

**BRITISH ANDROLOGY SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**JESSOP WING, THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD**

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

**Present:** Professor Bill Holt (Chairman), Dr Alireza Fazeli (Secretary), Dr Mark Curry (Treasurer), Dr Iwan Lewis-Jones, Dr Sheena Lewis, Dr Jacqui Piner, Dr Rez Prathalingam (committee members) and fifteen ordinary members

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr Lisa Thurston (Programme secretary), Nina Rogers (Postgraduate representative)
2. The Minutes of the AGM held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at Riseholme Park, University of Lincoln were accepted.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

Professor Holt reminded the audience that during the last year BAS has been involved in many activities. For example, BAS has now joined the Bioscience Federation. An organization who form a focal point for many issues regarding the science policy, funding and education in UK. He also informed the audience that he has been working towards obtaining charitable status for the BAS. This may have a number of advantages over our present unrecognised status, including some financial advantages such as gift aid, certain discounts and arrangements to protect the committee members against financial misarrangement or disaster. He stated that the Charity Commission have approved our application provided that we amend our constitution. Professor Holt thinks that the amendments are not onerous and seem sensible. Professor Holt also informed the audience that this year the BAS steering committee opted not to take part in the joint fertility meeting with SRF and BFS in York (2007). Professor Holt mentioned that the meeting is forecasted to achieve a financial loss, therefore cutting into BAS reserves. Prof Holt further thanked Dr. Lindsay Robertson (BAS Secretary) and Dr. Mark Curry (BAS Treasurer) for their service to BAS in the last few years. Prof Holt further thanked Dr. Fazeli and his team for organising the Sheffield meeting. Prof. Holt also mentioned that 2006 meeting of BAS is going to be held in Leeds and Dr. Miler has already prepared the program of the meeting. In 2007 BAS meeting will be held in the site of Glaxowellcome in Ware in Hertfordshire and the meeting is organised by Dr. Piner.

### **4. BAS Constitution Amendments**

Professor Holt outlined the potential changes proposed by charity commission to the BAS constitution. A discussion took place and it was decided that more thinking and research should be done on this. Prof. Holt agreed to work on it and present further information regarding the amendments in the next BAS AGM.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Dr Curry reported assets of £11,142.39 in the Current Account and £22,038.90 (including interest of £482.21) in the Business Reserve Account giving assets of £33,181.29. He itemised income and expenditure as below –

<u>Income</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Subscriptions	£ 1428.00	(£ 1605.00)
Meetings	£ 3068.53	(£ 4609.00)
	<u>£ 4496.53</u>	<u>(£ 6214.00)</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Committee Expenses	£ 1686.28	(£ 821.14)
Newsletter	£ 2659.00	(£ 826.00)
Travel Grants	£ 2250.00	(£ 1250.00)
Fertility 2005 grants	£ 600.00	
Fertility 2005 prize	£ 150.00	
Payment to Joint Fertility Society	£ 188.50	(£ 3000)
Web Domain Name	£ 233.83	
Bioscience Federation	£ 250.00	
	<u>£ 8017,61</u>	<u>(£ 5897.14)</u>
Income	£ 4496.53	(£ 4021.06)
Expenditure	<u>£ 8017,61</u>	<u>(£ 2270.23)</u>
	<b>£ -3520,78</b>	(£ 1750.83)

Dr Curry reported that subscription income was lower than last year because there were still payments outstanding and Dr. Curry was chasing the payments of subscriptions. It was suggested that less money should be kept in the current account.

## **5. Committee Membership**

Dr Curry (retiring treasurer) passed the treasurer post to Prof. Sheena Lewis. Dr. Fazeli informed the meeting of a number of changes to the Committee. On behalf of the Society he thanked Dr. Garside and Miss Rogers for their service in the steering committee. He also welcomed Dr. Miler to the committee.

## **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.00pm.**