

**British Microcirculation Society**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2007**  
18:30 Monday 2nd April, Peter Froggatt Centre, Belfast

Chairman: The President: Dr Geraldine Clough

1. **Minutes of AGM of Held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April, West Park Conference Centre, Dundee**
2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**  
None
3. **Scientific Meetings.**
  - a) This years meeting has received 81 abstracts and 131 registrants so far. The meeting is progressing well, and looks like it will at least break even financially. Congratulations to Tim Curtis for hosting such a successful meeting.
  - b) The Annual Scientific meeting of the Society in 2008 will be hosted at Kings College London, by Dr Richard Siow. The meeting will follow the usual format, on the 1<sup>st</sup> –2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 (Tue-Wed), and will include a symposium on Gene Therapy approaches to microvascular disease. Speakers have been contacted, and a full programme of speakers will be available shortly. The organisers are investigating holding a young Physiologist Symposium sponsored by the Physiological Society on the previous day. It was suggested that the Early Career Investigator Workshop could also be held on the Monday evening, and a social event to follow, considering that the cost of getting to London in the morning is prohibitive and many people will need to stay overnight.
  - c) The committee received two very good bids to host the 2009 meeting. The bids were of high quality and very competitive. After discussion, the committee have asked Neena Kalia at the University of Birmingham to host the annual Scientific meeting of the Society in 2009. The meeting will include a symposium on “Stem cells in the microcirculation”, and follow the usual format
  - d) The Society agreed to sponsor a symposium at the World Congress for Microcirculation in 2007 in Milwaukee that would showcase early career investigator abstracts from British Microcirculation Scientists. The Early Career Investigator Award was made to Dr Jacqui Shields from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne. Dr Shields will be selecting three other speakers from this meeting to present in Milwaukee.
  - e) The Society also agreed to sponsor a symposium at the European Congress for Microcirculation in 2008 in Budapest that would similarly showcase early career investigator abstracts from British Microcirculation Scientists. This Early Career Investigator Awardee would be asked to put a symposium together based on abstract submission to the 2008 spring meeting.
  - f) The Committee received a very good application from Professors Mann and Pearson to host the European Congress on Microcirculation in 2012. The committee recommended that we accept that proposal and the President of the Society will liaise with Professors Mann and Pearson to submit that to the European Society by the end of this year.

**4. Society Grants**

The following grants were awarded. Terence Ryan Award, Maxine Emmett, University of Bristol

Moor Instruments Award, Jacqui Ung from Southampton

BMS Laboratory Visit Grant, None as yet

BMS Microcirculation Conference Grant, Francois Li, King's College London

BMS Student's Assistance Scheme, 11 other awards for the highest scoring applications will be made to: Dean Kavanagh (University of Birmingham), Darryl Dunn (University of Bristol), Sarah Nolan (University of Birmingham), Alex Varey (University of Bristol), Lara Walter, Cally Gill (both University of Southampton), Kim Reeves and Emily Stedman (University of Sheffield), Joanne Ferguson (University of Bristol) Daya Singh (University of Newcastle) and Carlos Reyes-Aldasoro (University of Sheffield).

**5. Officers Report**

**President's Report.**

See attached paper

**Honorary Secretary's Report**

We have received 38 new members since April last year (15 ordinary, 23 students). We have had 15 resignations and two deaths. Current membership is at: 255 members, 23 more than last year. Membership consists of 65 students, 181 ordinary members and 9 honorary members. My goal was to reach 250 paid up members by 2007, and we have now done this. Geographically we have 210 members in England, 13 in Northern Ireland, 9 in Scotland and 5 in Wales. Around the country we have two or more members in London (50), Bristol (36), Sheffield (31), Birmingham (17), Belfast (11), Nottingham (10), Manchester (10), Exeter (10), Southampton (9), Newcastle upon Tyne (4), Dundee (3), Cardiff (3), Cambridge (2), Oxford (2), Liverpool (2), Leicester (2), Glasgow (2), Durham (2), Co Londonderry (2), Bradford (2). Notable poorly or absently

represented Universities are again Leeds, Edinburgh, Oxford and Cambridge (1 each), and Glasgow University that doesn't have any members. These have been tough nuts to crack.

**Honorary Treasurer's Report**

The report had been precirculated and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2006 were tabled and approved. Our current balance stands at £24,000.

**Publications Officer's report**

See attached paper. Discussions with the editor of Microcirculation has meant that we will be removing the character limit for next years abstract requirements, and going with a 29 line maximum and specified point size, font, and area.

**Communications Officer's report.**

The website is currently experiencing difficulties but will be sorted out next week. We are looking for a logo for the society, and to rearrange the website for easier navigation. The current proposed logos will be put up and further offers encouraged, followed an email vote.

**8. Election of Committee Members**

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

Professor Peter Mortimer, St George's Hospital Medical School

Dr Zoe Brookes, University of Sheffield

**9. Appointment of Auditors**

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

**10. Any other business.**

None.

The meeting closed at 19.30

Dr Geraldine Clough

President

Dr David Bates  
Honorary Secretary