr G F Baxter (1/99- ..)  
*University College London*

##### **Treasurer:**

• Dr M J Curtis (1/99 - ...)  
*King's College London*

##### **Committee Members:**

• Dr P J R Barton (1/99- )  
*Imperial College London*

• Dr A J Brady (6/97-12/99  
and 1/00 - )  
*Glasgow Royal Infirmary*

• Dr S J George (1/00- )  
*University of Bristol*

• Prof M S Marber (1/97-12/99  
and 1/00 - )  
*UMDS London*

• Dr B McDermott (1/99- )  
*Queen's University of Belfast*

• Dr KO Ryder (1/97-12/99)  
*University of Oxford*

• Dr M S Suleiman (1/99 )  
*University of Bristol*

• Dr L-B Tan (1/00 - )  
*Leeds General Infirmary*

• Dr I C Zachary (1/99- )  
*University College London*

##### **Bulletin Editors:**

• Dr J Mockridge (1/99- )  
*Kings College London*

• Dr H Raat (1/99- 9/99)  
*Kings College London*

• Dr N Smart (9/99- )  
*Kings College London*