



# Society for Free Radical Research International

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023

### SOCIETY FOR FREE RADICAL RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL (SFRRRI)

Charity Reg. No. 1081210

ADDRESS: The Society does not have a fixed office. Records are held by the Officers of the Society. The current contact details for the Society are c/o Dr Corinne M. Spickett (SFRRRI Treasurer) at School of Biosciences, Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham, B4 7ET, UK.

#### OFFICERS of SFRRRI in 2023:

President: Professor Giovanni E. Mann (UK)  
President Elect: Professor Roland Stocker (Australia)  
Secretary General: Professor Patricia Oteiza (U.S.)  
Treasurer: Professor Lin Mantell (U.S.) (Authorized Bank Signatory)  
Ex-President: Professor Jose Viña (Ex-Officio, Spain)

#### TRUSTEES of SFRRRI:

##### **Professor Malcolm Joseph Jackson**

Department of Medicine, University of Liverpool, Liverpool L693GA, UK.

##### **Professor Frank Kelly**

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##### **Professor Giovanni E. Mann** (Authorized Bank Signatory)

School of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Medicine & Sciences, King's College London, Franklin-Wilkins Bld (Rm 3.01), 150 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH, UK.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

Please refer to the Byelaws of the Society, which are appended at the end of this report.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023:

The Society does not have a policy on reserves, as no personnel are employed by the Society. A summary of accounts for 2023 is given below.

No funds were held as custodian trust on behalf of others.

#### RECEIPTS

	£
Income from Journal Publishers	0
Regional Membership Subscriptions	14,177.23
Support from Partner Societies	8,050.92
Bank Interest	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>22,228.15</b>

## **PAYMENTS**

Scholarly Activity – Young Investigators	5,482.94
Scholarly activity – Award Lectures	5,191.57
Scholarly activity – Outreach events	1,248.82
Bank charges	197.96
Webpage maintenance and security	839.16
Accountancy fees	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>12,960.45</b>

## **SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS 9,267.70**

Cash Funds as at 1st January 2023 (£)	76973.64
Cash Funds as at 31st December 2023 (£)	86241.34

## **OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES / ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE:**

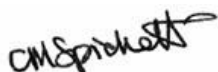
The objective of SFRRI is to advance education in free radical and redox processes with reference to those of industrial, biological and medical importance, such education being for the benefit of the public and researchers. In 2023, the Society organized its biennial scientific conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay to fulfil this purpose:

<https://sfrri.org/sfrbm.org/sfrbm-sfrri-2023-conference/sfrbm.org/meetings/sfrbm-sfrri-2023/index.html>. The Society supported three award lectures by eminent scientists to enable knowledge exchange and education for the members and community. These were the Trevor Slater Award (recipient Maret Traber, PhD Oregon State University, USA), the Alberto Boveris Award (recipient Helmut Sies, MD, University of Düsseldorf, Germany) and the Lester Packer Award (recipient Jose Vina, MD, Ph.D., University of Valencia, Spain). Two of these awards were paid in 2023. To support education or early career researchers, ten young investigator travel grants were awarded, of which six were paid in late autumn 2023 and the remainder were paid in winter 2024. The Society also supported an independent but related scientific meeting: the International Workshop on Redox Biology and Nutrition (RedoxBA 23) in Buenos Aires in November 2023 as a satellite of the biennial conference. Financial support came from the Regional Societies' membership dues and a partner organization, the Oxygen Club of California (OCC).

To facilitate sharing of information and news about the society, the website <https://sfrri.org/> was maintained with details of education and career opportunities as well as links to the journals in which relevant scientific articles were published. These journals are managed by the publisher Elsevier, which supports the society through contributions to the award lectures (but these were paid in winter 2024).

The International committee met at the biennial conference in Uruguay to plan the next conference and approve the recommendations for the executive committee. Owing to personal circumstances, the President-elect Professor Stocker was unable to attend or to commit to taking over as President on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024. It was agreed that Professor Mann should continue for a further year and Professor Stocker would take over in 2025. Owing to the packed schedule at the conference an AGM was not held.

## **Signed on behalf of the Trustees of SFRRI**



21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

**Prof Corinne Michelle Spickett**  
**Current Treasurer of SFRRI**  
**Aston University**

**SOCIETY FOR FREE RADICAL RESEARCH – INTERNATIONAL (Reg. Charity 1081210)**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**


	2023
	£
RECEIPTS (INCOME):	
Regional Society Member Subscriptions	14,177
Journal Publisher Sponsorship	0
Support from Partner Societies	8,051
Refunds from Outreach meetings	0
Total Receipts	£22,228
PAYMENTS (EXPENDITURE):	
Scholarly Activity – Young Investigators	5,483
Scholarly activity – Award Lectures	5192
Scholarly Activity – Outreach events	1,249
Webpage maintenance and security	<del>838</del>
Bank charges	198
Accountancy fees	0
Total Payments	12,960
SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	9,268
Cash Funds as at 1st January 2023	76,974
Cash Funds as at 31st December 2023	86,241

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts, follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission and included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that proper accounting records are kept, and accounts are prepared which agree to those records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

Signed:  C.A.  
21/8/25

Marion Raeside, Chartered Accountant (ICAS)

Linnhead Farm, Uplawmoor, Glasgow, G78 4BX

## **SFRRRI Byelaws** (see <https://sfrr.org/governance-&-byelaws>)

The Society for Free Radical Research International (SFRRRI), founded in the United Kingdom in 1982, is an International Society with the following rules (as amended by resolution of the members dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025).

### **1. Name**

The name of the institution is The Society for Free Radical Research International, hereafter referred to as "SFRRRI".

### **2. Status**

SFRRRI shall be a charitable voluntary, non-profit making body of persons associated for the purposes hereinafter appearing.

### **3. Objectives and Power**

3.1 The objective of SFRRRI is to advance education in free radical and redox processes with reference to those of industrial, biological and medical importance, such education being for the benefit of the public and researchers.

3.2 In furtherance of the above objective SFRRRI shall have the following powers:

- (a) To provide a forum for presentations and discussions.
- (b) To receive and apply for donations, subscriptions and funds from persons or organizations.
- (c) To invest and deal with SFRRRI's money not immediately required for its objectives in or upon any investments, securities or property.
- (d) To do all other lawful things necessary to advance the objectives.
- (e) To promote research and publication of its knowledge and beneficial results.

### **4. SFRRRI Executive Committee**

(a) The officers of the SFRRRI Executive Committee will be the President, President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer, with the immediate Past-President serving as an ex officio member. At least one member of the SFRRRI Executive Committee shall be resident in the UK. The Treasurer of SFRRRI is preferably resident in the UK, since SFRRRI is registered with the UK Charity Commission and its bank account is held with HSBC in London.

(b) Rules for the composition of the SFRRRI Executive Committee may be amended only at a Biennial Business Meeting of the SFRR International Committee.

(c) The members of the SFRRRI Executive Committee shall be nominated and directly elected by the Regional SFRR Member Societies representing the total international membership.

### **5. Membership of SFRRRI**

SFRRRI shall be constituted of Regional SFRR Member Societies.

## **6. Membership of a Regional SFRR Member Society**

6.1 Membership of a Regional SFRR Member Society shall be open to any person, irrespective of place of residence, subject to the approval of the Regional SFRR Member Society. Membership of a Regional SFRR Member Society implies membership of SFRR.

6.2 Each Regional SFRR Member Society shall have the following objectives and responsibilities:

- (a) Have its own constitution, consistent with the objectives of SFRR as described herein.
- (b) Be completely responsible for the election of its own officers for ensuring its own financial viability and liability and shall determine its own rules governing subscriptions. The subscription will contain a local organization component and an SFRR component.
- (c) Be responsible for registering its members and collecting subscriptions.

## **7. Constituent Regional SFRR Member Societies**

(a) The SFRR Executive Committee in liaison with the Regional SFRR Member Societies will consider applications from established societies (subject to the subsequent approval of their membership) at SFRR Biennial General Assembly.

(b) Any Regional SFRR Member Society may withdraw from SFRR at any time with ninety days' notice to the Secretary-General of SFRR in writing and with forfeiture of all membership fees and other funds paid to SFRR.

(c) The SFRR Executive Committee in liaison with the Regional SFRR Member Societies may withdraw membership of any member society if that society acts inconsistently with the objectives and responsibilities described herein and continues to do so after having been made aware of the breaches of SFRR's objectives. Formal withdrawal of membership of any member society requires a relevant resolution to be passed at both the Biennial Business Meeting and Biennial General Assembly. If agreed, membership shall cease immediately and with forfeiture of all membership fees and other funds paid to SFRR.

## **8. Subscriptions**

The annual subscriptions for members of a Regional SFRR Member Society shall be paid to the Regional SFRR Member Society. SFRR annual membership dues from each Regional SFRR Member Society are agreed by the SFRR International Committee and shall be payable in arrears at the start of the following year to the Treasurer of SFRR.

## **9. SFRR International Committee**

9.1 The SFRR International Committee shall consist of two members representing each Regional SFRR Member Society and the members of the SFRR Executive Committee. The immediate Past-President of SFRR shall be an ex officio member of the SFRR International Committee.

## **10. Responsibilities of the SFRR Executive Committee**

(a) The SFRR Executive Committee will convene a Biennial Business Meeting with the SFRR International Committee, and a Biennial General Assembly open to all members of Regional SFRR Member Societies.

(b) The SFRR Executive Committee will decide the venue and timing of the two meetings in liaison with the Regional SFRR Member Society that hosts the Biennial International Scientific Meeting.

(c) Representatives of Regional SFRR Member Societies, attending the Business Meeting should sign all resolutions passed at this meeting (and for this purpose the resolution may be contained in more than one document and will be treated as passed on the date of the last signature).

(d) The SFRR International Executive Committee will assist in the coordination of the Biennial International Scientific Meetings. The timing and venue of the Scientific Meetings will be the responsibility of the SFRR International Committee in close collaboration with the Regional SFRR Member Society that hosts the Scientific Meeting.

(e) The SFRR International Committee will assist, to the extent possible, in communications between Regional SFRR Member Societies and distribute SFRR news as required.

(f) The SFRR International Executive Committee in liaison with the Regional SFRR Member Societies may elect persons of distinction in the field of free radical and redox processes as Honorary Members of SFRR. Honorary members will have all the privileges of membership but not pay a subscription to their Regional SFRR Member Society.

## **11. Procedure of Biennial Business Meeting and Biennial General Assembly**

(a) A Business Meeting shall be held at the Biennial International Scientific Meeting. The SFRR Secretary-General will provide notice to all members of the SFRR International Committee no less than two months prior to the date/time/venue of the Business Meeting. The SFRR Secretary-General will ask all Regional SFRR Member Societies to contact their membership for items to be included on the Meeting Agenda.

(b) A quorum for the Biennial Business Meeting and the Biennial General Assembly shall not be less than four members of the SFRR International Committee ~~with at least twenty-five members.~~

(c) A General Assembly shall be held at the Biennial International Scientific Meeting. The SFRR Secretary-General will provide notice to the Regional SFRR Member Societies no less than one month prior to the date/time/venue of the General Meeting. The SFRR Secretary-General will ask all Regional SFRR Member Societies to contact their membership for items for the Assembly Agenda.

(d) The President of SFRR shall chair the Biennial Business Meeting and the Biennial General Assembly. If the President is unable to attend, the President-Elect, Secretary-General, Treasurer or Past-President shall chair the meeting. If none of the officers is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, then the members present, if sufficient in numbers to form a quorum shall choose a member of the SFRR International Committee to preside.

(e) The Chair of the Biennial Business Meeting and the Biennial General Assembly may, with the consent of the meeting at which a quorum is present, or if such a meeting so decides, adjourn the meeting from time to time or from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at such adjourned meetings other than business for which the adjournment took place.

(f) At all Biennial Business Meetings and General Assemblies any resolution put to the vote shall, unless this Constitution otherwise provides, be decided by a show of hands by a majority of the members present in person and entitled to vote, or a ballot if the vote is close, and a declaration by the Chair of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or lost shall be conclusive and the Secretary shall make an entry to that effect in the minutes. If the vote is contested by any member, a written ballot will be held at the meeting. The SFRR Secretary-General will be asked to record the minutes of the Biennial Business Meetings and General Assemblies for subsequent approval by all attendees at the meetings.

## **12. Procedure of election of the SFRR President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer**

(a) For the election of the President-Elect, Secretary-General and Treasurer to the SFRR Executive Committee, the SFRR Secretary-General (or SFRR President or alternate) shall: (i) prepare a 'Call for Election' with guidelines and a list of previous SFRR Officers; and (ii) contact all Regional SFRR Member Societies asking them to seek nominations from their members.

(b) In giving notice of the Biennial General Assembly, the SFRR Secretary-General shall submit a list of the members of the SFRR Executive Committee distinguishing those eligible for re-election and shall request nominations for the new Executive Committee positions.

(c) Each Regional SFRR Member Society shall review nominations received from their respective members and then submit up to two candidates to the SFRR International Secretary-General, who will then prepare a ballot with the candidate names, brief bio sketches and rationale for application.

(d) Candidates are not eligible to be nominated for election to become a member of the SFRR International Executive Committee if they hold or would hold a position on the Executive Committee of any Regional SFRR Member Society at the same time as the SFRR International Executive Committee position.

(e) Each Regional SFRR Member Society shall ensure that all nominations they receive have been seconded by five other members and shall be received in writing not less than twenty-eight days before submission of nominations to the SFRR International Secretary-General.

(f) If there has not been at least one nomination for a vacant Executive position, the SFRR International Secretary-General in liaison with the SFRR International Committee will try to ensure that there shall be at least one nominee for each vacant office.

(g) The SFRR International Secretary-General (or alternative officer) will circulate the ballot paper for each respective SFRR International Executive Committee position to the Regional SFRR Member Societies for a final secret ballot vote and return of their final vote to the SFRR International Secretary-General. Members attending the SFRR International Biennial General Assembly will then be asked to formally approve the election results.

(i) The President and President-Elect shall each serve for a period of two calendar years.

(ii) The President-Elect shall serve as President in the two-year period following her/his office as President-Elect.

(iii) The Secretary-General and the Treasurer shall serve for four calendar years and shall be eligible for re-election to a second four-year term

(iv) After his/her period of office, any officer of the SFRR International Executive Committee shall be eligible to serve in another office, during the next four-year period, provided that they do not serve on the SFRR International Executive Committee for more than four consecutive terms.

(v) The election of all officers shall be approved at the Biennial General Assembly. Terms of office for all officers shall commence on the first day of January following the Biennial General Assembly at which they were elected.

### **13. Procedures for SFRR International Committee Meetings**

(a) The SFRR International Committee may meet and undertake business and adjourn as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the SFRR International President will have the casting vote.

(b) A quorum of the SFRR International Committee shall be two officers, with at least 50% of representatives from Regional SFRR Member Societies. In the absence of SFRR International Executive Committee members, the Regional SFRR Member Societies shall elect one of their members as acting Chairman.

(c) On the request of any six members of the SFRR International Committee, the Secretary-General of SFRR International shall at any time summon a meeting of the SFRR International Committee within three months.

(d) Minutes of the Biennial Business Meeting and Biennial General Assembly shall be recorded, including business transactions at such meetings. The Secretary-General of SFRR International shall circulate via email all such minutes within the members of the SFRR International Committee who attended the respective meeting for corrections to be received by the Secretary-General no later than 14 days after circulation. All such corrected minutes shall then be signed by the President/Chair of such meetings, serving as sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated. The Secretary-General of SFRR International shall send the signed corrected minutes to the Regional SFRR Member Societies and make relevant information contained in the minutes accessible to all SFRR International members via the SFRR International website.



(e) All actions conducted by any meetings of the members of the SFRRRI Executive and the SFRR International Committee or by any person acting as a member of the International Committee are in good faith. Should it be discovered afterwards that there is some inconsistency in the appointment of any such member of the International Committee or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, their actions would be deemed as valid.

#### **14. Accounts**

(a) SFRRRI shall cause proper records to be kept with respect to, (i) all sums of money received and expended by SFRRRI, (ii) all sales and purchases by SFRRRI and (iii) all assets and liabilities of SFRRRI.

(b) At each Biennial General Assembly, the SFRR International Committee shall present to the members of SFRRRI an account of income and expenditure since the last Biennial General Assembly.

(c) SFRRRI shall have its accounts audited by an independent auditor from time to time.

(d) Banking account(s) shall be held in the name of SFRRRI, and all payments/transfer shall be authorised by the Treasurer or President or other member of the SFRRRI Executive Committee.

#### **15. Amendment to Constitution**

(a) The SFRRRI Executive Committee in liaison with Regional SFRR Member Societies may make recommendations to alter, amend or add to these Byelaws by resolution passed at any meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting subject to the approval at the next Biennial General Assembly except that no such alteration, amendment or addition may be made to the objectives of SFRRRI without the consent of the Charity Commission of England and Wales and no such alteration, amendment or consent shall be valid as it would result in SFRRRI ceasing to be an English charity.

(b) Members unable to attend the Biennial General Assembly at which such resolution is voted on may vote on such resolution by email to the SFRRRI Secretary-General and all votes received this way by the SFRR International Committee not later than two hours before the time of the meeting shall be added to those cast personally at the meeting. In any case, two thirds of the total votes cast by email and personally must affirm the amendment.

#### **16. Application of Income and Property**

The income and property of SFRRRI shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives. No part shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to its members including the members of the Executive Committees of SFRRRI and the Regional SFRR Member Societies except in the case of members pursuant to such objectives or except in the case of members for payment in good faith for relevant activities.

(a) Of reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses (including hotel and travel cost(s)) incurred in the performance of relevant duties. This would not normally include attending a conference or SFRRRI International Committee Meeting only.

(b) Of interest at a reasonable rate on money lent to SFRRRI.

(c) Of reasonable and proper rent for premises to SFRRRI.

(d) To any company in which any SFRRRI Executive Committee member has no more than 1% holding.

#### **17. Winding Up**

SFRRRI may only be dissolved by resolution at a General Assembly approved by seventy-five per cent of the members present and voting; email votes shall be allowed. In the event of winding up, the assets of SFRRRI after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed in accordance with the objectives of SFRRRI to the Regional SFRR Member Societies in proportion reflecting their respective membership numbers. If at the time

of winding up SFRRl, the Regional SFRR Member Societies no longer exist, the assets of SFRRl after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed in accordance with such charitable purposes as the SFRRl Executive Committee shall decide.

Pre-circulated to Regional SFRR Society Executives March 12, 2025

Approved by General Assembly held at 22<sup>nd</sup> SFRRl Biennial Meeting in Galway, Ireland June 5, 2025