

THE GENETICS SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 4th April 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Genetics Society was held on Friday 4th April 2014 at The Royal Society, London.

27 members of the Society, including 10 members of the Committee, were in attendance. Present for the purposes of the minutes: Elsa Montes (PCS).

1. Minutes of the previous General Meeting (Friday 19th April 2013).

The minutes of the previous AGM had been available to view and/or download from the Genetic Society's website. There being no objections, it was agreed that these minutes provided a true reflection of the proceedings at that meeting.

2. President's Report

The President, Enrico Coen, thanked everyone for attending the conference and highlighted the fact that the next conference 'Genetics Approaches to Study the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory' will be held at the Royal Society in November and that abstract submission would be accepted for poster and oral presentations.

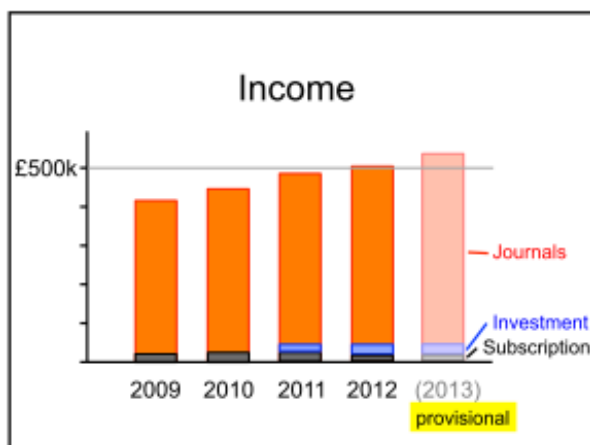
The president reported on the success of the Communication Workshop and the Summer Studentships in 2013. The Summer Studentships were followed by a retreat for all the students. He explained that these were taking place again in 2014.

The president introduced the new president elect as Wendy Bickmore (Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine, Edinburgh) and explained that she would be shadowing him in the coming year and that she would start at the 2015 AGM.

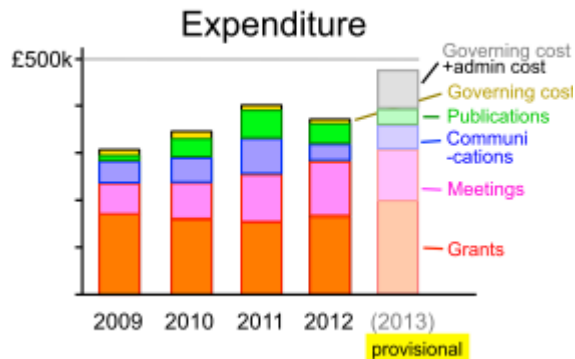
3. Honorary Treasurer's Report.

The Honorary Treasurer, Hiro Ohkura, presented the finance report noting that the 2013 figures are pending production of the audited accounts.

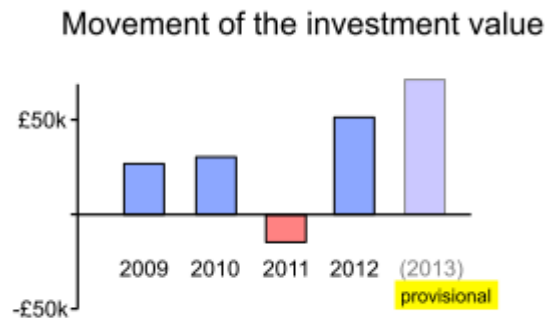
The figure below shows that the Society is doing really well and that the income is growing. The Honorary Treasurer explained that the income comes mainly from Journal subscriptions and that it will be affected by Open Access in future years.



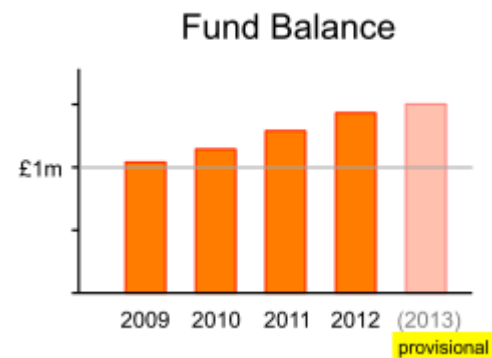
The figure below was presented and the Honorary Treasurer explained that the 2013 admin cost would be redistributed across incurred expenditure by the auditors.



The Honorary Treasurer presented the movement of the investment value and indicated that all investments made by the Genetics Society are safe and ethical.



The Honorary Treasurer showed the Fund Balance and highlighted the growth trend in the past 5 years.



All financial figures for 2013 are provisional. Full details of the Society's financial affairs will be publicised in the next edition of the newsletter.

Hiro Okhura introduced Anne Donaldson as the new Honorary Treasurer.

4. Honorary Secretary's Report

Tanya Whitfield (TW) reminded everyone of the 2014 awards:

2014 Genetics Society Medal - Awarded to Professor Jonathan Flint (Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Oxford) for his work on complex traits in mouse, and in humans, with respect to behaviour. Professor Flint will deliver his lecture at the Genetics Society Spring Meeting, 2014.

2014 Balfour Lecture – Awarded to Dr Elizabeth Murchison (Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Hinxton) for her work on transmissible and comparative oncogenomics. Dr Murchison will deliver her lecture at the Genetics Society Autumn Meeting, 2014.

2014 JBS Haldane Lecture - Awarded to Professor Armand Leroi (Imperial College London). Venue to be confirmed.

Tanya Whitfield (TW) announced the following awards, which had been made by the Genetics Society during the past year:

- a) **2015 Genetics Society Medal** - Awarded to Alan Ashworth (Institute of Cancer Research, London) for his work on cancer genetics.
- b) **2015 Balfour Lecture** – Awarded to Ben Lehner (Centre for Genomic Regulation, Barcelona, Spain) for his work on genotype/phenotype variations in *C. elegans*.
- c) **2015 JBS Haldane Lecture** – Nominations are still being considered for the JBS Haldane Lecture and TW will provide an update in the next newsletter.
- d) **2015 Mary Lyon Medal** – Awarded to Professor Loeske Kruuk (University of Edinburgh, UK) for her work on evolutionary genetics.

Tanya Whitfield reminded everyone that the Mary Lyon Medal, named after the eminent geneticist Mary Lyon, FRS, addresses a current gap in the Genetics Society Medals portfolio (between the Balfour Lecture and Genetics Society Medal), and is an award for research excellence in genetics.

A few entries have been received for the competition to design the artwork for this medal. The Honorary Secretary is still accepting entries.

The Honorary Secretary is accepting nominations from members for the 2016 awards.

Applications for new membership

The Honorary Secretary then asked whether there were any objections to any of the new 401 members who had applied to join the Society over the past year. None were raised and TW accordingly asked for a show of hands from those willing to have these members elected. In total, 41 members cast their vote in favour: 17 members attending the meeting, 15 members voting online, and 9 votes from attending Committee members. This was carried.

The Honorary Secretary thanked Hiro Okhura, Matthew Hurles and John Whittaker for their time in the Committee.

The Honorary Secretary then asked if there were any objections to the changes in Executive Committee and Committee membership, as follows:

- f) Executive Sub-Committee – election of Dominique Kleyn as Scientific Meetings Secretary (shadowing for a year, taking up post in 2015). There were no objections and in total, 41 members cast their vote in favour: 17 members attending the meeting, 15 members voting online and 9 votes from attending Committee members.
- g) Ordinary Committee Members – election of Mark Jobling (Area E: evolutionary, ecological and population genetics) and Richard Flavell FRS CBE (Area F: corporate genetics and biotechnology). There were no objections and in total, 41 members cast

their vote in favour: 17 members attending the meeting, 15 members voting online and 9 votes from attending Committee members.

TW highlighted that the next vacancies would include:

Vice-President, Public Understanding of Genetics (To replace Chris Smith in 2015)

Committee member Area "A" (Gene structure, function and regulation, to replace Colum Walsh in 2015)

Committee member Area "B" (Genomics, to replace Jane Rogers in 2015)

Committee member Area "C" (Cell and developmental genetics, to replace Ian Henderson in 2015)

Committee member Area "D" (Applied and quantitative genetics, to replace Jon Slate in 2015)

Postgraduate member (To shadow Kay Boulton in 2015)

Members were asked to send nominations for any suitable candidates to Tanya Whitfield.

There being no further business, the 2014 AGM was formally closed by the President, Enrico Coen.

Minuted on behalf of the Genetics Society by Portland Customer Services.



Honorary Secretary

16th April 2014

Date