

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London
Friday 29 November 2013

1. The Minutes of the last AGM held at RIBA on Friday 23 November 2012 were agreed as correct.

2. **President's Report**

The President reported that it had been an active year with the joint ESP meeting held in Lisbon in September and the planning for the London Congress in 2014. He had also visited Australia to advise them on their activities using the BDIAP as an example. Preparation for a bid to host the IAP Congress in Glasgow in 2020 was also underway. This would be a joint ESP and IAP meeting if successful. He also reported that his trip to Egypt had unfortunately been cancelled and that a Summer School for Trainees was being arranged for 2014 by The Pathological Society, the Royal College of Pathologists and the BDIAP.

3. **General Secretary's Report**

The Secretary said that a change in the Constitution was required as BioMedical students had requested that they be allowed to join the BDIAP membership and this had been approved in principle. They would be offered affiliate membership allowing them to attend our meetings (they will not receive the journal) however they would require advance practitioner status to apply. Approval was given for this amendment to the Constitution.

4. **Nomination and Membership Subcommittee**

Professor Neil Shepherd reported that Dr Stephen Wells has stepped down as Divisional Editor but had agreed to continue with the upkeep of the website until such time as a new webmaster could be appointed. The other changes on Council announced were that Dr Alec Howat was to be the next President and Professor Dan Berney had taken over the role of International Secretary from Dr Howat. It was announced the Professor Mary Leader from Dublin would be the next President Elect. Professor Marco Novelli has joined the Council being the successful candidate from the recent Council elections.

5. **Meetings Subcommittee**

The Meetings Secretary reported that the meetings during the past year had been very well attended and that in 2014 we would hold the 7th Trainees Meeting on Cut up. There would be a joint meeting with the BLPG on Haematopathology which would be held in Bristol. He also thanked Dr Naveena Singh and her colleagues for putting together an excellent programme on Gynaecological Pathology for the November 2015 meeting. Plans are progressing well for the joint meeting with the Pathological Society for Dublin Pathology 2015 and Urological pathology will be the subject for the November meeting next year.

6. **Education and IT Subcommittee**

The Divisional Editor thanked her committee for their help during the year and referred to the Annual Report which contained details of the bursaries and scholarships given during the year.

7. **Finance Subcommittee**

Professor Ray McMahon reported that the Report and Accounts for 2013-2014 had been previously circulated with the Annual Newsletter and the finances were in good health mainly as a result of the continuing success of the journal Histopathology and the positive relationship enjoyed with Wiley Blackwell. He said that the BDIAP was committed to its charitable aims and objectives and there were a number of bursaries, grants etc. available for educational needs.

8. **International Subcommittee**

The new International Secretary, Professor Dan Berney, commented on the continuing work that the BDIAP was doing to promote education at the Schools of Pathology and in particular in East

Africa. He also said that both the BDIAP and RCPATH were co-funding a Programme Office for COPECSA for the next three years.

10. **Report from the Editor of Histopathology**

The Editor reported that the journal was going from strength to strength with well over 800 submissions this year which were of a high quality. He announced that two new associate editors had been appointed during the year.

The meeting was closed by Professor Michael Wells, President of the BDIAP.