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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Virtual Meeting – Thursday 25th March 2021

The President opened the meeting at 14:00. He noted it was an unusual meeting as it was being held virtually. Housekeeping was provided with questions welcomed at the end of the Agenda.

1 Minutes of previous AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London on Friday 22 Nov 2019 were agreed as a correct record of events.

2 President's Report

The President noted there has been little interaction with other Societies. There is yet to be a meeting of the Pathology Alliance. Most activity has been within the British Division, with updates provided throughout the minutes.

3 General Secretary's Report

The Secretary spoke to his report. 2020 has been an unusual year and 2021 continues to be similar. Despite this, the year has been highly productive, significant adjustments have had to be made at short notice and he thanked the administrative office for their help with this. The Secretary thanked outgoing President Professor Ray McMahon and welcomed incoming President Professor Andrew Nicholson and thanked all outgoing Officers and Councillors. The BDIAP has now incorporated to form a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is formally known as BDIAP CIO. This change will not affect Members, it is a change that streamlines and modernises the charity status only. The new website has been working well and positive feedback has been received from Members. The Secretary highlighted it's been a difficult year; things are not back to normal but the BDIAP has been able to adjust and continued to conduct its activities despite the pandemic and thanked everyone for their input.

4 International Subcommittee

The International Secretary sent his apologies. The President spoke to the report. The British Sri Lankan School went ahead in late 2020 as BDIAP's first virtual event and was a success. Lectures will be made available on the BDIAP website for a limited period of time. Other Schools had to be postponed owing to Covid-19. The Bryan Warren Bosnian School of Pathology is hoping to go ahead as a virtual meeting in 2021. No ambassador attended South Africa in 2020 and there are no plans for 2021 owing to the pandemic.

5 Finance Subcommittee

The Treasurer spoke to his report. He noted finances are stable and there are 2 items to highlight:

- 1) Wiley income from royalties. The current contract with Wiley comes to an end at the end of 2021 and a new contract is being negotiated. Wiley are altering their agreements with Societies and reducing the percentage of royalties. They are offering the BDIAP favourable royalties however they are a decrease and this will be over a five-year period. The new contract is still being negotiated and we hope to negotiate a contract longer than five years. The reduction in royalties will be discussed at a strategy day to be held later in 2021.
- 2) An audit was undertaken in 2020 as required by the Charity Commission. An outcome identified was that the BDIAP should have been registered for VAT. This is owing to services provided to Wiley and exceeding the VAT threshold. Three legal opinions have been sought and a VAT specialist has been

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engaged. Ongoing it will be cost neutral however there may be an historic liability. The liability is unknown at this stage, but it is not likely to materially affect the BDIAP's financial security.

6 Meetings Subcommittee

The Meetings Secretary sent her apologies. The President spoke to the report. The Cut Up Meeting and Molecular Pathology Study Day went ahead as virtual events in 2020. Thanks were given to Geoff Cross, Sam Kiely and Nabila Jamaluddin for getting the virtual events up and running. The days were highly successful with attendance figures 298 and 325 for the events, which is greater than the in-person instances of these events and demonstrates what can be achieved by virtual meetings. Upcoming meetings include Manchester Pathology taking place 6-8 July 2021. The programme is well advanced, and the meeting will take place as a virtual event. The Urological Pathology Symposium will take place in November. The format is undecided, but it is the goal for the meeting to be in person, on site in London. The programme is well advanced, and we look forward to seeing everyone in person at the meeting. Other collaborations with National Societies have been put on hold due to the pandemic. A new initiative will be launched in late spring/summer, delivering monthly virtual bite-sized educational sessions on specific organ related topics, to advance the BDIAP's educational portfolio online.

6.1 ESP/IAP Virtual Congress 2020 ("Glasgow 2020")

Professor McMahon (RM) summarised the event outcome. Sessions received more than 2000 views. The BDIAP worked well with the congress organiser CPO Hanser and the European Society of Pathology. RM thanked the BDIAP Members of the Congress Scientific Committee: Professors Nicholson and Roberts and Drs Roberts and Oien. A Glasgow theme was maintained for the Congress despite the virtual nature and a tribute to Professor Sir Roddy MacSween was delivered by Professor Alastair Burt. The Congress was financially successful with an expected surplus of between €50,000-€64,000. RM gave thanks to all BDIAP conveners for their collaboration with the ESP working groups and for their input to the programme. The template of the virtual meeting worked well and will be used as a template for future meetings. The President thanked RM for all the work taken to make the Congress a success.

7 Education and IT Subcommittee

The Divisional Editor spoke to her report. The bursary programme is suspended owing to the pandemic. The pandemic has particularly affected overseas work and student electives which is disappointing. The bursary programme will be resumed as we exit the pandemic, post- the next Council meeting. Bursaries have been awarded for the virtual meetings that have taken place and details are available in the report. Bursaries are available for the upcoming Manchester Pathology meeting with 6 available for BDIAP Member Countries and 6 for BDIAP Schools. The top 3 scoring abstracts for each category will be awarded book tokens. The Divisional Editor thanked the subcommittee and Sam Kiely and Nabila Jamaluddin for their work on the bursary programme.

8 Nominations and Membership Subcommittee

The incoming Chair of the subcommittee, Professor Ray McMahon (RM), provided a verbal report. Professor Mary Leader is the outgoing Past President and thanks were given for her work over many years to the Division. Professor Andrew Nicholson is incoming President, Professor Ian Roberts is President Elect and RM becomes Past President. After many years' service, Professor Claude Cuvelier has retired as European Vice President. Professor Cuvelier has contributed enormously to the BDIAP and the IAP and was awarded the David Hardwick Gold Medal of the IAP at the ESP/IAP Virtual Congress in 2020. The role of European Vice President alternates with the French Division of the IAP and Phillippe Camparo has taken over for 2 years in the first instance. RM provided an update on the co-opted members of Council. Professors Shepherd and Roberts were co-opted in respect of Glasgow 2020. Professor Shepherd will see out his tenure and Professor Roberts takes up position of President Elect. Professor Di Palma continues in her role co-opted to support the meetings subcommittee and Dr Clarke is co-opted in the role of Deputy Meetings Secretary. The ACCEA process for Consultant members in England and Wales is ongoing. The BDIAP supported all applicants: 4 silver awards and 6 bronze awards. RM wished applicants the best of luck.

9 Report from the Editor of Histopathology

A verbal report was provided by the Editor. It has been a record year in terms of the number of submissions, downloads, and citations. There is an increased number of reviews, editorials per issue. The Editorial team remains largely unchanged apart from Cord Langner who steps down at the end of 2021 and John Smith who

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has stepped down as technical editor. The Editor thanked both for their service. The journal is highly successful in terms of citation and impact. With the success of the journal and changes to the way Impact Factor (IF) is calculated, it is expected that the IF will rise significantly this June and this will increase global impact and awareness and uptake of the journal in the next few years. The President thanked the Editor for all the progress and success of the journal.

10 **Questions**

The President welcomed questions from Members. None arose. A question was submitted in advance of the meeting from a Member unable to attend the AGM. The question was with regards to BDIAP Members' access to USCAP Conference material past the proposed deadline of April 2021. Professor McMahon has approached USCAP and will update the administrative team once a response has been received and a notification will be published on the website to inform Members.

The President noted an Away Day will take place later in 2021 to plan for the next decade and welcomed ideas and thoughts from Members. Any suggestions should be submitted via the administrative office or the President.

The meeting was concluded by the President.

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