

**Minutes**                    **British Andrology Society Steering Committee Meeting**

**Date, Time:**            **11 November 2010, 8:30am**

**Venue:**                    AstraZeneca, Alderley Park, Cheshire

**Present:**                Dr Alireza Fazeli                    Chairman  
                         Professor Sheena Lewis            Treasurer  
                         Dr David Miller                    Committee member  
                         Dr Najmed Moein Vaziri          Young Researcher Representative  
                         Professor Bill Holt                Committee member  
                         Dr Roy Jones                      BAS member

**Apologies:**            Dr Jacqui Piner                    Secretary  
                         Dr Iwan Lewis-Jones              Committee member

1.    **Welcome & Apologies:**

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

2.    **Minutes of Last Meeting – 20 November 2009:**

Iwan and Sue should be changed to committee members  
Post meeting – correction made and minutes finalised.

3.    **Chairman's Report:**

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

- Alireza talked about the gloomy future of science due to significant budget cut in the UK. Decrease of 80% of university grants which would affect research. Therefore we need to lobby and emphasise the importance of andrology research.
- BAS can publicise its science by participating in various groups and initiatives. For example BAS nominated its members to be elected to various BBSRC expert panels. Also BAS is represented in various initiatives and groups in the Society of Biology (Bill and Jacqui).
- Regarding financial matters, BAS is doing fine, particularly based on the profit that was made in BAS annual meeting in Belfast.
- Research excellence framework (REF) has asked BAS to nominate a representative for panel committees. BAS definitely needs nominations for defending our group. Alireza stepped forward as a nominee expressing that BAS needs to participate in other groups to show the group's opinion.
- Already BAS has good communicative bases through the website, newsletter and Facebook. Thanks to Sara for all her efforts in taking care of the website and newsletter. Najmeh has also set up a Facebook page to communicate with general population.
- Alireza and Jacqui will resign as the chairman and secretary of BAS in the next year's annual meeting. So people are required to nominate for both positions.

4. **Membership Report:**

Membership report: There have been 11 new members joining the BAS in 2010. This will work to 150 paying members 33 of which are still paying the old fee amount. One member will be resigning this year.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

**Current assets**

	<b>2009-2010</b>
Current account at 20 October 2010	£12,038.44
Business Reserve Account at 20 October 2010	£15,575.36
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£27,613.80</b>

	<b>2009-2010</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Membership subscriptions 2008-2009	(2159.00)
Membership subscriptions 2009-2010	2336.46
Advertising in BAS newsletter	250.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2836.46</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Committee expenses	1357.35
Secretarial expenses x 10 mths	1000.00
Society of Biology membership	361.90
International Society of Andrology Soc	188.00
International Young researchers in male Fertility	270.00
Belmont and Lowe Solicitors	1204.38
Zincweb	266.50
Tri- Sport Trophies (engraving medals)	14.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4662.63</b>
<b>Regular income- expenditure in 2010</b>	<b>1826.17</b>

6. **Young Researcher Report:**

- Najmeh has set up a BAS page on Facebook as a means for communicating activities and networks including annual meetings and newsletter. There are already 32 members.
- Najmeh stated that she had made her best efforts for attracting more young researchers to join the BAS group by sending emails to relevant units and departments in several universities across the UK. Also efforts were made to attract young researchers to the BAS annual meeting including encouragement to submit abstracts. 5 new young researcher members have joined BAS in 2010. In the annual meeting 2010, young researcher session, there were 5 posters and 4 abstracts presented.
- Najmeh asked for suggestions to attract more young researchers to join BAS.

7. **Committee membership:**  
Approaching end of her three year term as treasurer, Sheena was re-instated. Bill and Iwan are also coming to the end of their term as members of the steering committee. Sue has resigned. Anthony Hirsh nominated Asif Monir from UCL as a new member of the steering committee. This was accepted with no objections.
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:**  
Annual conference 2011 will be held in the University of Birmingham on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September.  
ESHRE basic semen analysis course will also be held on 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September.

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