



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at RIBA, London – Friday 24 November 2017

The Minutes of the last AGM held at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London on Friday 2 Dec 2016 were agreed as a correct record of events.

1 **President's Report**

The President welcomed everyone and trusted they had received the Annual Report for 2017. The President reported that everything was going well for the BDIAP and thanked everyone for their ongoing support and contribution. The President highlighted that preparations are underway for the International IAP Congress, to be held in Glasgow in 2020.

2 **General Secretary's Report**

The Secretary brought attention to two points in his circulated Secretary's report. The Foundation Membership has been introduced and is being driven by the Trainee Councillors. The intention is that this will generate interest amongst new doctors. The Secretary reiterated his thanks to Carol Harris and her commitment to the BDIAP and wished her well in her retirement. He welcomed Sam Kiely who takes on the role of Education and Divisional Manager of the BDIAP.

3 **International Subcommittee**

Professor Berney sent his apologies. The International Secretary's Report had been circulated in the Annual Report and questions were welcomed with regards to the report. No questions or comments arose.

4 **Finance Subcommittee**

The annual Accounts had been circulated in advance. The Treasurer stated that we are in good financial position and noted this was due to the ongoing success of the journal. Membership income has declined slightly owing to change in demographic of members; the limited number of trainees converting to full membership is a concern. Work continues to ensure the BDIAP Home Countries are funded as much as possible. There is no change to subscription costs this year. The Treasurer encouraged members to promote the BDIAP to colleagues to help drive membership.

A question was raised regarding the provision of an Undergraduate Membership. An Undergraduate Membership does not exist but instead a Foundation Membership and the Trainee Councillors are working hard to encourage participation.

5 **Meetings Subcommittee**

The Meetings Secretary provided feedback from the joint meeting with the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland in Belfast this summer; the meeting was well attended with over 500 delegates. He noted the meeting required a substantial educational grant and that this is something that requires monitoring. The next joint meeting is taking place in Maastricht in June 2018 and the Meetings Secretary encouraged members and colleagues to register. The Trainees meeting and Molecular Pathology meeting are scheduled for March 2018 and registrations are now open. An Intestinal Pathology meeting is scheduled for November 2018. This will be the last event of the current Meetings Secretary's tenure. Dr Lisa Browning will succeed Professor Ian Roberts in this role.

6 **Education and IT Subcommittee**

All divisional activities had been circulated in the Annual Report. The Divisional Editor highlighted that eight bursaries were awarded for the BDIAP Molecular Pathology Meeting/Trainee Day and two bursaries had been awarded for attendance at USCAP. Members were asked to encourage trainees to apply for the bursaries, but noted that for a bursary for the upcoming USCAP meeting trainees must have already submitted an abstract. The Divisional Editor asked members to encourage applications for the BSc award, with five awards available. She also requested members' feedback on the Annual Newsletter. She looks to make changes to the Newsletter and will work with the Education and Divisional Manager to deliver this.



7 Nominations and Membership Subcommittee

A number of upcoming changes to Council were highlighted, with affect from 2018. Professor Dan Berney will replace Professor Alistair Burt as Editor of Histopathology. Professor Berney will be succeeded by Dr Eduardo Calonje as International Secretary. Professor Ian Roberts will stand down as Meetings Secretary but will be co-opted on to Council as part of the team to deliver the International IAP Congress, Glasgow 2020. Dr Lisa Browning will undertake the role of Meetings Secretary. Thanks were given to all for their invaluable contribution. New members were welcomed. The BDIAP medals were announced; the Cunningham Medal awarded to Professor Ian Roberts and the President's Medal to Professor Michael Wells.

8 Report from the Editor of Histopathology

A report was given on behalf of the Editor. The journal continues to do well. Emma Williams is the new Publishing Manager for the journal and the relationship with Wiley continues to flourish.

The meeting was concluded by the President, Professor Mary Leader.