



Annual Report 2008-9

This Annual Report covers the activities of the British Society for Cardiovascular Research (BSCR) for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

BSCR Main Meetings

There were two main meetings which fell within the period of this report. The Spring 2008 meeting was a joint meeting with the BCS held during the BCS Annual Conference in Manchester. The BSCR segment was held on June 2nd and 3rd. Organized by David Eisner and Barbara McDermott, it focused on "Causes and Consequences of Myocardial Infarction: New Concepts". A report of this meeting was published in the BSCR Quarterly Bulletin (Vol. 21, No. 3). The Autumn Meeting, on September 15th-16th at the University of Bristol, was aimed primarily at young investigators and took as its theme "Cell Signalling in Cardiovascular Disease: Life or Death". A meeting report was published in the Bulletin (Vol. 21, No. 4).

Workshops

Two workshops were held during this period. "Targeting Myocardial Reperfusion Injury: A New Frontier in Myocardial Protection" was held on December 1st at the Hatter Institute at University College, London and was organised by Derek Hausenloy and Derek Yellon. "Studying Vascular Biology Using the Zebrafish", organised by Tim Chico and sponsored jointly with the British Atherosclerosis Society, was held at the University of Sheffield on February 5th. Both were great successes.

Committee, Officers and Elections

The Committee met on two occasions, on June 3rd at the BCS conference in

Manchester, and on September 15th at the University of Bristol. At the end of 2008, there was a change of Chair and some changes in general committee membership. Dr Michael Curtis was re-elected as Treasurer. Professor David Eisner stood down as Chair after 3 years of excellent service to the Society and was replaced by Dr Christopher Newman (University of Sheffield). Dr Nicola King also stood down after 3 years of sterling service. Professor Barbara Casadei and Dr Andrew Grace were re-appointed as clinical members of the Committee; after a ballot of members, Dr Cathy Holt was re-elected, and Drs Derek Hausenloy and Richard Heads both joined the Committee. The new composition of the Committee is shown in the box on this page.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place on September 15th at the University of Bristol.

Sponsorship

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The Bulletin

Four issues of the BSCR Bulletin were published.

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