



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE
Friday 22 November 2024

1. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held on Friday 10 November 2023, were agreed as a correct record of events.

2. President's Report

The President provided a verbal report and highlighted activities from 2024. There have been successful International Schools held in Sri Lanka and East Africa, with an upcoming School in Bosnia, and thanks were given to speakers at the Schools. BDIAP Meetings have been a success beginning in March with the Study Days and thanks were given to Dr Matt Clarke for convening the two days. In the Summer a Symposia on Dermatopathology and Haematopathology took place, and thanks given to Dr Paul Craig and Professor Stefan Dojcinov for putting together the programmes. The two days were very well attended and were highly successful meetings. Thanks were given to the ABP, particularly Professor Sarah Pinder and Dr Rahul Deb, for putting together the programme for the November Symposium on Breast Pathology. The biennial IAP Congress was held in October in Cancun, Mexico, and Professor Ray McMahon was elected President Elect of Central IAP. Professor McMahon has made a huge contribution to the IAP both to the BDIAP and as Secretary of the Central IAP, and in recognition of these contributions, a second named has been introduced in his name. This will be an annual lecture and will be given every year at the November Symposium. Also in recognition of Professor McMahon's contributions to education and pathology globally, he is this year's recipient of the President's Medal. The Cunningham Medal for contribution to the BDIAP this year has been awarded to Professor Simon Cross. Professor Cross has undertaken two terms as Treasurer and has saved the BDIAP in the region of one million pounds in tax during that time.

Thanks were given to two long standing members of Council who demit at the end of 2024, Professors Neil Shepard and Andrew Nicholson. Professor Nicholson has served over 15 years on Council in position of Secretary and then President. Professor Shepherd has served even longer on Council, also in position of Secretary and President.

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3. General Secretary's Report

The Secretary spoke to the item and took the report as read. The Secretary provided details of two motions to amend the Constitution:

- 3.1. **Motion:** To amend clause 9(11)(d) of the Constitution with the proposed new wording: "Any individual who becomes a member of the CIO during the year shall pay the respective membership fee for the year which shall not be reduced on a pro-rata basis."

Motion by: Professor Andrew Nicholson

Seconded by: Professor Sarah Pinder

The motion was voted on by members.

Motion confirmed as carried.

- 3.2. **Motion:** To add an Undergraduate membership category to the Constitution.

Motion by: Professor Ian Roberts

Seconded by: Professor Ray McMahon

The motion was voted on by members.

Motion confirmed as carried.

4. International Subcommittee

The International Secretary sent his apologies and the report was taken as read. Questions were welcome. None arose.

5. Finance Subcommittee

The Treasurer spoke to his report and highlighted key items. The financial year end has changed to the end of December each year to synchronise the year end with the subscription year. Owing to this the accounts must be approved and submitted to the Charity Commission by 31 October, and a Council Meeting was convened on 25th September to approve the set of accounts. The assets of the Division remain healthy at £4.5 million. It is a large sum of money however the Division is meeting its charitable aims and funds are being spent on bursaries, grants, and educational meetings. There is some concern that income may drop in future years owing to reduced income from journal royalties, which requires some reserves to be held. Cash flow has fluctuated as the Division is now VAT registered requiring occasional bills to be settled. The investment portfolio is managed by Brown Shipley and they attended the recent Council Meeting in October to present an update on the portfolio. The portfolio has performed well with a return of 11% in the last 12 months, which is in line with the benchmark for Charity investments. Thanks were given to Sam Kiely for supporting the Treasurer. Professor Manuel Rodriguez-Justo succeeds Professor Simon Cross as Treasurer.

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5.1. Reappointment of auditor

The Treasurer provided details of a motion to reappoint RSM UK Audit LLP as auditor of the BDIAP financial accounts for the period ending 31 Dec 2024.

Motion by: Professor Mike Osborn

Seconded by: Professor Ian Roberts

The motion was voted on by members.

Motion confirmed as carried.

6. Meetings Subcommittee

The Meetings Secretary sent her apologies, and the report was taken as read. The President provided a brief update on educational activities in his report. Questions were welcomed. None arose.

7. Innovation Subcommittee

The Divisional Editor sent his apologies, and the report was taken as read. Questions were welcomed. None arose.

8. Nominations and Membership Subcommittee

Membership is healthy at over 1400 members. There is an improvement in membership from member countries and thanks were given to the Belgian, Dutch and Irish Council Representatives.

An update on Officer positions was given and thanks given to all outgoing Officers and Councillors. Professor Manuel Rodriguez-Justo was confirmed as Treasurer, Dr Lisa Browning will continue as Meetings Secretary for the short term and Dr Matthew Clarke will take up this position during 2025. Dr Abhisek Ghosh finishes his term as Trainees Councillor and will take up the role of Deputy Meetings Secretary. Professor Sarah Pinder was confirmed as President Elect and congratulations given. Professor Nicholson demits his term as Past President but will remain on Council in a co-opted position as Education Representative for the Central IAP.

8.1. Election of Councillors

Elections were held to recruit two UK Councillors and one Trainees Councillor. Dr Anna Green and Professor Abeer Shaaban were confirmed as UK Councillors and Dr Eaint Myint Moh confirmed as Trainees Councillor.

The President thanked Professor Nicholson for his service on Council and questions were welcomed. None arose.

9. Engagement and Collaboration Subcommittee

The Secretary for Engagement and Collaboration spoke to his report and highlighted the activities of the subcommittee. In the last year several successful collaborative meetings were held. A BDIAP

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sponsored symposium was held jointly with the Dutch Society for Pathology at their week of pathology. A joint meeting was held with the Royal College of Pathologists and the British Lymphoma Pathology Group (BLPG) in the summer. More collaborative meetings are planned for 2025 including a BLPG meeting at Ghent Pathology, and a session at the IBMS Congress. Other projects in development for the subcommittee include working EDI portfolio improvement, improving communications including social media and introducing BDIAP Champions.

10. Report from the Editor of Histopathology

The Editor sent his apologies, and the report was taken as read. Questions were welcomed. None arose.

11. Questions

A question arose about the introduction of undergraduate membership, and who it would be open to. It was confirmed that the category would be open to medical undergraduate students from any year.

The President thanked Council and the administrators for their support over the last two years during his term of office. The Chain of Office was handed over to President Elect Dr Jan von der Thüsen.

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