

# MINUTES OF THE BRITISH INFECTION SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**FRIDAY JUNE 29TH 2007**

**INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON**

**Present: 130 members who had registered for the BIS Spring Meeting.**

## **1. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS**

The election ballot had worked well and approximately 100 members had voted. Dr M Wiselka, Honorary Secretary thanked all nominees and announced the results. The elected candidates were all duly ratified by the BIS members present.

<b>Post vacant</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Result</b>
President	Prof Jon Friedland Hammersmith hospital	Prof Jon Friedland
Honorary Secretary	Dr Peter Moss Castle Hill Hospital, Hull	Dr Peter Moss
Meetings Secretary	Dr David Chadwick James Cook Hospital Middlesbrough	
	Prof Stephen Green Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield	Prof Stephen Green
Scientific Affairs Secretary	Dr David Dockrell Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield	Dr David Dockrell
	Prof Tom Evans University of Glasgow	
Membership Secretary	Dr Mairi M Cullen Wythenshawe Hospital	Dr Mairi Cullen
	Dr Craig Williams Yorkhill Hospital	
Training Grade Member	Dr Nikhil Premchand Newcastle General Hospital	Dr Nikhil Premchand
	Dr Derek Sloane (late nomination) Royal Liverpool Hospital	

## 2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr Beeching thanked the outgoing members of Council and highlighted the activities of the Society in the following areas:

### i) **Involvement in guidelines and standards**

Including Malaria guideline with together with ACMP, TB (NICE) guidelines, Influenza (with HPA/BTS), Hepatitis B and C (NICE), Varicella Zoster/chickenpox, Bone infections, Standards of HIV care and Opportunistic Infection guidelines (jointly with BHIVA). Dr Beeching highlighted the work of the recently formed BIS Guidelines sub-committee and closer working with AMM and other organisations.

### ii) **Meetings**

There had been a number of very successful meetings over the past year including

FIS	22-24th November 2006, Cardiff
BHIVA/BIS	26 –28th April 2007 Edinburgh
BIS Spring Meeting	28-29 <sup>th</sup> June 2007

Dr Beeching also highlighted forthcoming meetings including

Trainees day	11th September 2007 Manchester
BOA/BIS/AMM	25th September Manchester
FIS	28-30 <sup>th</sup> November 2007, Cardiff
RCP/BTS/BIS	16th September 2008 RCPLond

### iii) **Professional issues**

Dr Beeching highlighted the issues that had been discussed in Council and responded to by the Society including HRG's, payment by results, DH meetings (including those on face masks, isolation facilities and influenza pandemic exercises), clinical excellence awards and training issues. The President noted that it was important for the Society to have a proactive response to outside bodies and this may require a change in the structure and business of the Society and composition of Council.

Dr Beeching also discussed the Federation of RCPs' proposal for an exit examination (MCQ knowledge based assessment) for ID trainees and Council's reservations that the Society was being asked to contribute financially to the setting up of this assessment, which would involve a large amount of work and would be a further very expensive examination for trainees.

### iv) **Journal of Infection**

Professor Rob Read had been in place as editor of the Journal for 1 year. The relative position of the Journal had improved and the 2006 Impact factor had increased to 2.03. The average time from submission to first decision was <4 weeks. The rejection rate was 84% with increasing papers/reviews from overseas. The journal received 15,000-18,000 downloads per month.

### 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr Leanord gave the Treasurer's Report and highlighted the current healthy state of the society's finances. The balance sheet was discussed (see below) and a full Trustees report and Accounts had been prepared which could be seen if required. Dr Leanord assured the Society that Council were happy with the accounts, which had been independently audited and assessed as satisfactory. The accounts were duly ratified by the AGM.

Draft Financial Statements at 26 JUNE 2007 at 19:19:16

#### BRITISH INFECTION SOCIETY

#### BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Notes	2006		2005	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	9		686,547		614,387
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	264		264	
Cash at bank and in hand		249,122		143,015	
		<u>249,386</u>		<u>143,279</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(44,984)</u>		<u>(28,551)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>204,402</u>		<u>114,728</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u><u>890,949</u></u>		<u><u>729,115</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	12		4,870		15,975
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds			500,000		-
Other charitable funds					
Unrestricted income funds		386,079		618,565	
Revaluation reserve		-		94,575	
		<u>386,079</u>		<u>713,140</u>	
			<u><u>890,949</u></u>		<u><u>729,115</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Board on .....

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Dr A T Leanord

#### 4. SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr Sriskanden highlighted the outcome of recent BIS awards

##### **BIS Research Fellowships 2006**

Dr. Ravi Gupta. Supervisor Dr Deenan Pillay, UCL.

*In vitro studies to underpin rollout of antiretroviral therapy in Africa*

Dr. Brendan Payne. Supervisor Prof Patrick Chinnery, Newcastle.

*Are long-term complications of nucleoside analogue therapy the result of accumulated mitochondrial DNA mutations?*

##### **Barnett Christie Lecturer 2006**

Dr John Frater. University of Oxford *HIV and immune escape – what is the cost of viral evolution?*

##### **FIS 2006 Meeting Prizes**

Derek Sloan (Liverpool)

Best presentation at FIS

Fiona Cooke (Sanger/Cambridge)

Best presentation at FIS

Karen Bowker (Bristol)

Anti-Infectives research

Dearbhaile Morris (Galway)

Resistant Gram negatives

Dr Angela Minassian, (Oxford)

Best clinical lesson

##### **Commended**

Dr Lobna Metwally, (Belfast)

Dr Maarten Hoek, (HPA, Gloucestershire)

Dr Mary Ashcroft, (University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire)

##### **BIS Fellowship Awards completed end 2006**

###### **2004:**

Dr Tihana Bicanic, SpR ID/micro,SGHMS. Cryptococcal meningitis

*Lancet Infect Dis.* 2005 Sep; 5(9):530-1.

*Clin Infect Dis* 2006 Oct 15;43(8):1069-73.

*Clin Infect Dis* 2007 July 1; 45: in press

*Best oral presentation 13th BHIVA/BIS 2007*

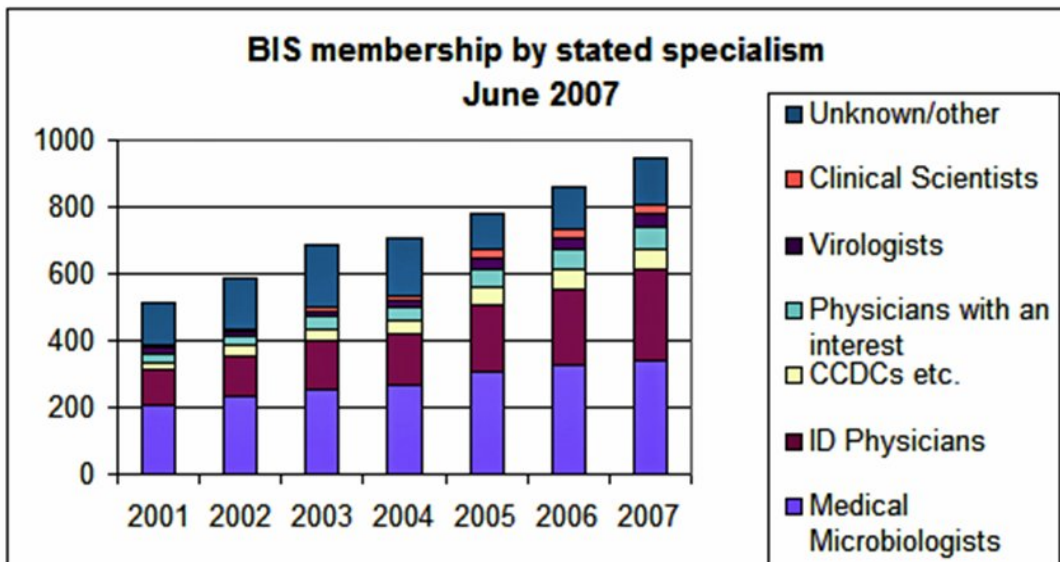
**2005**

Dr. Rachel Exley PhD Imperial College.  
*N. meningitidis* lacking TonB-dependent receptor  
Wellcome Trust Value In People Award (6 months)  
Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship (24 months)

Dr Sarah Anderson, SpR Public Health, UCL.  
TB transmission to household contacts  
Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, NW London Health Protection Unit  
*Thorax* 2007;62:162-167.

**5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Dr Cheesbrough informed the BIS that the Society currently had a total of 904 members representing an increase of 11.6% over the past year. Compared with May 2006, there had been an increase in all categories of member with the largest in ID Physicians (+39), followed by Microbiologists (+19) and ID Nurses (+10). Dr Cheesbrough illustrated the increasing membership of the Society (some members stating more than one interest).



## **6. PRESIDENT ELECT'S ADDRESS**

Professor Jon Friedland, President Elect, gave an address to the BIS members. He gave a vote of thanks to Nick Beeching for his work and this was warmly endorsed by the meeting. He asked for the members views on a number of questions regarding MMC, MTAS and specialty Training issues. These views would be taken into account when preparing the BIS response to the Tooke report. The following points were overwhelmingly agreed:-

- The MTAS process has been a shambles & does not inspire confidence
- Selection for training posts should be based upon excellence and take into account the CV of candidates
- There should be uncoupling of specialist from generalist training around the nodal point of ST3 (Microbiologists may get general clinical exposure / MRCP; physicians select speciality after relevant experience)
- The one strike and you are out concept must be ditched
- A single change over date for trainees is not necessary and harms patient care
- There is a need to reconsider the relative roles of the Royal Colleges, PMETB/DoH and Deaneries in training to give greater emphasis to professional organisation of training with a reduced role for PMETB.
- Following comments from the meeting, it was agreed to copy the BIS response to Tooke enquiry to PRCPPath, PRCP, CMO for England & Wales, CMO Scotland, Chairman BMA and Fidelio.

## **7. AOB AND QUESTIONS**

The AGM was opened up to questions, which were discussed by the President and members of Council.

The discussion included queries regarding the financial situation of the Society and whether increased revenue could be used to fund more Fellowships and Research Grants. Dr Leanord explained that much of the wealth of the Society was tied up in long-term investments and the Society was spending roughly the annual revenue that it received. However, Council would review this in the light of the current and future financial situation.

**The meeting was then declared closed.**

**M Wiselka**  
**Honorary Secretary**