

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Royal College of Surgeons, London  
Friday 20 November 2015

1 The Minutes of the last AGM held at the Royal College of Surgeons, London on Friday 20 November 2014 were agreed as a correct record of events.

## 2 **President's Report**

The President welcomed everyone and hoped they had received the Annual Report for 2015 which had been mailed to the membership and contained details of the activities of the British Division during the year. He explained that the subscription fee had not been put up since 2006 and proposed an increase of £10 to the Ordinary subscription fee (all other categories would remain the same). This increase would take the annual fee from £85 to £95 and said he believed it was still good value for money in comparison with sister societies in the UK. This increase would sustain our needs and future-proof the BDIAP thus enabling us to plan and continue to support our aim of education in pathology. Interviews had been held for a new employee who would concentrate on the rebranding of the website and further educational activities. The BDIAP is presently sharing office space with PathSoc and in the future would aim to be based in the new Royal College of Pathologists premises. The President highlighted the need to plan for the future with a secure income.

## 3 **General Secretary's Report**

The Secretary expressed gratitude to the President and the Treasurer for the work they were undertaking with regard to the IAP/ESP International Congress to be held in Glasgow in 2020.

## 4. **Nominations and Membership Subcommittee**

Thanks were given to Dr A Wotherspoon and Dr N Singh for their contribution to the Council over the last three years and two new Councillors were welcomed. They are Dr Michael Osborne – Imperial College, London and Dr Newton Wong – Bristol and they will join the BDIAP Council from 2016. With regard to the BDIAP medals, it was announced that the Cunningham Medal was awarded to Professor Neil Shepherd and the President's medal to Professor Cyril Fisher.

## 5 **Meetings Subcommittee**

The Meetings Secretary thanked Lisa Browning for putting together the programme for the Molecular Day and the organisation of the ongoing Trainees' meetings. He said that the joint meeting with the Pathological Society of GB and Ireland would be held in Nottingham this year with dinner at the Castle. He said that in the future these meetings would be an annual event and the next venue would be Belfast and plans were well underway for this meeting in June 2017.

## 6 **Education and IT Subcommittee**

The Divisional Editor spoke of the reduction in study leave and budget for Trainees and said that bursaries would be made available to them so they could attend our meetings. Trainees from Ireland, The Netherlands, Belgium and the UK must be encouraged to attend meetings and apply for the grants and bursaries offered. She then asked members to offer to accommodate bursary recipients in their departments for 2 weeks as it was proving difficult to find hosts. The Editor asked for contributions to the Newsletter plus any comments on content, articles, etc.

## 7 **International Subcommittee**

Professor Berney commented on his circulated report saying it had been a very active year and thanked all those who had gone as Speakers to our Schools in Bosnia, Sri Lanka and the Arab Division.

## 8 **Finance**

The annual Accounts had been circulated in advance and the Treasurer commented on them and added that Histopathology was doing well in these difficult times for publishing. He said that it was our aim to keep costs down at meetings so that no educational grant was required. He added that the aims and objectives of the Charity Commission were being met.