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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The King's Fund, London  
**Friday 21 November 2014**

- 1 The Minutes of the last AGM, held at RIBA, London on Friday 21 November 2013 were agreed as correct.

- 2 President's Report**

The President gave apologies from Professor Burt, Professor Berney, Professor Shepherd, Professor McMahon and Carol Harris. Professor Wells emphasised his aim to raise the profile of Histopathology and reported on the successful Summer School in 2014 at the Royal College of Pathologists, which had the best feedback of any meeting held at the College. He hoped that this would become an annual event. He also held a successful IAP/ESP Symposium on Undergraduate Pathology at the ESP meeting, along with Prof Henry. He finished by announcing the successful bid by the BDIAP for the World Congress in Glasgow 2020 and thanked his colleagues, particularly Professors McMahon and Cuvelier for their help in putting forward this bid.

- 3 General Secretary' report**

The Secretary congratulated the BDIAP team on their successful bid at the meeting in Bangkok. He additionally reported that the BDIAP Constitution had been changed subject to the agreement at the last AGM to give Biomedical Scientists an affiliate membership.

- 4 Nominations and Membership Subcommittee**

The Secretary reported on Professor Shepherd's behalf that the Officers of the BDIAP remained unchanged as they were all mid-term and that Dr Calonje had rotated off Council and elections were ongoing for a replacement. Dr Matthew Clarke was welcomed as a new Councillor to represent trainees. Dr Anna Green was stepping down and he asked that members encourage any trainees with an interest to apply for that post. With regard to the BDIAP medals, he announced that the Cunningham Medal was to be awarded to Professor Mike Wells and the President's Medal to Professor Ian Ellis.

- 5 Meetings Subcommittee**

Professor Roberts announced that there would be a new Molecular Study Day in March 2015, to be followed by the Cut-Up Study day for trainees. The next joint meeting with the Pathological Society was organised for Dublin in June and he encouraged members to register. The November 2015 meeting would be a joint meeting with BAUP (British Association of Urological Pathologists) on Urological Pathology and the next joint annual meeting with the Pathological Society in 2016 would be held in Nottingham.

- 6 Education and IT Subcommittee**

Dr Wilkinson thanked her subcommittee for their help. She reported that the BDIAP had increased the value of its BSc awards from £7000 to a maximum of £15000. This was in line with the fees, and she had received a lot of applications. Five had been awarded. Nine bursaries were awarded for the IAP meeting in Bangkok in October, spread across several countries and three Nemin Jurac bursaries were awarded to attend the same meeting. She also asked the

membership for assistance to provide attachments at the time of BDIAP meetings and asked anyone interested to contact her. She also reported that slide workshops are continuing, with liver and pancreas, and one on inflammatory bowel disease is arranged.

## **7 Finance Subcommittee**

The President reported on behalf of Professor McMahon and his report, which showed a strong financial position. He emphasised the importance of our journal *Histopathology* in allowing us to continue to fund our charitable activity.

A member noted that Council expenses had doubled when compared to the previous report. The Secretary replied that there was a bimodal distribution reflecting the need to pay expenses to Central IAP meetings.

## **8 International Subcommittee**

Dr Howat spoke on behalf of Professor Berney and his report. He emphasised that we had a particular remit in supporting pathology in East Africa. Schools of Pathology were ongoing, although there had been difficulties with sending speakers to Arab Schools pertaining to safety of travel.

## **9 Report of the Editor of Histopathology**

The President asked members to review the report of Professor Burt, given his absence and that of Professor Berney. The Secretary noted that the quality of articles had improved, with an increase in the impact factor of the journal. Dr Howat added that the last two editions contained very useful studies relevant to diagnostic pathologists and congratulated the team on them.

## **10 Any other business**

Before closing, the President acknowledged the longstanding contribution of Professor Henry to the British Division and led a deserved round of applause. He then handed over the Presidency to Dr Alec Howat, who thanked him for his own contribution to the BDIAP as its President and then closed the meeting.

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