

Minutes **British Andrology Society Annual General Meeting**

Date, Time: Friday 20th November 2009, 8.15am

Venue: Queen's University, Belfast

Present: Dr Alireza Fazeli Chairman
 Professor Sheena Lewis Treasurer
 Dr Jacqui Piner Secretary
 Dr David Miller Committee member
 Dr Rhiannon Lloyd Committee Member
 Professor Bill Holt Committee member

Apologies: Dr Sue Avery Ordinary Member
 Dr Iwan Lewis-Jones Ordinary Member

1. **Welcome & Apologies:**

The Chairman, Dr Alireza Fazeli, welcomed everyone to BAS AGM. Apologies were noted as above.

Dr Fazeli thanked Professor Sheena Lewis, local organiser, for the dinner and entertainment the previous evening.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting – 23rd October 2008:**

2.1 Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd October 2008 were agreed to be a true record.

3. **Chairman's Report:**

Dr Fazeli presented the Chairperson's report and he briefly noted that:

- Dr Fazeli has now been chair for 12 months
- BAS annual meeting 2008 was a joint meeting with Spanish Society of Reproduction (AERA).
 - Scientifically very successful with subsequent fruitful collaboration between BAS and AERA members.
 - A negative point was financial where BAS agreed to have no stake in profits or losses from the meeting but to pay expenses for speakers invited by BAS which turned out to be expensive and lessons must be learned from this experience.
- Poor financial situation of BAS was highlighted. Efforts will be made to increase revenue. Professor Sheena Lewis and Dr Debbie Lutton were thanked for their efforts in producing a likely profit from the 2009 annual meeting.
- BAS is very active with various initiatives to promote the science of Andrology (eg BBSRC consultation, Society of Biology) and to increase networks with European scientists (eg European Science Foundation). Moreover funding in UK is changing and it is fundamental that BAS influences direction.
- Dr Fazeli thanked Dr Lloyd for organisation of the Young Researcher session held the previous evening. Dr Fazeli also thanked Dr Lloyd and Dr Sharp for all their work as

Young Researcher Representatives who are resigning having completed their appointed period.

4. **Membership Report:**

Dr Piner reported that the BAS currently has approximately 127 members.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Professor Lewis reported that £5000 had been transferred from reserve to current account. Expenditure for 2009 was £6311 with a total reduction in assets from 2008 of £6495.59. . In terms on increasing revenue it is likely that 2009 annual meeting will make a profit. In addition various other opportunities are being pursued including providing CPD lectures and from advertisements in the newsletter. Constitution will be checked to see if provision of travel grants can be suspended temporarily in 2010.

Professor Watson suggested that BAS should encourage membership and participation in annual meetings from European andrologists. This was supported and steering committee will discuss this further.

6. **Young Researcher Report:**

Dr Rhiannon Lloyd reported that BAS are now part of an international network of young researchers in male fertility. Dr Lloyd recommended that BAS should remain part of this network as it could be worth exploiting further to increase European membership.

7. **Committee Nominations:**

Najmeh Moeinvaziri was appointed to be Young Researchers representative. Dr Moeinvaziri has just started a PhD at University of Sheffield and is already a medically qualified doctor.

8. **BAS Charity Status:**

Professor Bill Holt reported that he is still pursuing this objective but will have to wait until some government changes are introduced before any further progress can be made. Dr Fazeli thanked Professor Holt for his continued pursuit of gaining charity status for BAS.

9. **AOB:**

Nothing to report

10. **Date of Next Meeting:**

The next AGM meeting will be held at AstraZeneca, 9th or 10th November 2010.

Minutes prepared: Dr Jacqui Piner

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