

British Microcirculation Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2004

Held on Monday 5th April Fulwood Room, Tapton Hall, Sheffield.

Chairman: The President: Professor Jeremy Pearson

26 members were in attendance. Apologies were received from PAG Monro, G Holti

1. **Minutes of AGM of Monday 7th April, University of Bristol** were approved and signed by the President.
2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
Stephen Young from the University of Birmingham gave a short presentation on the visit to Professor Alois Lametschwandtner in Salzburg to learn the technique of corrosion casting for three dimensional assessment of capillarity of tissues.
3. **Future Scientific Meetings.**
 - a) Professor Giovanni Mann, in consultation with the Chairman Professor Jeremy Pearson, and the committee has agreed with the Microcirculatory Society to hold a joint meeting of the BMS and the Microcirculatory Society in Autumn 2005, in Durham, New Hampshire in the United States. The committee has agreed to provide support for as many members as possible, through its grant award schemes to attend this meeting. Registration will be kept to a minimum to keep costs down. The meeting will be held on Sunday 11th-Tuesday 13th September, to avoid clashing with the IUPS meeting in April 2005, and other meetings in April next year. Professor Mann will be attempting to raise financial support for the meeting.
 - b) The Annual Scientific meeting of the Society in 2006 will be hosted at the University of Dundee, by Dr Faisal Khan. The meeting will follow the usual format, with a provisional date of 10th-11th April 2006, and will include a symposium on endothelial derived hyperpolarising factors.
 - c) The next meeting of the Physiological Society with a designated session on Microvascular and Endothelial Physiology would be that at King's College London on 17-20th December 2004. The following designated session of the Microvascular and Endothelial Physiology will be in July 2005 at the Bristol meeting.
 - d) The Society has agreed to sponsor a symposium at the European Society for Microcirculation in 2004 in Lisbon on Programming of Vascular Dysfunction, organised by Christopher Torrens, Geraldine Clough, and Mark Hanson.
 - e) The Society has agreed to support a session at the British Association Festival of Science meeting entitled: "The microcirculation: small is beautiful", consisting of talks by Professor Angela Shore, Dr Geraldine Clough, Professor Peter Mortimer, Dr Faisal Khan and Dr Steve Matcher. This will be held on September the 6th at the University of Exeter and will be chaired by David Bates.
 - f) The Annual Scientific meeting of the Society in 2007 will be hosted at Queen's University, Belfast, by Dr Tim Curtis and Professor Alan Stitt. The meeting will follow the usual format, to be held on 2nd-3rd April 2007, and will include a symposium on the microcirculation in diabetic retinopathies. The meeting venue will be the Lanyon Building, and the Society dinner will take place in Great Hall (located within the Quad). Accommodation will be provided within the Queen's Elm's Halls of Residence situated in pleasant parkland about a 10 min walk to the Quad.

4. Society Grants

- a) A laboratory visit grant had been awarded in 2004 to Riaz Agha from the Guy's King's and Thomas' Medical Schools. Mr Agha will present a brief report of his visit to the Society at the AGM in Durham, NH.
- b) Student Assistance grants for the current meeting in Nottingham had been awarded to Rowan Pritchard Jones, University of Bristol (Terence Ryan Award) Andrew Benest, University of Bristol (Moor Instruments Award) Heather Bevan (University of Bristol), Rebecca Foster (University of Bristol), Kavita Joory (University of Bristol), Kate Lankester (Gray Cancer Institute), Wei Li (Queen Mary & Westfield College), Luciano Guerreiro-Lucas (Gray Cancer Institute), Abhik Mukherjee (University of Nottingham), Nazahiyah Sulaiman (University of Nottingham), Wenying Wang (University of Bristol)
- c) The BMS Microcirculation Conference Grant was not awarded in January

5. Officers Report

Honorary Secretary's Report

This report had been pre-circulated and was approved and signed by the President. The membership of the society now stands at 225 paid up members.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The report had been precirculated and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2003 were tabled and approved. There had been a significant excess of income over expenditure largely because of a profit from the Bristol meeting, and a return of £5000 from the Exeter ESM. Our current balance stands at £32,226.

6. Creation of the office of Communications Officer

1. The Society shall elect one of its members to act as President who shall serve for a maximum of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election to that position. One year before the President is due to retire the Society shall elect the next President who shall take office as President one year later. The Society shall elect one of its members as Secretary, another as Treasurer and a third as Communications Officer. The Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Officer shall hold office for a maximum of six years and shall not be eligible for re-election to their respective position.
2. The business of the Society shall be conducted by the Committee, consisting of the President, the President-elect when in office, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Communications Officer and five to eight other elected members. The other members of the Committee, of whom one or two shall be elected in each year so that the total number of the Committee shall not ordinarily exceed twelve, shall each serve for a maximum of four years but be eligible for re-election after a period of two years off the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members and the Secretary shall report this to members at the next meeting of the Society.

These amendments were passed nem con.

7. Adoption of Amendment to constitution to include ESM membership.

The society voted in favour of the proposal that British Microcirculation Society Membership will confer membership of the European Microcirculation Society, with an opt out clause as voted on by the following amendment to the constitution. The proposal was accepted by 23 votes to 3.

26. Membership of the Society may confer membership of the European Society for Microcirculation (ESM) on a member unless requested not to so do by such member. When ESM membership is conferred the membership fee for the Society, which may be greater than membership exclusive to the society, shall include that of the ESM and be paid by the Society to the ESM by the treasurer annually. Such membership of the ESM shall be full and equivalent to an independent membership for all Society members and shall confer full rights and access to the ESM. In the event of the dissolution of the ESM, all additional membership fees shall revert to the Society, and at the next annual General Meeting of the Society the membership fee be re-adjusted to take into account the change in costs. The Treasurer, President and Secretary of the Society must inform the Society of changes in the ESM that may affect the membership of the Society.

8. Election of Committee Members

Following a vote, the following officers and committee members were elected.

President elect: Dr Geraldine Clough
Treasurer: Professor Nicola Brown
Committee member Tim Curtis
Honorary membership Gunter Holti

9. Appointment of Auditors

The meeting agreed to re-appoint the current auditors (Reeves & Neylan).

10. Any other business

The President thanked the local organiser, Dr Nicola Brown and her colleagues for their work hosting an excellent meeting. He also thanked the retiring committee members for their efforts.

The meeting closed at 18.35

Professor Jeremy Pearson
President

Dr David Bates
Honorary Secretary