

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London
Friday 23 November 2012

1. The Minutes of the last AGM held at the Royal College of Physicians, London on 23 November 2011 were agreed as correct.

- 2 **President's Report**

The President began by welcoming everyone to the AGM. He thanked Professor Geraint Williams for his longstanding service to the BDIAP. He reported that there was steady progress with the implementation the aims of the AwayDay held in 2011. In particular, in the field of education with the organisation of small Workshops on one subject specialties and in working towards providing additional administrative assistance in London. The President reported that the present Secretary of the IAP, David Hardwick would be leaving in 2014. He also reported on the possibility of holding an IAP Congress in the UK was being explored with Glasgow as a possible venue.

3. **General Secretary's Report**

Professor Andrew Nicholson said that his report had been circulated by mail prior to the AGM and that he needed to ratify a change to the Constitution. The change being that in the future those applying for Trainee membership would have to be nominated and seconded by full members of the BDIAP and not by those still in training. The motion was proposed by Claude Cuvelier and seconded by Nigel Kirkham.

- 3 **Nominations and Membership Subcommittee**

Professor Neil Shepherd reiterated that the British Division included members from Belgium, The Netherlands and Ireland as well as the United Kingdom and there were 1390 members at present. Application by trainees was up by 35 in the current year. He reported that Dr Alec Howat had been chosen as the next President Elect and would take office following on from Professor Mike Wells. The other changes on Council were that Professor Dan Berney, Dr Andrew Wotherspoon and Dr Naveena Singh had been elected as Councillors following a ballot. The new Dutch representative would be Dr Michael den Bakker who was following on from Professor Paul van der Valk who had served his three year term and the newly elected Trainees Councillor would be Dr Nadine Burke. He announced that the Cunningham Medal had been awarded to Professor Claude Cuvelier from Ghent and the President's medal to Professor Mary Leader from Dublin.

- 4 **Meetings Subcommittee**

Professor Ian Roberts said that the Meetings Secretary's report had been circulated prior to the AGM and he reported that the Dermatopathology meeting held in Oxford in the Spring had been well attended with good feedback. The International Congress held in Cape Town had been a high profile meeting with many of the programme organisers coming from the BDIAP and It had been a very successful.

He thanked Professor Sarah Pinder and Professor Ian Ellis for putting together a very interesting programme on Breast Pathology.

Professor Roberts said that the meetings for the coming year would be a Trainees day on 26 February on The Cut Up. The venue for the Joint BDIAP/PathSoc meeting would be Edinburgh this year from 18-21 June and the next November meeting would be on Intestinal Pathology to be held once again at RIBA in London.

- 5 **Education and IT Subcommittee**

Dr Stephen Wells thanked his committee for their help during the year and referred to his Divisional Editor's report circulated in the Annual Report which gave the information on

bursaries and scholarships given during the year. He confirmed that there was now a Password Protected area on the website available only to members – only 119 had so far registered for this but he encouraged others to do so.

6 Finance Subcommittee

Professor Ray McMahon referred to the Accounts for 2011/2012 circulated with the Annual Report. Expenditure was up due to the number of educational bursaries awarded and other educational activities. Home membership was encouraged to apply for bursaries, as well as those from abroad. The BDIAP continues to promote its charitable aims.

7 Report from the International Secretary

Dr Alec Howat, the International Secretary reported that he was to become the next President-Elect and would pass on this office in due course. The International Secretary reported that there was an increasing amount of work going on with the British Schools of Pathology as detailed in the Annual Report. He also reported that the BDIAP had been working closely with the Royal College of Pathologists and the College of Pathology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa by submitting a grant to THET to improve pathology services to the COPECSA region.

8 Report of the Editor of Histopathology

The Editor, Professor Alastair Burt was unable to attend so in his absence the Deputy Editor, Professor Dan Berney spoke of the Journal's continuing success. He also reported that the Production office in Edinburgh was closing and the situation would be monitored.

The meeting was closed by Professor Shepherd, the outgoing President and the chain of office was handed over to Professor Michael Wells who will be the President for the coming two years.