

International Biometric Society — British and Irish Region

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2012

Held at: 1.15pm Thursday 29th November 2012, Fowden Conference Hall, Rothamsted Research, Harpenden.

Around 20 members were present.

1. Apologies

No apologies were received

2. Minutes of 2011 AGM

These were accepted.

3. Matters arising, not covered on the agenda

None.

4. President's report

John Hinde reported on the region's activities for the year; besides the meeting today celebrating 40 years of GLMs, we had successful meetings on:

- 24th September on 'Integrated Population Modelling' joint with the Royal Statistical Society's Environmental Statistics Section, held at Charles Darwin House, London;
- 20th June, 'Statistics in Sport', held in association with the Centre for Sports Studies, University of Kent at Medway Park, and
- 29th March, 'Model selection for genetic and epidemiological data', held with the LSHTM centre for statistical methodology at the LSHTM.

In addition, the 26th IBC was successfully held in Kobe, Japan, 26th–31st August.

At the IBC in Kobe a slightly revised new governance structure for the international society had been adopted. This is detailed at the IBS website, under 'Governance'

James Carpenter has been elected to the newly constituted IBS executive board, to serve 4 years from Jan 2013.

John has been elected incoming president, to serve as president 2014–2016.

John looked forward to the Channel Network Conference in July 2013 in St Andrews; this was to include the Fisher Memorial Lecture by David Spiegelhalter and a plenary lecture by Geert Verbeke.

5. Secretary's Report:

The regional prize for career young biometricians (joint with FMT) would be awarded in Spring 2013. Details of the nomination procedure would be published on the regional website, and in the regional newsletter, in December.

James spoke of the need for members to encourage colleagues to join the region, stressing the benefits of (a) relevant stimulating meetings; (b) members only have access to slides from meetings; (c) electronic access to journals; (d) bursaries for career young members to attend IBCs and (d) good value for money compared with other societies.

6. Treasurer's Report

The audited accounts, attached to the end of these minutes, were accepted.

Mark Brewer and the auditor, Suzanne Clarke, were thanked for their work.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

Diana Cole presented details of the current membership (attached). The welcome rise in the number of full members was noted. The large number of student members was also welcomed.

Diana was thanked for her work.

8. Election of Officers, Committee and International Society

John thanked the out-going members of the committee: Sara Geneletti and Richard Emsley.

The following were elected:

- Officers, to serve 1 year renewable terms:  
Secretary (James Carpenter), Treasurer (Mark Brewer) and Membership Secretary (Diana Cole) to continue
- Committee members, to serve non-renewable terms: Dr Rhian Daniel (LSHTM) and Dr Michael Sweeting (MRC BSU, Cambridge) to serve for 3 years, and Dr Peter Colman (AstraZeneca) to serve for 1 year

9. Election of Auditor: Suzanne Clarke (Rothamsted)

This was agreed.

10. Any other business

Geoff Freeman asked about plans for meetings in 2013; John outlined the programme, in particular drawing attention to the planned meeting marking 41 years of the Cox model, at the LSHTM.

Meeting closed 1:45pm

Attached:

1. accounts presented to the meeting;
2. membership report presented to the meeting.

INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRIC SOCIETY (BRITISH & IRISH REGION):  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012

1. CURRENT ASSETS:

Account	Balance 31 Aug 2012	(Balance 31 Aug 2011)
Santander	£ 6579.44	(£ 2868.97 )
Barclays Community Account	£ 380.85	(£ 220.85 )
Barclays Tracker Account	£ 9693.14	(£ 14687.08 )
Barclays Euro Account	€ 1130.99	(€ 1168.09 )
PayPal	£ 188.06	(£ 4.63 )
TOTAL	£ 16841.49	(£ 17781.53 )
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2. PAYMENTS (01 SEP 2011 - 31 AUG 2012):

	£		€	
US dues	7493.72	(7099.51)	-	( - )
Meetings*	2518.02	(1339.79)	-	( - )
Sponsorship (RSC+IBC Travel)	1615.20	( 250.00)	-	( - )
Committee Expenses	176.05	( 90.20)	-	( - )
Biological Council	0.00	( 389.23)	-	( - )
Corporation Tax	0.00	( 1.68)	-	( - )
IBC 2012 bursaries	1250.00	(2500.00)	-	( - )
Website	620.02	( 287.50)	-	( - )
Bank Charges	70.00	( - )	37.10	( 36.41)
Misc	1228.70	( - )	-	( - )
Subscriptions adjustments	63.23	( - )	-	( - )
TOTAL	£ 15034.94		€ 37.10	

3. RECEIPTS (01 SEP 2011 - 31 AUG 2012):

	£		€	
Subscriptions	8620.88	(8002.00)	-	( - )
Meetings*	4380.45	(1196.00)	-	( - )
Fisher Memorial Trust	0.00	(2500.00)	-	( - )
Misc	1087.51	( - )	-	( - )
Interest	6.06	( 7.32)	-	( - )
TOTAL	£ 14094.90		€ -	

\*see overleaf for breakdown

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial position as demonstrated by the bank statements and other documents shown to me.

Signed:

Date:

## NOTES

At 31/8/12, a £500 payment from the Fisher Memorial Trust for IBC 2012 bursaries was still outstanding. There was also one bursary of £250 to be paid out.

Transactions associated with meetings are shown below. Note the income and expenditure totals do not match the above figures exactly as transactions relating to meetings are not necessarily confined to the financial years in which they are held.

Meeting	Income	Costs	Speaker Expenses
5th October 2011 (Metagenomics, Rothamsted)	£1,265.00	£708.00	£268.74
9th November 2011 (AGM + Animal Movement, London)	£1,117.56	-	£689.00
29th March 2012 (Model selection, London)	£1,719.38	£343.25	£411.84
20th June 2012 (Summer Meeting, Kent)	£163.19	-	£247.19
<b>Total income:</b>	<b>£4265.13</b>		
<b>Total expenditure:</b>		<b>£2668.02</b>	

Mark J Brewer, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012

## **International Biometric Society (British & Irish Region)**

### **Membership Secretary's report for 2012**

The British region now has 308 members (compared to 293 last year).

Current membership can be broken down into the following categories (2011 figures in parentheses):

Full members	181 (175)
Student members	97 (91)
Life members	4 (4)
Retired members	23 (22)
Supporting Members	3 (1)
<hr/> Total Members	<hr/> 308 (293)

Members receive electronic access to Biometrics and JABES. It is possible for full and retired members to get paper copies at a reduced rate. The following table shows how many of our members get paper copies of these journals:

<u>Biometrics</u>	<u>JABES</u>	<u>Both Biometrics and JABES</u>
29 (22)	2 (1)	10 (9)

Diana Cole 28-11-2012