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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London  
Friday 5 November 2021

### 1 Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held as a virtual meeting on Thursday 25 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record of events.

### 2 President's Report

The President reported the sad loss of Professor Kristin Henry. An obituary will be published on the BDIAP website to commemorate her great work for both the Division and the IAP in general.

A strategy day was held in October to review the last 10 years and to look forward to the next decade. The three main outcomes were as follows:

1. To ensure that the infrastructure of the division is in place to ensure the division can continue to deliver an increasing amount of lecturing and conference, both at home and abroad.
2. Greater involvement of the BDIAP Member countries Belgium, the Netherlands and Ireland.
3. To provide greater integration for "Allied Scientists" this group being composed primarily of clinical scientists and biomedical scientists.

### 3 General Secretary's Report

The Secretary spoke to his report. Thanks were given to Dr Eduardo Calonje for coordination of the very successful delivery of the British East African School in October and the upcoming Bryan Warren School. Thanks were given to Dr Lisa Browning, the Meetings Subcommittee and the local organisers including Professor Ray McMahon for the delivery of the joint BDIAP/Pathological Society meeting, Manchester Pathology which was delivered very successfully as a virtual conference.

At the end of this year Professors' Silvana Di Palma, Roger Feakins and Stefan Dojcinov demit Council. Thanks were given for all their hard work.

An update on journal provision was given. As of 2022 Histopathology journal will only be available online. An online only option for USCAP journals will be available as of 2022 with a price reduction in place for online access.

The Secretary provided details of three motions linked to the outcomes of the strategy day:

- 3.1. To create a new subcommittee and officer post to oversee engagement and collaboration. Professor Mike Osborn proposed the motion and Professor Ian Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was voted on by members. Motion confirmed as carried.
  - 3.2. To create two new council member posts, one of which will be an Allied Scientist. Professor Mike Osborn proposed the motion and Professor Dan Berney seconded the motion. The motion was voted on by members. Motion confirmed as carried.
  - 3.3. To offer allied scientist members the option of full membership as an alternative to affiliate membership. Professor Mike Osborn proposed the motion and Dr Nafisa Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on by members. Motion confirmed as carried.
- Thanks were given to Sam Kiely and Nabila Jamaluddin for all their hard work for the division.

### 4 International Subcommittee

The International Secretary sent his apologies. The President spoke to the report. The British Sri Lankan and the British East African Schools have successfully taken place online. The Bryan Warren School is

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scheduled to take place and there are plans for the British Arab School to take place. Going forward there will be integration of a more hybrid offering of education material for the British Schools.

## **5 Finance Subcommittee**

The Treasurer sent his apologies. The President spoke to the report. A new contract has been signed with Wiley and the term of the contract was negotiated from five to seven years. Much of the division's income generation is through the contract with Wiley. Royalty income going forward is going to drop as journal provision changes, with expected income reducing from £400,000 to around £200,000 over the next seven years, but this is sufficient to keep the division more than solvent over the next decade. Finances will be monitored to ensure there is no overspend. A surplus was generated from the IAP Congress in December 2020 and thanks were given to Professor Ray McMahon. A financial audit was undertaken and an outcome of this is that the division should have been registered for VAT. A review is underway, and the division may be liable to make a back payment to HMRC. Until the review is complete the amount due will not be known but it is expected to be in the region of £100,000.

## **6 Meetings Subcommittee**

The Meetings Secretary spoke to her report. The pandemic period has been challenging in terms of arranging meetings, not just for the BDIAP, but across the board. The BDIAP has taken these challenges forward and delivered some successful meetings over the course of the last year. These include the study days November 2020, IAP Congress Glasgow and BDIAP/RCPATH Foundation and Undergraduate Taster event organised by Deputy Meetings Secretary Dr Matthew Clarke. These events will return to in person meetings in 2022. The joint BDIAP/Pathological Society joint meeting was held virtually and was very successful with 676 delegates across the event. The challenges have also come with opportunities, with delegates from across the world including BDIAP Schools welcomed to participate in the virtual events. Going forward the goal is for most BDIAP events to return to in person meetings. The pandemic allowing, the Molecular Pathology and Approach to Cut-Up study days will return in March 2022 as in person meetings and planning is underway for the joint BDIAP/Pathological Society meeting next summer. The next annual symposium will take place in November 2022 on Upper GI Pathology.

## **7 Education and IT Subcommittee**

The Divisional Editor spoke to her report. Owing to the pandemic most of the bursaries were put on hold but they are now slowly restarting. Eight bursaries were awarded to Member Country applicants for the Symposium on Urological Pathology. The student elective programme and education fellowships are due to restart, in line with Government guidelines. Following the Strategy Day in October it was decided that the BSc grants programme would end, as many medical schools no longer offer BScs in histopathology, applications are dwindling, and histopathology is often an afterthought component of the project. Instead, funds will be diverted to support senior trainees, to create fellowships that enable applicants to pursue subspecialisation or gain further experience associated with diagnostics.

## **8 Nominations and Membership Subcommittee**

The Chair of the Subcommittee gave a verbal report. Upcoming changes to Council were reported. Professors' Roger Feakins, Stefan Dojcinov and Dr Paul Craig will be succeeded by Dr Manuel Rodrigues-Justo, Dr Kirstie Lloyd and Professor Maria Calaminici. Dr Paul Craig remains on Council in a co-opted role. Co-opted Council Member Silvana Di Palma demits office in 2021. There were four candidates for the three vacancies and as a result of the carried motions Council agreed that the fourth candidate, Dr Kat Boros, will become a new council member. An additional role will be created for an Allied Scientist member of Council.

## **9 Histopathology**

The Editor reported that the journal is doing extremely well and has the highest impact factor the journal has ever received of 5.07. This is in part owing to the way Clarivate has been recalculated and partly due to increased citing. The journal is now a major international force and thanks were given to Professor Alastair Burt who began to internationalise the journal around nine years ago.

## **10 Questions**

None arose.

The meeting was concluded by the President.

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