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## **REPORT OF THE COMPANY SECRETARY**

At December 2006 the membership was 18 consisting of representatives from the following organisations:

Association for Clinical for Biochemistry (2) (ACB)  
Association of Clinical Cytogeneticists (ACC)  
Association of Clinical Embryologists (ACE)  
Association of Clinical Microbiologists (ACM)  
Association of Clinical Scientists in Immunology (ACSI)  
Association of Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP)  
British Academy of Audiology (BAA)  
British Blood Transfusion Society (BBTS)  
British Society for Clinical Neurophysiology (BSCN)  
British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (BSHI)  
British Society of Haematology (BSH)  
Clinical Molecular Genetics Society (CMGS)  
Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (2) (IPEM)

Co-opted:

Vision Scientists  
Clinical Electron Microscopists (ACEM)  
Health Professions Council (HPC)  
Royal College of Pathologists (RCPath)

### **Officers**

The following officers were elected at the Annual general Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Chairman: Professor P Sharp  
Secretary: Mr C J Seneviratne  
Treasurer: Dr B Cooper

### **Meetings of the Governing Body**

The Governing Body of the ACS has met four times in 2006 – on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> September. The Association for Clinical Biochemistry has been the venue for each meeting.

### Attendance at meetings

Y = Attended, A = Apologies submitted, D = Deputy attended

		<b>Jan-06</b>	<b>April 06</b>	<b>July 06</b>	<b>Sept 06</b>
Professor Peter Sharp	IPEM Chairman	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mr Jeff Seneviratne	ACB Secretary	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dr Brendan Cooper	ARTP Treasurer	A	Y	Y	A
Dr Sue Skidmore	ACM	Y	D	Y	A
Dr Rob Low	BAA	A	Y	A	Y
Dr Mike Scott	BSH	Y	A	Y	A
Dr Tony Parkin	ACC	Y	A	Y	A
Dr D Pearson	IPEM	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ms Janet Smith (to 04/06)	ACB	Y	Y		
Dr Ian Watson (from 04/06)	ACB			Y	Y
Dr Paul Sinnott	BSHI	A			A
Dr Richard Pottinger	BSCN	A	Y	A	A
Dr Chris Prowse	BBTS	Y	Y	Y	A
Dr David Morroll	ACE	A	Y	A	A
Dr Jo Sheldon	ACSI		Y	A	Y
Dr Anneke Seller	CGMS			Y	Y
<b>Observers</b>					
Dr Jill Moss (to 04/06)	ACEM	Y	Y		
Dr Tim Ryder (from 04/06)	ACEM		Y	A	Y
Professor Colin Barber	Vision Scientists	A	A		A
Dr John Old	RCPath	A	Y	A	Y
Dr Chris Green	HPC Member	Y	Y	A	Y
Dr Daisy Haggerty	HPC Alternate			Y	Y

### **Advancement of objectives.**

The Association had obtained the approval of Privy Council for the scheme to assess the competence of applicants wishing to apply to HPC for state registration and had appointed a panel of assessors. The panel has been reviewed and meetings of assessors were held on 23<sup>th</sup> November 2006 to discuss how the assessment process was functioning and to develop good practice guidelines. An applicant questionnaire had been introduced in 2005 and further feedback was reviewed at the November meeting of assessors.

180 applications for assessment were received in 2006, of which 141 were interviewed in the year and 131 of these were successful. The breakdown by modality is shown in the following table.

<b>Modality</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Rejected portfolio</b>	<b>Failed</b>	<b>Success</b>	<b>In progress</b>
Audiology	16	2	0	9	5
Clinical Biochemistry	24	3	2	15	4
Clinical Embryology	3	0	0	3	0
Clinical Genetics	40	1	1	33	5
Clinical Immunology	2	1	0	1	0
Clinical Microbiology	6	0	1	4	3
Haematology	3	1	0	1	1
Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics	15	0	1	13	1
Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering	68	8	5	51	4
Neurophysiology	1	0	0	1	0
Respiratory Physiology	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>23</b>

C J Seneviratne  
Company Secretary