



Association of Clinical Scientists

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REPORT OF THE COMPANY SECRETARY

At December 2008 the membership was 15 consisting of representatives from the following organisations:

Full member organisations

Association for Clinical for Biochemistry (3 – 2 representing *Clinical Biochemistry* and 1 representing *Clinical Immunology*) (ACB)
Association of Clinical Cytogeneticists (ACC)
Association of Clinical Embryologists (ACE)
Association of Clinical Microbiologists (ACM)
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)

Attending the meetings

Health Professions Council (HPC)

Co-opted:

Vision Scientists (BriSCEV)
Clinical Electron Microscopists (ACEM)
Royal College of Pathologists (RCPath)

Officers

The following officers were elected at the Annual general Meeting held on 10th March 2008

Chairman: Dr. Cornelius Lewis
Secretary: Dr. Joanna Sheldon
Treasurer: Dr Brendan Cooper

Meetings of the Governing Body

The Governing Body of the ACS has met three times in 2008 – on 10th March, 1st July and 7th October . The Association for Clinical Biochemistry has been the venue for each meeting.

Attendance at meetings

ABS = ABSENT, APOL = SENT APOLOGIES
 DEP = SENT DEPUTY Y = ATTENDED
 - = not applicable

		March 08	July 08	Oct 08
Dr D Pearson	IPEM -Chairman from March 2007	Y	-	-
Dr Neil Lewis	IPEM Chairman from March 2008	Y	Y	Y
Dr Joanna Sheldon	ACB - Secretary from March 2007	Y	Y	Y
Dr Brendan Cooper	ARTP - Treasurer	Y	Y	APOL
Dr Steve Goodall	ACB	Y	Y	Y
Dr Ian Watson	ACB	APOL	APOL	Y
Dr Paul Klapper	ACM	Y	Y	Y
Dr Kim Smith	ACC	Y	Y	APOL
Dr David Morroll	ACE	APOL	-	-
Dr Stephen Troup	ACE	-	Y	APOL
Dr Rob Low	BAA	Y	DEP	APOL
Dr Richard Pottinger	BSCN	Y	ABS	APOL
Dr Sandra Irvine	BSH	Y	Y	Y
Dr Paul Sinnott	BSHI	Y	-	-
Dr David Turner	BSHI	-	Y	Y
Dr Chris Prowse	BBTS	DEP	Y	APOL
Dr Anneke Seller	CGMS	APOL	DEP	DEP
Dr Iain Chambers	IPEM	-	Y	Y
Observers				
Dr Graham Groom		Y	Y	Y
Dr Jeff Seneviratne	Clinical Scientist rep to HPC			APOL
Dr Iain Chambers	IPEM	Y	-	-
Dr Jon Taylor				Y
Dr Tim Ryder	ACEM	Y	-	Y
Dr Malcolm Brown	Vision Scientists	APOL	-	Y
Dr John Old	RCPATH	APOL	Y	APOL
Dr Daisy Haggerty	HPC Alternate	Y	Y	APOL
Dr Graham Beastall	MSC		Y	-
Ms Nicky Fleming	MSC		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 18th November 2008 (and planned for Feb 2009) to discuss how the assessment process was functioning and to develop good practice guidelines.

305 applications for assessment were received in 2008. Two applications were rejected before any assessment due to non-compliance with guidelines. During this period 222 assessments were conducted. Of these, 14 applications that were rejected at portfolio and a further 18 failed at interview. There were 190 successful candidates and at the end of 2008 and the remainder are in progress.

Modality	Applications
Audiology	31
Clinical Biochemistry	46
Clinical Embryology	9
Clinical Genetics	74
Clinical Immunology	8
Clinical Microbiology	12
Clinical Physiology	1
Developing Science	2
Haematology	3
Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics	29
Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering	88
Total	303

There has been steady year-on year increase in the number of applications received by the ACS office with 2008 applications being 121% of 2007 applications.

J.M. Sheldon
Company Secretary