

# THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

England & Wales · Charity number 1081615

## Details

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**Other names** S.D.T

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [03965383](#)

**Registered** 2000-07-18

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN DAIRY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE INDUSTRY BY THE DISSEMINATION AND APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM EXPERIENCE AND EXPERIMENT.

**Activities:** The company's principal activity during the 2017/18 year remained the advancement of education and training in dairy science and technology, food technology and in the management of resources in all branches of the agri-food industry.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL AND OVERSEAS
- Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£121,281	£114,981	-	-
2024-06-30	£154,450	£125,745	-	-
2023-06-30	£109,948	£98,323	-	-
2022-06-30	£90,599	£82,667	-	-
2021-06-30	£79,290	£63,843	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Duckworth		2016-11-09
Chris Hay		2022-11-24
Christopher Edwards		2014-01-01
Dr Elizabeth Whitley		2019-11-13
Dr JOHN TUOHY		2012-12-12
Dr KENNETH BURGESS		2012-12-12
Dr Luisa Candido		2015-11-10
Dr Michael Mullan		2019-01-01
Dr Seamus O'Mahony		2024-11-28
Gary Andrews		2019-11-13
Katie Powell		2024-11-28
MR A STACK		
Mark Jenkins		2024-11-28
Michael Bennett		2022-11-24
Michael Pinches		2020-11-04
Nick Edwards		2015-05-01
Paul Rowe		2025-10-28
Vincent Adams		2024-11-28

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**2024/2025**



## Photographs from 2024/25 Events



John Powell, DEFRA, presenting at the Autumn Conference



Visit to the changing rooms Shrewsbury Town FC during the Autumn Conference held in the same location



Nick Edwards handing over presidency to Mike Pinches at the AGM



Visit to Cropwell Bishop prior to the Spring Conference (India Bosden)



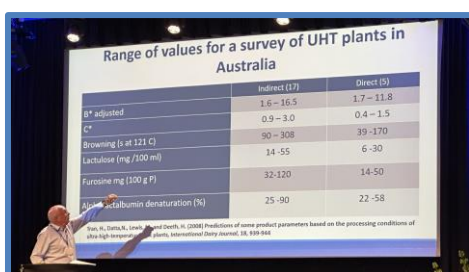
Sukalpa Dey, Novonesis, presenting at the Spring Conference



Spring Conference delegates



Eden Cohort 14 student, Zoe Younger (RHS) sponsored by the SDT to attend the Nordic Dairy Congress in Reykjavik



SDT Brian Peacock Award winner, Dr Mike Lewis, presenting at the Nordic Dairy Congress



Dr Nivedita Datta presenting Poster Award Winner, Sigrid Norgaard Beldring, with the Wiley Award at the Nordic Dairy Congress



Guests at the Annual Dinner (Sabrina Pearson, Jowita Sosnowska & Lyn Bell)



Paul Gregory, Kersia, presenting at the Summer Symposium



Dr Ian Gordon, presented with an SDT service award by Nick Edwards & guest speaker Ben Fogle at the Annual Dinner

***THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY  
82<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024
3. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda
4. Confirmation of Officers and Council Members for 2025/26
5. To receive President's Report to Members for 2024/25
6. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts of the Society for 2024/25
7. To receive the Publications Committee report for 2024/25
8. To appoint an Auditor
9. Any Other Business

**THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Online via Zoom**  
*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 11:00GMT*

**MINUTES**

40 members and 6 guests attended. Nick Edwards hosted the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from the following:  
Liz Whitley, Colette Fagan, Jonathan Hogg, Stephen Walker, Rachel Mirfattahi, Derek Pitman, Ralph Early, Eurwen Richards.
2. The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike Pinches and seconded by Alan Stack.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. The officers and Council members for 2024-25 were confirmed as:

**Executive Officers**

President: Mike Pinches  
Senior Vice-President: Ritchie Clarke  
Junior Vice-President: Chris Hay  
Immediate Past President: Nick Edwards

**Officers**

Honorary Secretary: Dr Ken Burgess  
Honorary Treasurer: Alan Stack  
Chairman of Publications: Dr Liz Whitley

**Members of Council**

Dr Luisa Candido Katie Powell (replacing Dr Ian Gordon)  
Alex Duckworth Chris Edwards  
Dr Seamus O'Mahony

Editor of IJDT: Dr Michael Mullan  
Section Representatives: Micheál Cosgrove (S. Ireland), Gary Andrews (N. Ireland)  
Midlands and North: Mike Bennett  
South and West: Vince Adams (replacing Sharlene Harrison)  
Scotland: Chris Hay  
Wales: Mark Jenkins (replacing Sian Davies)

The new Wales Section Chairman was confirmed as Mark Jenkins and Vince Adams was confirmed as the new South West Section Chairman, replacing Sharlene Harrison who resigned. Katie Powell replaced Dr Ian Gordon who resigned as a Council Member.

All other Council members listed above were elected to serve for a further year. These were proposed by Mike Pinches and seconded by Alan Stack

## 5. Report to members by Council

The President's Review was presented by Nick Edwards.

*The second year of my Presidency is now coming to its end and once again it has been a remarkably busy and important year for the Society as we achieved the landmark of 80 years of service to our members, our Oak Anniversary. More of that later in this report. You will be reassured to know the Society is in good health with a membership that is still growing with the introduction of the Company Membership programme. As always, we do not leave things to chance with the Society and are always planning for the future. The next President is currently identified, Mike Pinches and then our Junior Vice President Ritche Clarke takes up the role after Mike. We always have a six-year succession plan aligned with our Strategy.*

*Although the Industry is still struggling back from the perfect storm of Covid, Brexit and war in Ukraine increasing energy and raw material costs, milk production is on the increase but the portion turned into bottles or cartons has fallen significantly. This means cheese, yogurt production, powdered products and niche products are increasing with a further need to increase assets to process this growing milk production trend, although the weather has tempered those growth trends this year. The point is the industry should grow and processing is key to utilising the volume milk production growth in the future. So, the relevance of the Society of Dairy Technology to the industry and its members to support this activity as an educator, facilitator of knowledge transfer, networking forum and training provider is critical to support this growth and investment.*

*Our Society of Dairy Technology six year rolling strategy is aligned with this to provide value to members. Some of the key focus points of the plan are as follows:*

- Further develop regional activities through the role of the Regional Chairpersons. This is really taking off now with several successful regional events this year. These activities are free to attend and have a social element to them as well.*
- Reach out to all UK dairies and ensure they are aware of the Society and its role. This has brought several new company members on board. This strategy will continue as time allows.*
- Develop our links with other industry bodies in the UK and globally. This has led to joint events with the IFST and the Society joining the Nordic Dairy Council with an involvement with the 2025 Conference in Reykjavik Iceland, plus our relationship with AEDIL through the University College Cork CoVE*
- Aim for the International Journal of Dairy Technology to be the highest rated dairy processing journal in the market measured by impact factor and citespace.*

*All this has led to that membership increase I mentioned earlier. Our success is bringing in new members with a significant increase of 30% over this year boosted by the 80th Anniversary Conference in Ireland. Company Membership now stands at ten companies adding fifty-eight individuals to our ranks with total membership standing at five hundred.*

*With all this success brings extra administration tasks and management, so to support the Executive Director a part time Commercial Administrator has been added to the team. Linda Beckett is now on board focusing on accounting processes and general administration leaving Marian Pusey to focus more on our events, marketing, and the growing links with other industry bodies.*

*We have had one or two changes with our Regional Chairpersons over the year.*

*Chairpersons:*

*Chris Hay – Scotland*

*Gary Andrews – Northern Ireland*

*Micheal Cosgrove – Southern Ireland*

*Sian Davies – Wales, from South Caernarfon Creamery joined in October 2023*

*All the above remain in place. Paul Winfield has stepped down in the Midlands and North being replaced by Mike Bennett of Reaseheath College. Sharlene Harrison has also stepped down in the Southwest and*

*we are currently seeking a replacement. We thank both Paul and Sharlene for their efforts in developing the Regional Strategy and running their local events.*

*In September Marian Pusey and I visited John Sumner, a long-standing member of the Publications Committee, who recently retired. John was awarded Honorary Membership of the Society for his long service. John's speciality was agricultural content for the Journal.*

*During October, the Society attended the inaugural Dairy Processing Expo held in Harrogate. We shared a stand with Kersia UK one of our Company Members. The exhibition and seminars were dedicated to Dairy Processing in the UK. The Society also held its Annual General Meeting at this event.*

*In November 2023, the Southern Irish Section of the Society of Dairy Technology ran the Society's Autumn Conference at University College Cork (UCC). This was the 80th Anniversary event. Two hundred and ten delegates attended, and the topic was Digitalisation of Processing in the Dairy Industry. Twenty Trade Stands were present with speakers from academia and the industry. also attended and addressed the conference. The conference was busy with a visit to Moorepark Animal and Grassland Research Centre, a student poster competition and flash presentations by suppliers. The Gala Dinner was held in the Aula Maxima Hall where the Society's Gold Medal was awarded to Dr Michael Mullan for his hard work in raising the Journal to the leading publication in its sphere. The Supplier Service Award was presented to Tetra Pak for support to the Society over the past 80 years. Peter Howard, Processing Sales Manager UK and Ireland, accepted the Oak Separator on behalf of the company.*

*At the same time as the 80th Anniversary Conference was taking place Dr Ian Gordon was representing the Society at the inaugural Profset (Professional Food Science, Engineering and Technology Group) Conference in London at the Institute of Physics. There were speakers from FDA and DEFRA along with societies such as ourselves debating the topic of Creating a Sustainable Food System.*

*November was a busy month with the Scottish Region holding a joint local event with the IFST early in the month. Chris Hay IFF (Scottish Regional Chair) and Rachael Mirfattahi (IFST Scottish Regional Chair) organised a visit to the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS). There were several presentations, a tour of the facilities on offer to the industry plus we all met for dinner locally afterwards. The Society was also able to recognise Dr Adnan Tamine for his many years of service on the Publications Committee and for his work with the Technical Series of Books. Adnan announced after many decades he was stepping down but was remaining a member of the Society.*

*Regarding the Technical Series of Books, we added to the series this year with the launch in October of the Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products book, kindly edited by John Tuohy.*

*We entered 2024 and soon it was time for the Spring Conference. Eighty-Five delegates arrived at a new venue for the Society Foodworks Southwest in Weston Super Mare. The topic for this year's Spring Conference was Yogurt and Fermented Creams Technology: What's New? We covered starter cultures, plant and hybrid products, handling fluids and rapid cooling. Chris Edwards, IPP Quality of Muller Yogurts and Desserts, provided the final paper providing much food for thought on how little has changed in yogurt processing over the decades apart from the decreasing time between production and distribution and the impact this was having on quality. Eleven Trade stands supported this event with a visit to Rich's Cider plant, organised by Steve Walker, from our Publication Committee, the day before.*

*Another Regional Event took place in April 2024 at Reaseheath College. This was organised by Mike Bennett, the new Regional Chairman. Forty members and guests attended. They heard from the supporting supplier Kersia UK on the topic of Sustainable Innovation plus members of the Reaseheath staff highlighting what the college has to offer the dairy industry. There were visits to see the robotic milking parlour and the processing hall facilities. Again, as we encourage at Regional Events there was a networking session and meal at a local restaurant in Nantwich.*

*This year's Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner once again preceded the International Cheese and Dairy Awards. We started the Symposium with increased attendance (127) over the 2023 event and*

*eleven trade stands supporting. Diversey and Faedah Solutions were the main sponsors of the event. We had four presentations on or around the topic of cheese from Mettler Toledo, DSM, Novenesis and Sealed Air.*

*I am pleased also to report that the numbers at the Annual Dinner are still increasing year-on-year, breaking the two hundred mark (210) again this year. Our pre-dinner speaker this year was the well-known BBC Countryfile presenter, Adam Henson. Adam delivered an interesting overview of his career to date and some great messages about promoting agriculture and dairy to the public. He is also highly enthusiastic about bringing young people into careers in agriculture and dairy. The whole room was on board with his messages.*

*As always, we had several awards to present which is always a very enjoyable task. Adam Henson helped with this process. We are rewarding talent and those who have worked so hard throughout their careers both for the Industry and the Society. The SDT/ICDA Student of the Year Award was awarded to Ellie Gregory from Reaseheath College. Ellie is employed by Saputo Davidstow. Ellie's project involved looking into resolutions to overcome weak-bodied 1st Vat cheese due to high moisture content. She received a certificate, voucher, Tetra Pak handbook plus the trophy.*

*This year we have two Eden cohorts, 12 and 13, graduating from Reaseheath College due to a hangover from Covid. The SDT Student of the Year for Cohort 12 was Anita Galezewska, from Wyke Farms. Her project examined starter culture changes. There were two runner-up prizes for this cohort, Will Collins, from Wyke Farms and Aaron Morgan who was a student at Dairy Partners but now has moved to Pembrokeshire Creamery. For Cohort 13 the winner was Tom Woodward of Cotteswold Dairy who conducted a regeneration efficiency improvement exercise over many months providing an amazing return on investment for the business. The runner up from this Cohort was Adam Leonard from Arla Aylesbury. The winners each received the Tetra Pak Handbook and a trophy.*

*The next award was the Brian Peacock Award which is presented to a member of the Society that has performed outstanding work as a dairy technologist, not only over the past 12 months, but also throughout their career. This year's well deserved recipient was Dr Ken Burgess. Ken has worked in the Dairy Industry for over 40 years. He has a degree in Chemical Engineering and a doctorate in Biological Engineering, plus a master's degree in business administration and food law. He has held a wide range of roles including Research and Development, Quality Assurance, Engineering, Manufacturing Services, Compliance and Environmental Management. He has held Technical Director positions for Dairy Crest and Yoplait before setting up his Consultancy business. He has also been a long-time member of the SDT and our Council. This award as I have already said is very well deserved and we hope Ken continues with his support to the industry for many years to come.*

*It was then was onto the President's Award. This only happens once in your two-year tenure as President so is a little special. The award winner, is chosen by the President to a member of the Society who they deem to have provided outstanding service to the Society. This award, a medal, was presented to Dr Liz Whitley who has been a member of the Society since 1978 and in this time has been Chairperson of the East Midlands Section, Council Member, Honorary Treasurer, President, and Executive Director. She is still the Chair of our Publications Committee today. Another well-deserved award.*

*This year the Society has introduced a new award for the Company Supporter of the SDT and is now an annual award. This is in recognition of the support given by a company throughout the year based on membership profile, conference and symposium support, regional event support, attendance at the Annual Dinner plus trade stand and other sponsorship support. This year the clear winner was Kersia UK and Richard Fine Sales Director collected the award. The evening closed after one of our most successful Annual Dinners.*

*As always, the Society had a stand at the ICDA where we were visited by many members, friends, and non-members that we hope will soon become members and keep our membership base growing.*

*The Publications activities of the Society play a significant role not only in the finances of the Society but also in the disseminating technical knowledge in our area of excellence throughout the world. As mentioned previously Dr Michael Mullan as Editor in Chief and his team of Associate Editors are now delivering the market leading Journal in our field. It is to this team and the Publications Committee guided by Liz Whitley that I pass on a tremendous vote of thanks from the Society, its members and Council.*

*To support Dr Michael Mullan the Society has appointed a Deputy Editor, Dr Nivedita Datta. Dr Datta has worked as a faculty member at Food Science departments in five universities in Australia, Nepal, Ireland, and India. She will support Michael over the coming years to successfully continue the Journals growth and diversification.*

*The monthly newsletter is eagerly awaited, and the content now regularly seen on social media sites all takes time to gather and put together. We thank Marian Pusey for this extremely popular content.*

*In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, enthusiasm and support over the past year and previous year of my office. As always, a special word of thanks must go to Marian Pusey Executive Director in continuing to play a remarkable role in the management of our organisation. I have to say it has been a great honour to serve the Society as President and an enjoyable one. The Society is all about people and it's our members that are the engine of our Society. With our Passion for Dairy, I have every confidence that the Society has a relevant long-term future as our industry comes back to growth.*

## **6. Membership – Marian Pusey, Executive Director**

*Membership of the Society was significantly higher this year compared to the previous year, with 506 members at the end of June 2024. This fantastic increase was in-part boosted by the 80th Anniversary Conference held in Ireland. Company membership rates for dairy businesses coupled with the 18 new members from Eden Cohort 14, starting their course in September 2023, has also supported these numbers. The following 146 new members joined the Society in the last year, eleven of these became members as a result of publishing their research in the International Journal of Dairy Technology for which they are eligible for one year's free membership (marked \* in table below).*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Cherie Gardener	Trewhithen Dairy
Sian Davies	South Caernarfon Creamery
Tracey Burr	South Caernarfon Creamery
Lois Williams	South Caernarfon Creamery
Hannah Shaw	Glanbia Cheese
Gerallt Morris	Food Centre Wales
Mark Jones	Food Centre Wales
Richard Phillips	Volac
Chris Terrett	Retired
Rachel Boyce	CAFRE
Sinead Wall	First Milk
Rhian Jones	Food Centre Wales
Srecko Ladisic	Student UCC
Thisari Bandara*	Researcher
Peter Harpley	Diversey
William McCarthy	Teagasc

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Nurdan Ersoz	Teagasc
Digvijay digvijay	Teagasc
Bhavya Mysore Lokesh	Teagasc
Jenny Byrne	UCC
David Mitchell	Dairy Consultant
Eva Normoyle	UCC
Anastasia Palatzidi	UCC
Emily Boiocchi	Biomerieux UK
Robert Butler	Biomerieux UK
Sacha Griffin	Biomerieux UK
Tom Long	UCC
Tiziana Racca	UCC
Cathy Casey	UCC
Karen Challis-Jones	Biomerieux UK
Aritra Sinha	UCC
Paula Rojas	UCC

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Jemma Deighan	Dale Farm
Luke Ramsey	Dale Farm
Hannah Madden	Dale Farm
Eamonn Donnelly	Dale Farm
Hannah Faulkner	Dale Farm
Aaron Brownlee	Kersia Group
Sangeeta Sengupta	Tiffinwalli
Dylan Moore	Volac
Simran Kaur Arora	Researcher
Julie Cakebread	PhD New Zealand
Annalie Wilson	Trewithen Dairy
Vijay Kumar Gahlawat*	Researcher
Mutian Niu*	Researcher
Akos Kenez*	Researcher
Laura Hook	Dale Farm
Lorna Twomey	Dale Farm
Istvan Gubik*	Researcher
Finlay Wotherspoon	Arla Foods
Zsofia Ko	Muller M&M
	Arla Foods
Lucy Sanger	
Maja Konczyklo	Dairy Solutions
Jake Massey	Barber
Aaron Chand	Arla Foods
Thomas Smith	Muller M&M
Alicia Reed	Arla Foods
Sylwia Szewczyk	Fayrefield Foods
Malgorzata Buda	Muller M&M
Elliott Stirrop	Muller M&M
Emma Rowley	Muller Y&D
Zoe Younger	Muller Y&D
Ben Crerand	Muller Y&D
Henry Hardwicke	Arla Foods
Jamie Medlicott	Muller Y&D
Norah O'Shea	Teagasc
Hanieh Amani	Teagasc
Behrad Mozafari	Teagasc
Hussain Khan	Teagasc
Noel McCarthy	Teagasc
Yuanyuan pu	Teagasc
Prashant Shelke	Teagasc
Poonam Rani	Teagasc
Le deng	Teagasc
Arlene Mcgrath	Teagasc
Anuya Mane	Teagasc
Muireann Egan	Teagasc
Sara Pacheco	Teagasc

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Eoin Bergin	UCC
Jeppe Madsen	Lyras Denmark
Tatiana Dushkina	Biomerieux
Nicolas Malterre	UCC
Sue Nock	Saputo
Andy Green	Orchard Valley
K. Leo Pullin	Daisy Brand
Matteo Roattino*	PhD Student (Italy)
Craig Hodgson	Arla Foods
Eugene O'Connor	Dairy Gold
Aine Fitzgerald	Consultant
	Parul University (India)
Pankajkumar Parmar*	
Kevin Van Cleef	Friesland Campina
David Roberts	Consultant
Stephen Daly	Endress Hauser
Joey Hardy-Gould	Odysea
Nemanja Kljajevic*	Belgrade University
Norah O'Shea	Teagasc
Anna Ranki	Collo (Finland)
	National Dairy Institute India
Sangita Ganguly*	
Dan Ridley(M)	OV Group
Megan McKeown	Greenfields
	King Khalid University
Ammar Al-Farga*	
Bruce Makie	Rora Dairy
Oliver Macfarlane	JKM Foods
Yvonne Smith	IFF
Mateusz Wolf	FoodBuzz
Danny O'Regan	DSM
James Little	Saputo
Abdelhak Medjour*	Researcher
Georgie Smyth	Smyth Farm
Rachel Mirfattahi	University of Strathelyde
David Hughes	Lakeland Dairies
Adam Brown	Dewlay
Jon Roberts	Burkert
Michelle Taylor	Greenfields
Simon Kidd	Foss
Harry Flannery	Watson Marlow
John Kirwin	Penmann
Gage Hoque	Salutivia
Catherine Syrad	Tofoo
Carin Cronstrom	Tetra Pak
Christopher McClellan	Foss
Ben Todd	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Rob Reid	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Dale Ellerby	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd

Name	Company
Mark Timlin	Teagasc
Sophie Gaspard	Teagasc
ELena Hayes	Teagasc
Eoin Murphy	Teagasc
Ali Alehosseini	Teagasc
	Teagasc
Kexin Zhang	
Liam Kelly	Teagasc
Adam Cogan	Teagasc
Sean Hogan	Teagasc
Karan Pant	Teagasc
Seán Wrenn	Teagasc

Name	Company
Jonathan Muse	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Alex Carter	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Jonathan Youles	Ytron Quadro
David Marriott	Longley Farm
Amy Logan	CSIRO
	Highland Fine Cheese
Rory Stone	
Richard Fine	Kersia Group
Matthew Hooper	First Milk
Annabel McLelland	McLelland
Gaurav Joshi	Student
Holger Schmidt	Mettler Toledo

## 7. Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer

*The Society has made strong financial progress this year. In fact, it is in the strongest financial position since my time as Treasurer. This is due to the continued success of the journal, along with excellent attendances at our major meetings and Annual Dinner. We have employed a bookkeeper/administrator to assist Marian and we have also had to invest some £23000 into the roof at our premises in Huntingdon yet we still have a very positive result for the year. This will allow us to invest more into our meetings and activities for the benefits of all members. I commend these accounts to you.*

Alan Stack proposed acceptance of the accounts and asked members to raise their electronic hands if there were objections. No objections were received.

## 8. Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman

Mike Pinches, provided the Publications Committee report on behalf of Dr Liz Whitley who was unable to attend the meeting.

*In the year to July 2024, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective of the provision of technical information. As well as our events and online training courses, our wide range of publications continue to be a major contributor to achieving this objective.*

*The International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT) has continued its success in the Food Science and Technology area of academic publications. The development of Open Access (OA), where publications are free to view, was originally seen as a threat to the Journal but in fact the Journal has continued to thrive and discussions concerning the “flip” to OA continue. Open Access requires authors to pay to publish and, as said, that publication is then free to view. The IJDT is at present a hybrid of OA and subscription and royalties have continued to increase and at some point in the not too distant future it is expected to become purely OA (the “flip”).*

*Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Dr Nevidita Datta has taken on the role of Deputy Editor, covering for Dr Mullan when he is away and eventually taking on the Editorship when he retires. This succession planning is imperative to the smooth operation of such a high quality journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Giuseppe Aprea continue as Associate Editors and we have also appointed Dr Mohan Li to the Editorial Board as AE. We have recently recruited Dr Daniel E. Rico as an AE for the area of Production Agriculture as this is an area that we wish to grow to expand*

*our impact in China and to grow the Journal further. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor has reflected this.*

*In recognition of the tremendous work that Dr Mullan has put into the Journal, he was awarded the highest honour that the Society can bestow. The Gold Medal was awarded to Michael at the Autumn Conference in Cork in September last year.*

*The editorial team has been working to grow the IJDT in preparation for a potential move to Open Access. While a significant increase in submissions and articles published has been obtained this has come at the expense of an anticipated reduction in Impact Factor, 2.5 compared with the previous years. Most of the other Dairy Journals have also seen a reduction, but our position as the number one Dairy Journal has succumbed. Our team anticipated the general reduction in IF and is working hard to reverse this in 2024. The CiteScore is another analytical tool and we saw a small decrease to 7 in 2023 from 8.0 in 2022. It is thought that this is partly due to the increase in submissions from China, which are less frequently cited. Despite the less than welcome news the Journal continues to provide excellent revenue for the Society and is a major contributor to our success.*

*The technical series of books is very well respected for its quality and stands at 15 books. We are in the process of assessing which books are in need of revision in order to ensure that the series is kept up to date.*

*The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource. The latest handbook has been prepared by Andrew Wilbey and is focused on Ice Cream Production and related products, including equipment, ingredients, recipe development, manufacturing procedures and parameters and quality.*

*Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Special thanks go to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).*

*Reports from Andrew Wilbey and others continue to be published in Dairy Industries International, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.*

*Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.*

## **9. Appointment of Auditors for 2024-25**

Nick Edwards proposed to invite Gravita (was Critchleys) to audit the accounts for the forthcoming year.. There was no raising of electronic hands to object, thus the proposal was agreed.

## **10. Any Other Business**

No questions were received.

Nick Edwards handed over President to Mike Pinches.

Mike stated that it had been a privilege to serve on the Societies Council for several years, and as a Trustee and had been fortunate to serve as Senior VP to Nick, stating it was daunting to realise what a difficult act he is to follow. Mike thanked Nick for leading the Society during the last two years, a time which had included the Society's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and seen the introduction of his initiative of a new company membership scheme. He commented that in recent months Nick had led the negotiations with our publisher, Wiley, who we will continue to deliver our Flagship publication, *The International Journal of Dairy Technology*, the leading Journal in its field and a great means to contribute to part of our core purpose: to advance professional development through knowledge.

Mike commented that with an enthusiastic group of regional Chairpersons and several National Symposia we will also meet our objectives to facilitate development through recognition and networking. He commented that one of his first tasks was to introduce a new initiative whereby members would be invited to apply for funding to support their attendance at a relevant dairy technology event of their choosing. Council will select a member based on the application and grant funding to support their attendance at their chosen event.

Mike advised that he was looking forward to working with Council, with the regional chairpersons and with Marian and Linda to continue the progress made in Nick's tenure. He stated that as we look forward, we see an industry in an ongoing process of change but he felt that we can be optimistic and confident that we have a strong and stable position from which we can build on the progress to date.

He concluded by thanking members very much and stated that he looks forward to serving as President for the next two years.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

## COUNCIL'S REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR July 2024 to June 2025

### President's Review – Mike Pinches

The first year of my presidency is well underway. I have been fortunate to take over from an active and capable immediate past President, am surrounded by a fabulous group of people on the Society Council, a very capable and successful Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Dairy Technology and an outstanding Executive Director who knows the Society mechanisms and does an excellent job.

In March we undertook a review of our activities and boiled the many aspects down to 3 key objectives:

The first is about our members who are the real reason for everything we do; the Society was founded in 1943 with the declared purpose “to facilitate contact and discussion between representatives of all sections of our many-sided society”. Maintaining our membership and serving them properly is our number one objective upon which the other two rest.

Our second objective is a restatement of the original purpose although this was updated more recently to read “Our purpose is to advance professional development and recognition through knowledge transfer and networking”. We do this with a structured calendar of technical events: Spring Conferences, Summer and Autumn Symposia, and active regional meetings across the UK & Ireland.

Four years after the Society formation the first journal was published. In 1947 the Society launched the Journal of the Society of Dairy Technology to record proceedings and technical papers from its meetings and this evolved into our fabulous publication the International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT), the Society's flagship, published by Wiley and focused on research and practice at the interface of dairy science and technology. Our third major objective is to maintain and develop the status of the International Journal of Dairy Technology.

The time since my tenure started has been extremely busy and was just preceded by our Autumn Conference, which focused on the dairy farm end of the supply chain. The conference took place at Shrewsbury Town Football Club with a conference theme of ‘*Smart Dairy Farm Practices to enhance Milk Quality, Productivity, Nutrition & Functionality*’ the 75 delegates listened to 8 informative papers, presenters ranged from the Head of Agriculture of DEFRA, together with research scientists and suppliers to the dairy industry. All the delegates, speakers and trade stand holders, enjoyed the presentations, networking opportunities and also chance to look around the football club!

I took over from Nick Edwards at the online AGM in November when I was pleased to take the opportunity to thank him for his excellent and hard work over two years while looking forward to continuing to receive his valuable support in his role as the immediate past president. During the AGM attendees learned about our activities, publications and financial report for 2023-24 and were informed of our Council members for 2024-25. The meeting concluded with a presentation on ‘*Wastewater Reuse & Energy Recovery from Dairy Product Processing*’ from Aquabio.

Our Spring Conference with the theme ‘*Extending the Shelf Life of Milk and Dairy Products*’ took place on 27th March at University of Nottingham with 65 attendees. The seven presentations were very well received and the facilities and hospitality at the University were excellent. University personnel kindly provided a very informative tour of the food science laboratories and food processing hall in the School of Biosciences,. The day before the Conference we were grateful for an opportunity to visit Cropwell Bishop Creamery who kindly provided talks about the creamery history, stilton manufacture and challenges in blue cheese manufacture. The very generous cheese tastings provided in Cropwell's tearoom proved extremely popular and we were all very grateful for the generosity of Robin Skailes and his team.

The SDT is a member of the Nordic Dairy Group which includes nine organisations across Scandinavia. This group collectively organises the Nordic Dairy Congress every three years and on May 20-22<sup>nd</sup> the Nordic Dairy Congress took place in Reykjavik, Iceland, bringing together experts, industry leaders and researchers to explore the future of dairy. The theme was '*Unlocking the power of dairy for people and the planet*', highlighting innovation, sustainability, and technological advancements in the sector. Participants engaged in discussions on improving dairy environmental production, impact, reducing and ensuring a sustainable future for the industry.

At the end of June we held our Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner in the Members Pavilion of the Staffordshire County Showground to coincide with the International Cheese and Dairy Expo. We had five excellent presenters who provided us with presentations on a non-thermal (UV) treatment of milk for cheese processing, optimising cheese coagulation, cheese yield calculation considerations, listeria management and barcode changes.

For several years we have always held our Annual Dinner during the evening following the Summer Symposium, this year we held it on the following day to coincide with the ICDA show judging day. Some people found this supportive and others not. We are grateful to the ICDA for permitting us to use the facilities and continue to work with them to get a perfect structure at what is the time of the year when the highest number of industry professionals meet under one roof with networking is at its best!

This year 170 guests attended our Annual Dinner and we were treated to a guest appearance by Ben Fogle, TV personality and explorer who spoke about his adventures rowing across the Atlantic, running the 3 peaks marathon in the Dolomites, racing across Antarctica and most challenging of all, his climb of Mount Everest and losing his oxygen cylinder with 48m to go! He even managed a few dairy references in his presentation which was not easy. I was able to publicly offer thanks to our sponsors especially our key sponsor Diversey, represented by Pat Redman, Sales Director for Food and Beverage UK & Ireland. During the dinner we presented our annual awards.

As part of our ongoing support to the Eden programme we make awards to the Student of the Year and runners up based on our panel award for project presentations at the end of their course. This year Eden cohort 14 was completed and the Student of the Year award went to Jamie Medlicott, Muller Yogurts and Desserts with runners up Ben Czerland also from Muller Yogurts and Desserts and Sylwia Szewczyk from Fayrefield Foods.

The special SDT/ICDA Student Dairy Technologist of the Year went to Maeve Cusack, Kerry Dairy Ireland studying at University College Cork.

Our Brian Peacock Award which is presented to a member of the Society that has performed outstanding work as a dairy technologist, not only over the past 12 months, but also throughout their career. This year's winner graduated in Chemical Engineering from Birmingham University. He then worked for over 38 years at the University of Reading as a Senior Lecturer in the School of Chemistry, Food and Pharmacy before retiring in 2011. During that time he supervised over 35 PhD students and many MSc projects.

Since then, he has run training courses and workshops all over the world, and carries out consultancy globally. He has been on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Dairy Technology for many years and is also on the Publications Committee of the Society. I was delighted to present the award to Dr. Mike Lewis.

The SDT Company Award made to the company that has done the most to support the society during the year was won by the Kersia Group who are ardent supporters of the Society.

This year we awarded an SDT Special Service Award. One of our longer-term Council members, Dr Ian Gordon, has stepped down from his position as a member of Council. We thanked Ian for his support over many years, bringing in his wealth of dairy industry knowledge and business

experience. Ian attended our Annual Dinner with his wife where his valued support to the Society was recognised together with presenting him with honorary membership.

## Membership – Executive Director

Membership of the Society was slightly reduced this year compared to the previous year, with 451 at the end of June 2025. Attractive company membership rates have continued to entice groups of new members, recognising the benefits of membership, often recouping costs by attending the increasing number of events being held at both national and regional levels. This year we received 18 members from Eden Cohort 15 and seven new members who received complementary membership as a result of publishing their work in the *International Journal of Dairy Technology* (marked\* in the table below). A total of 70 new members joined the Society in the year from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June, detailed in the table below:

Name	Company
Carla Vieira*	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Rhonda Grant	Dale Farm
Mark Breese	Alfa Laval
Joe Newman	Biopharma Group
Andy Molloy	Biopharma Group
Richard Lewis	Biopharma Group
Ben Liley	Biopharma Group
Stephen Jones	Biopharma Group
Eleftherios Charakleias	Siemens
Guillermo Jimeno	Siemens
Andrew Salmon	Siemens
Edward Mihet	Arla Foods
Joshua Bowman	Arla Foods
Gemma Evans	Volac
Helen Bodie	Lactalis
Saadiah Chaumon	Arla Foods
Michael Kennedy	Muller
Louise Lewicka	Lactalis
Shelby Hill	Arla Foods
Samuel Miles	Arla Foods
Byron Taubert	Muller
Maisie Blezard	Arla Foods
Arianne Redonga	Arla Foods
Jordon Manders	Muller
Jack Fisher Brindle	Muller
Iyona Jarvis	Arla Foods
Laurie Johnstone	Arla Foods
Robert Horwood	Arla Foods
Saadiah Chaumon	Arla Foods
Alan Deery	Prognosis-Biotech
Khalid Alsaleem*	Qassim University

Name	Company
Jonathan Westlake	DSM-Firmenich
Paul Nilsson	St Helens Farm
Renata Kostovska	Teagasc
Roxana Matei	Caws Cenarth Cheese
Andrew Palmer	Lantra
Jowita Sosnowska	OV Group
Tom Dekker	IMD
Rachel Boyce	Lakeland Daries
Hasan Kamal	Solenis
Sarah Spearing	Niras
Nick Hickman	Niras
Amr M. Bakry*	New Valley University
John Samelis*	NIH, Greece
Yasmin Ozkaya*	Erciyes University
Mark Robertson	SRUC
Andrew Swinscoe	The Court Yard Dairy
Louise Smith	Meadow Foods
Sarah Roberts	Meadow Foods
Michaela Vachou Peirantakou	University of Reading
Aleksander Gontarz	Mighty Drinks
Heike Morgenstern	International Flavours & Fragrances
Alice Mayor	Yeo Valley
Jess Stinton	University of Nottingham
John Wright	Fayrefield Foods
Nicholas Jonsson	University of Glasgow
Jihene Jabri*	National School of Vet Med, Tunisia
Sigrid Beldring	Novonesis
Chris Whittle	Dales Dairies
Aine Murphy	Kerry Dairy Ireland
Emma Gordon	Kerry Dairy Ireland
Glen Prentice	Purple Sector

Stuart Martin	SRUC
Soraya Parfitt	Muller
Matthew Broadbent	SRUC
Sarah Vaudrey	St Helens Farm

Daniel Botezatu	Wyke Farms
Asma Senoussi*	University of Larbi Tebessi, Algeria
Harriet Kerr	Novonesis
Peter Morgan	Book & Bucket Cheese Co

### **Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

We continue to run our events and activities with a breakeven budget. However, most activities are well supported and we have been able to product a surplus to invest back into our support for the Dairy Industry.

I commend these accounts to you.

### **Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairperson**

The provision of technical information is a major charitable objective of the Society and in the year to July 2025 we met this objective in many ways, some of which are discussed in our President’s report. Our wide range of publications continue to be a major contributor to achieving this objective.

Our flagship publication, The International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT), has continued its success in the Food Science and Technology area of academic publications. Our editorial team, headed by Editor Dr Michael Mullan has continued to ensure that the Journal is highly esteemed and has relevant and interesting content. This editorial team comprises Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, Deputy Editor, Dr Nivedita Datta and Associate Editors Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Mohan Li, Dr Daniel E. Rico and Dr Giuseppe Aprea. In addition, five honorary Associate Editors Dr Fatma Ali, Dr Jihéne Jabri, Dr Lokesh Kumar, Dr Hasitha Priyashantha, and Associate Professor Lei Yuan have been appointed. Recently, Dr Datta represented the Journal team at the Nordic Dairy Conference, where she presented an award for the best poster presentation to Sigrid Norgaard Beldring, an Industrial PhD Student at Aarhus University (Denmark). During the last year publication of the Journal has moved away from the traditional format of all papers in an issue being published at the beginning of the period to continuous publication. This means that papers are added as soon as they are approved for publication and reduces wait times for authors. It also means that readers searching the Journal will find the most up-to-date information available.

The development of Open Access (OA), where authors pay to publish so that the article is free to view, continues and during a recent search for information I came across some minutes from 2004 which stated that it was as a threat to the Journal and would be unlikely to develop! By contrast, the Journal now publishes a mix of OA and pay to view and discussions concerning the “flip” to OA continue. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor for the calendar year 2024 has improved somewhat on last year at 2.8. The team are working hard to ensure that this improves further in 2025 including the introduction of structured abstracts. The Journal continues to provide excellent revenue for the Society and is a major contributor to our success.

At our recent Annual Dinner, long time Editorial Board member and member of our Publications Committee, Dr Michael Lewis, was awarded the Brian Peacock award for technical contribution to the Dairy Industry. With his years of work on heat treatment of milk, he is a well-deserved recipient.

Summaries of the papers published in the Journal continue to be published in Dairy Industries International at the end of each issue. Our sincere thanks go to Andrew Wilbey for writing these articles for many years; he has now handed over the task to Dr Liz Whitley. In recognition of his contribution to the Society and the Dairy Industry Andrew was recently awarded the Society’s Gold Medal, an award for academic contribution

which is a very prestigious award, only being awarded twice in a decade. Previous recipients include Professor Pat Fox and Dr Adnan Tamime.

Other publication strands include the technical series of books which is very well respected for its quality and stands at 15 books. Members are able to access these electronically free of charge which is an amazing resource. The publications committee has reviewed the series recently and are committed to ensuring that it remains up to date by adding revisions. This is a lengthy process and requires people prepared to write chapters on specific subjects.

Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource. They cover a wide range of subjects including Ice Cream Technology, Whey Processing, Cutting Cheese with Wires, the Killing of Cheese Mites and the Dairy Technology Handbook. The latter is revised on a rolling programme and suggestions or contributions for further content are welcomed. In addition to these publications is Nigel White's Evolution of the British Cheese Industry.

Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).

Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the publications Committee, the Editor, Deputy and Associate Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to all of our publications.

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Company registration number 3965383

**SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	N Q Edwards K Burgess L Candido M Cosgrove A Duckworth C Edwards OBE M Mullan M Pinches (President) A Stack J Tuohy G Andrews E Whitley C Hay M Bennett V Adams M Jenkins S O'Mahony K Powell	(Appointed 28 November 2024) (Appointed 28 November 2024) (Appointed 28 November 2024) (Appointed 28 November 2024)
<b>Executive Director</b>	Marian Pusey	
<b>Charity number</b>	1081615	
<b>Company number</b>	3965383	
<b>Registered office</b>	1 Anvil Close Tibberton Newport TF10 8PT	
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Gravita Audit Oxford LLP First Floor, Park Central 40-41 Park End Street Oxford OX1 1JD	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank plc	

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# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are the advancement of education in dairy science and technology, food technology and management of resources in all branches of the industry by the dissemination and application of knowledge gained from experience and experiment.

The directors have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

#### **Achievements and performance**

This year the Society held an Autumn Conference in Shrewsbury, Spring Conference in Nottingham, and the Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner, at the same time as the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, at the Staffordshire County Showground in June. A Regional Meeting was held in Scotland at SRUC's Barony Campus. In addition, this year the Society also contributed, for the first time, as a full partner at the three-yearly Nordic Dairy Congress in Reykjavik, Iceland, which provided an excellent opportunity to promote our Journal, sponsor two students to attend and opportunities for our members to present. The International Journal of Dairy Technology, published quarterly, has again yielded significant revenue for the Society. The Editor-in-Chief, Michael Mullan and his team of Associate Editors have continued to strive to improve the Impact Factor and Cite Score for this publication for many years. This year the Impact Factor (based on 2024 data) increased slightly compared to the previous year to 2.8, the Cite Score dipped slightly to 5.5. The Technical Series of books continue to be updated and improved. This series of books are provided free of charge, in electronic format, to members and also continue to contribute to the income of the Society. The Society constantly strives to raise its profile amongst the dairy industry and new members are attracted to the Society; our challenge is to ensure their continued membership. The introduction of company membership a couple of years ago has been well received with over 60 additional members to date. The Society makes regular contributions to the publication, Dairy Industries International, and we continue to exhibit at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, this year a two day show, where we can reach a wide audience of dairy technologists. The Society continues to maintain links with Dairy UK; The International Dairy Federation; The Institute of Food Science and Technology; The Brewing Food and Beverage Suppliers Industry, The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, Association of European Dairy Industry Learning, The Nordic Dairy Technology Council, ProFSET and the Digital Dairy Chain Talent Forum.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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### Financial review

This year's accounts show a small surplus of £5,930. This year there was additional expense mainly due to the investment in the Nordic Dairy Congress, employing the services of a consultant to support with the Society's negotiation of the Journal's publishing contract, the valuation of our Huntingdon property, additional fees for this year's Annual Dinner guest speaker, Ben Fogle, and additional consultancy fees arising from an increase in workload. We have continued to invest in our e-learning modules and continue to provide members with free access to our Technical Series of dairy technology e-books and other learning material. This year we have invested in several events including an Annual Dinner, a symposium, three conferences and a regional meeting. Investment will continue at a similar level this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members. It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to over six month's expenditure. The directors consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. The former office at Huntingdon provides an income for the Society and a reserve against major unforeseen costs. Last year expenditure was made on the roof of this property.

As at 30 June 2025 the unrestricted free reserves of the charity (excluding those held by the Southern Ireland Branch) were £119,969 (2024: £113,463)

The directors has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N Q Edwards

K Burgess

L Candido

R Clarke

(Resigned 21 February 2025)

M Cosgrove

A Duckworth

C Edwards OBE

I R Gordon

(Resigned 28 November 2024)

M Mullan

M Pinches (President)

A Stack

J Tuohy

G Andrews

E Whitley

C Hay

M Bennett

S Davies

(Resigned 28 November 2024)

V Adams

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

M Jenkins

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

S O'Mahony

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

K Powell

(Appointed 28 November 2024)

All directors must be members of the Society. Directors are initially appointed by an election amongst the members. In addition, certain directors are appointed/co-opted by the existing directors.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025*

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The directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors.

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**K Burgess**  
Director  
Dated: .....

# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

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I report to the directors on my examination of the financial statements of Society of Dairy Technology (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the directors of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**Elinor Upjohn ACA**  
**Gravita Audit Oxford LLP**

First Floor, Park Central  
40-41 Park End Street  
Oxford  
OX1 1JD

Date: .....

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restated
		funds	funds		funds	funds	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
Notes		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Charitable activities	3	108,064	-	108,064	143,117	-	143,117
Investments	4	13,078	-	13,078	11,303	-	11,303
Miscellaneous income	5	139	-	139	30	-	30
<b>Total income</b>		<u>121,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,281</u>	<u>154,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,450</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	3,750	-	3,750	23,400	-	23,400
Charitable activities	7	111,231	380	111,611	111,346	-	111,346
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>114,981</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>115,361</u>	<u>134,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,746</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	-	-	45,000	-	45,000
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<u>6,300</u>	<u>(380)</u>	<u>5,920</u>	<u>64,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,704</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 July 2024		<u>299,304</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>299,684</u>	<u>234,600</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234,980</u>
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2025</b>		<u>305,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>	<u>299,304</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>299,684</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

		2025		2024 as restated	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investment properties	13		165,000		165,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	15,844		15,398	
Cash at bank and in hand		138,085		139,787	
		<u>153,929</u>		<u>155,185</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(12,231)</u>		<u>(19,538)</u>	
Net current assets			141,698		135,647
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			306,698		300,647
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	16		(1,094)		(963)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>305,604</u>		<u>299,684</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		-		380
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	20,635		20,831	
General unrestricted funds		284,969		278,473	
		<u>305,604</u>		<u>299,304</u>	
		<u>305,604</u>		<u>299,684</u>	

# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

***AS AT 30 JUNE 2025***

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on .....

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K Burgess  
**Trustee**

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A Stack  
**Trustee**

**Company Registration No. 3965383**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Society of Dairy Technology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Anvil Close, Tibberton, Newport, TF10 8PT.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recorded on a receivable basis (net of Value Added Tax where applicable) with any amount being received in advance included in deferred income. Subscription income represents the amounts in respect of the year. Life subscriptions are written off by equal instalments over a 12 year period from the date of commencement of life membership.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs directly attributable to managing investments and governance of the charity are included in costs of raising funds and governance costs. All other costs relate to the charity's sole activity and hence are included in charitable activities.

#### 1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.8 Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgements

#### Investment property

At 30 June 2025 the value of the investment property was deemed to be £165,000 (2024: £165,000).

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	16,195	15,533
UCC Cove	1,260	5,074
Symposium and events	29,684	68,503
Journal royalties	53,775	46,457
Sponsorship	7,150	7,550
	<u>108,064</u>	<u>143,117</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Rental income	10,513	10,479
Other income	2,565	824
	<u>13,078</u>	<u>11,303</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 5 Miscellaneous income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Miscellaneous income	139	30

### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Investment management	3,750	23,400

### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2025 £	Restated Dairy Science and Technology 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Support for the advancement of Dairy Science and Technology	109,275	109,396
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)</b>		
Governance	2,336	1,950
	<u>111,611</u>	<u>111,346</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	111,231	111,346
Restricted funds	380	-
	<u>111,611</u>	<u>111,346</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £
Independent examiner fees	-	2,336	2,336	-	1,950
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	2,336	2,336	-	1,950
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>

### 9 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred of £862 (2024: £1,970) were, however, reimbursed to 3 (2024: 5).

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Aggregate compensation	48,000	42,000
	<u>48,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>

M Pusey is the Executive Director of the Society, and is classed as key management personnel. She is a director and 100% shareholder of Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd. This company charged the Society the amounts above for services provided and £3,503 (2024: £3,240) for reimbursed expenses in the year. At 30 June 2025 the Society owed Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd £Nil (2024: £Nil).

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 11 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investment properties	-	45,000

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 13 Investment property

	2025 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025	165,000

This property had been valued by the Trustees on the basis of its open market value. On the 9 September 2024, the property was valued at £165,000 by Eddisons, Property Consultants.

There is a lease on the property until 2026 with rental income of £10,000 per annum.

### 14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	15,419	13,794
Prepayments and accrued income	425	1,604
	15,844	15,398

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		4,272	2,266
Deferred income	17	173	4,105
Trade creditors		436	6,003
Other creditors		5,000	5,000
Accruals		2,350	2,164
		12,231	19,538

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	17	1,094	963

### 17 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Other deferred income	1,267	5,068

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	173	4,105
Non-current liabilities	1,094	963
	1,267	5,068
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 July 2024	5,068	5,925
Released from previous periods	(4,103)	(1,007)
Resources deferred in the year	302	150
Deferred income at 30 June 2025	1,267	5,068

Deferred income consists of amounts received for lifetime membership amounts relating to future periods.

### 18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 July 2024 £	Resources expended £	At 30 June 2025 £
Memorial Fund	380	(380)	-

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 18 Restricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Resources expended	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£
Memorial Fund	380	-	380
	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>

The Memorial Fund represents a fund set up in memory of deceased members. This is to be used to make awards for travelling to international symposia.

### 19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	20,831	4	(200)	-	20,635
General funds	278,473	121,277	(114,781)	-	284,969
	<u>299,304</u>	<u>121,281</u>	<u>(114,981)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>
	<u>299,304</u>	<u>121,281</u>	<u>(114,981)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>

Previous year:	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	13,349	23,531	(16,049)	-	20,831
General funds	221,251	130,919	(118,697)	45,000	278,473
	<u>234,600</u>	<u>154,450</u>	<u>(134,746)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>299,304</u>
	<u>234,600</u>	<u>154,450</u>	<u>(134,746)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>299,304</u>

Southern Ireland Branch Funds are those funds designated for use by the branch of Society of Dairy Technology in Southern Ireland.

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
<b>At 30 June 2025:</b>			
Investment properties	165,000	-	165,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	141,698	-	141,698
Long term liabilities	(1,094)	-	(1,094)
	<u>305,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>
	<u>305,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,604</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 30 June 2024:</b>			
Investment properties	165,000	-	165,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	135,267	380	135,647
Long term liabilities	(963)	-	(963)
	<u>299,304</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>299,684</u>

### 21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024: None) other than the Key Management Personnel transactions in note 10.

### 22 Prior period adjustment

#### Changes to the balance sheet

	At 30 June 2024		
	As previously reported £	Adjustment £	As restated £
Bank accounts	10,801	(10,801)	-
Taxation	(4,066)	1,800	(2,266)
	<u>308,685</u>	<u>(9,001)</u>	<u>299,684</u>
Net assets	<u>308,685</u>	<u>(9,001)</u>	<u>299,684</u>
Capital funds			
Income funds			
Restricted funds	380	-	380
Unrestricted funds	308,305	(9,001)	299,304
	<u>308,685</u>	<u>(9,001)</u>	<u>299,684</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>308,685</u>	<u>(9,001)</u>	<u>299,684</u>



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## Photographs from 2023/24 Events



Simon Coveney Ireland's Minister of E, T & E speaking at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference



80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Organising Committee



Michael Mullan, IJTD Editor, with his SDT Gold Award



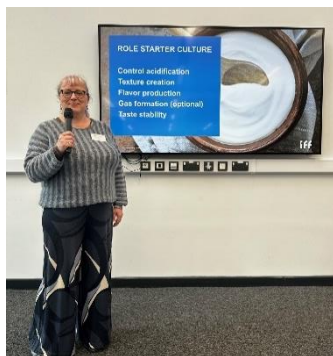
Faedah Solutions Trade Stand, Autumn Conference



Delegates at 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference



Peter Howard, Tetra Pak, receiving the SDT Company Support Award at the 80<sup>th</sup> Conference Dinner



Kirsten Lauridsen, IFF, presenting at the Spring Conference



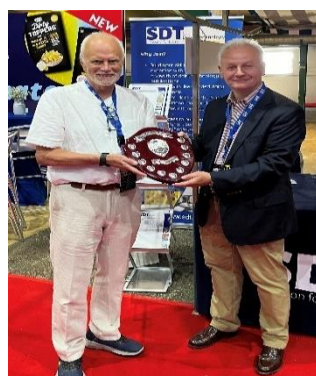
Trade Stand at the Spring Conference



Kyle Allington, DSM, presenting at the Summer Symposium



Tom Woodward, Cotteswold Dairy, Eden Cohort 13, SDT Student of the Year Award



Dr Ken Burgess, Brian Peacock Award Winner



Dr Liz Whitley, President's Award recipient

***THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY  
81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

*Online via Zoom*

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023
3. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda
4. Confirmation of Officers and Council Members for 2024/25
5. To receive President's Report to Members for 2023/24
6. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts of the Society for 2023/24
7. To receive the Publications Committee report for 2023/24
8. To appoint an Auditor
9. Any Other Business

**THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Harrogate Convention Centre**  
**Dairy Processing Expo**  
*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 12:30pm*

**MINUTES**

24 members and 10 guests attended. Nick Edwards hosted the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from the following:  
Liz Whitley, Alan Stack, Michael Mullan, Chris Edwards, Gary Andrews, Sian Davies, Mike Bennett, John Tuohy, Ian Gordon, Andrew Wilbey, Phil Abbott, Ian McDougall, Daniel Hefft, Tomas Skoglund.
2. The minutes of the 2022 GM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Soeren Vonsild and seconded by Stephen Walker.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. The officers and Council members for 2023-24 were confirmed as:

**Executive Officers**

President:	Nick Edwards
Senior Vice-President:	Mike Pinches
Junior Vice-President:	Ritchie Clarke
Immediate Past President:	Chris Edwards

**Officers**

Honorary Secretary:	Dr Ken Burgess
Honorary Treasurer:	Alan Stack
Chairman of Publications:	Dr Liz Whitley

**Members of Council**

Dr Ian Gordon	Dr Luisa Candido
Alex Duckworth	Dr Paul Bouchier
Editor of IJDT:	Dr Michael Mullan
Section Representatives:	Micheál Cosgrove (S. Ireland), Gary Andrews (N. Ireland)
Midlands and North:	Mike Bennett
South and West:	Sharlene Harrison
Scotland:	Chris Hay
Wales:	Sian Davies

The new Wales Section Chairman was confirmed as Sian Davies and Mike Bennett was confirmed as the new Midlands and North Section Manager, replacing Paul Winfield who resigned.

All other Council members listed above were elected to serve for a further year. These were proposed by Derek Pitman and seconded by Soeren Vonsild

**5. Report to members by Council**

The President's Review was presented by Nick Edwards.

*A year has quickly passed as I ease myself into the role of President of the Society. Firstly, a very big thank you to Chris Edwards OBE (no relation!) for guiding the Society through two difficult years for the industry which has seen the Nation struggle through the effects of the Covid pandemic, BREXIT, and its aftereffects plus the continuing worldwide influence of the War in Ukraine.*

*As I reflect on this past year, as we recover to normality after Covid and try to pick our way through to a better trading world beyond BREXIT, the UK is facing the highest food inflation for 45 years driven by the food and dairy industry struggling with increased energy costs, rising raw material prices and a distinct shortage of labour. It's a perfect storm you might say, however we are all adjusting to the new norms and the new challenges this new world order is bringing.*

*This is also true of the Society of Dairy Technology as we strive to be even more relevant to the whole Dairy sector from Farm to Fork in our 80th Anniversary Year. I am pleased to report that membership is growing, up 9% in the last year, numbers attending Conferences and Symposiums are up over previous years and our E Learning Programme has been a big success this year. As a Charity we aim to financially return any profit from activities back into 'member' benefits. This year we launched our Corporate or Company Membership Programme which offers Companies further benefits and this has helped bring new members to the Society. A further initiative that has started to gain traction are the Regional Events organised by the Regional Chairpersons. We appreciate the effort made by these Regional Chairpersons as it does take considerable time and effort to organise such events so I would ask you all to please support these events if you can. So, a big thank you to our Regional Chairpersons:*

*Sharlene Harrison: Southwest*

*Paul Winfield: Midlands and North*

*Chris Hay: Scotland*

*Gary Andrews: Northern Ireland*

*Michéal Cosgrove: Southern Ireland*

*Later on in this meeting we hope to co-opt a further addition to this team covering Wales.*

*In October 2022 the Southwest Section visited Wyke Farms for a talk and tour on the Race to Net Zero. Tom Clothier Director of Renewable Energy at Wyke Farms shared their commitment through their sustainable dairying 'Pillar Farmer' initiative with the biogas plant which has led them to be self-sufficient in their energy demand whilst added further surplus energy back to the grid. Then Joe Matthews Design Engineering Manager at Sycamore Process Engineering demonstrated how minor differences in equipment choice can benefit operational costs and energy efficiency. The visit concluded with a tour and then a social event at a local pub something we are striving to do at all Regional Events to promote networking and knowledge transfer.*

*In November 2022 we ran two Webinar events, one to include our Annual General Meeting. These were again a great success with over 80 people attending. The webinars served to bring attention to papers published in our Journal, the International Journal of Dairy Technology which keeps you at the forefront of dairy technology research. The Papers were selected as the Editors Choice Papers by our Editor-in-Chief Michael Mullan. Thank you to all presenters. The AGM followed and we were delighted to welcome two new Council members to our Board Mike Bennett from Reaseheath College and Chris Hay an ex-Eden Student (Arla Foods) now working for IFF.*

*Our Spring Conference 2023 saw us at the North Lakes Hotel Penrith with 85 delegates in attendance. The day before the conference a smaller group visited Appleby Creamery. A big thank you to Maurice Walton and Tom Jackson of Appleby Creamery and the Team from the Scottish Rural College (SRUC) for the enlightening visit where we were introduced to their range of products and shown the new halloumi and ricotta manufacturing facility that has recently be constructed thanks to the digital dairy chain funding. The conference theme was Heat Processing and Energy Efficiency in Dairy Product Manufacture. A very successful and informative day full of industry likeminded people networking again.*

*As always, a big thank you to our sponsors of this event with their trade stands, Sycamore Process Engineering, Tetra Pak, FDQ, Machinery World and Unison Process Engineering.*

*Another Regional Event took place in May 2023. This was a joint Midlands/North and Southwest Event. Again, it took the format of a visit and this time to Campden BRI at Chipping Campden in the Cotswolds. Campden BRI with 2500 members, as most of you are aware, provide the Food Industry, of which the Dairy Industry is their biggest customer, technical resource (analysis and testing), research and innovation. We thank Daniel Hefft and the team at Campden BRI for hosting the Society and challenging us to think outside the box on what some future technologies can achieve and how they could influence our food choices leading to much debate!*

*We were very pleased to be invited to Sycamore Process Engineering's first showcase event in May 2023. This took place at the Haynes Motor Museum at Sparkford in Somerset close to Sycamore's base. 50 delegates enjoyed an in-depth product seminar from Sycamore Process Engineering, Wafilin Systems and Volac. Sycamore revealed their new skid-mounted whey pasteuriser and membrane filtration system developed for Volac. Being skid-mounted the systems were actually on site!*

*This year's Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner was once again held the day before the International Cheese and Dairy Awards (ICDA) event at the Staffordshire County Showground. The Symposium was a great success with 118 attendees. As with previous years the theme of this event was Cheese, no surprise there! We had four very interesting speakers all from different backgrounds bringing their expertise to the Cheese theme.*

*The first speaker was Peter Harpley, Diversey on the topic of Waste water treatment costs within the Dairy Industry and how to ensure optimisation throughout the process plus new technology this was a topic of most interest to all processors under the current economic and environmental climate.*

*The second speaker was Margaret O'Connell, Chr Hansen discussing The Role of Cultures and Enzymes in Cheese an area of expertise that Chr Hansen shared with the delegates.*

*After Lunch, kindly sponsored by Faedah Solutions, the third speaker was Wayne Johnson, Faedah Solutions on the hot topic of the moment Digitalisation. Digitalisation does not have to Cost the Earth!! This was followed up by the fourth speaker of the day Joe Matthews, Sycamore Process Engineering on the subject matter of Improving Cheese Quality and Efficiencies (Open Curd Tables and Curd Distribution Vessels).*

*This closed a very informative day's symposium with plenty of knowledge transfer and networking opportunities for members. Our thanks to all presenters.*

*The Society's thanks also goes to our sponsors on the day and trade stand providers that certainly enhance these events: CEM, Faedah Solutions, Sycamore Process Engineering, Kersia Group, Diversey, Christeyns, Ecolab, Dairy Industries International, Prominent Fluid Controls UK and WMFTS.*

*Following on from the Symposium 204 guests attended our Annual Dinner in the Members Pavilion at the Staffordshire County Showground. This event has certainly turned into one of the industries 'must attend' dinners. This year our guest speaker was Helen Sharman the first British Astronaut in May 1991 who spent 8 days orbiting the earth. Helen is obviously a big believer in Science, she stated that 'its science that helps us improve our lives'. Helen's link to the Food and Dairy Industry started in Research and Development for GEC before moving to Mars Confectionery as a Research Technologist working on chocolate and ice cream. Helen provided a fascinating insight to the selection process for an Astronaut; learning Russian, dealing with weightlessness and g-forces involved in space flight when you are travelling at 17500 mph in orbit around the world.*

*Thank you to our Key Sponsor for the event Diversey and to the Kersia Group who provided the drinks for the reception. Also, thanks to our other sponsors IFF, Sycamore Process Engineering, Tetra Pak,*

*Faedah Solutions, Christeys, Ecolab, CEM and Dairy Industries International as without this support we could not put this quality of event on for you, our members.*

*Once again at the Annual Dinner and the following day at the ICDA Luncheon SDT members received awards. The ICDA Student of the Year Award was presented to Rachel Boyce of CAFRE, Northern Ireland. Rachel's background is from a dairy farm but her placement at Lakeland's Ballyrashane Creamery allowed her to gain further understanding of dairy processing. There were four strong papers but Rachel's project 'Better than Before' best met the key criteria of the award. Improving Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) and yield analysis by identifying problem areas in the workflow using statistical analysis of plant data from each production line was the goal. Bringing together the experience of the team on site she identified actions to overcome production issues leading to varied outcomes for improvement, including production scheduling changes, shift changes, staff training and third-party involvement to review machinery efficiency. The implemented changes showed a clear improvement in plant efficiency leading to a significant return on the time invested in the project for Lakeland Dairies. It is also pleasing that after Rachel's placement she has been offered full time employment with Lakeland Dairies at the end of her course. Rachel showed a true Passion for Dairy.*

*There are no Reaseheath College Eden Student Awards this year due to the delayed start of the Cohort 12 group due to the Covid pandemic.*

*This years recipient of the Brian Peacock Award for the most significant contribution to Dairy Technology was Maurice Walton. Maurice has had a very long career in the dairy industry and has been a member of the Society for 40 years. Originally working for Express Dairies then moving to Diversey in technical sales. After leaving Diversey he set up his own consultancy and served on the SDT Council then becoming President for 2002. He then took over as Executive Director of the Society when Dr Tony O'Sullivan stood down due to ill health. During his time as Executive Director he managed and steered the Society through some difficult times but was instrumental in establishing the relationships with AEDIL, the National Skills Academy and forging those close links we have with the Eden Foundation Degree, ensuring that companies committed to making their students members of the Society during their studies, an alliance that helped both students and the Society alike.*

*In 2012 Maurice was on the move again and retired as Executive Director of the Society to run full time the Creamery he had started in 2007 with his friends and former colleagues Alan Mandel and Bob Parmley. So cheese making was restored to Appleby in Westmorland and it has gone from strength to strength. It was bought by CowsandCo and has continued to flourish under Maurice's guidance. Maurice received the Brian Peacock Dairy Technology Award Trophy, the Tetra Pak Handbook and free membership to the Society for one year.*

*The ICDA event the next day at the Staffordshire Show Ground is building into the premier Cheese and Dairy event in the UK after its move from Nantwich. The new format and security of a covered show ground is proving its worth for exhibiting processors, retailers, allied trades and of course the wonderful display of cheeses being judged. Long may this continue both for the trade but also in attracting more and more of the general public on Public Days so we can show case what our industry has to offer. Our thanks goes out to the organising Team at ICDA and the showground for their support and we are very proud to be associated with this event.*

*Moving away from the past year's successful events programme to other activities that will bring member benefits and promote knowledge transfer in the wider scope of our global industry. The Society has been building its relationship with the Nordic Dairy Council. This group is comprised of the dairy industry technical associations from the Nordic Countries – Iceland, Norway, Finland, Denmark, and Sweden. A major Congress is run every 3 years, with the next one being held in Iceland in 2025 with an Innovation, Sustainability and Health theme. This is always a significant event with well over 300 people attending. The Society of Dairy Technology will soon become part of this Group and be fully integrated in the running of this event and the member benefits it will bring.*

*Through our Southern Irish Section, the Society is very pleased to be an Associate Member of the Association of Dairy Industries Learning (AEDIL). This is an association promoting the exchange of experience and educational policy plus social objectives in the dairy sector – technical, economic, academic, and scientific. The CoVe project (Centre of Vocational Excellence) is an EU funded project with 48 partners invested to focus on education and training in the Dairy sector with a key focus on retention of staff, up skilling staff and to support the industry overcome the current skills shortages the industry is experiencing.*

*I would like now like to say a few words about our Journal, the International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT), which has continued with great success this year under the leadership and guidance of the Editor-in-Chief, Michael Mullan. The Journal gives the Society a true global presence with many papers coming from outside the UK and Europe. The Editor and his team are still producing a Journal that remains in the top quartile of all food science and technology research journals in the World. This is something that they should be congratulated on and as a Society, we should feel very proud. For this to continue we need to attract good quality papers to be published and our citesscore for academics is most important. I am very pleased to say that our citesscore has increased from 6.6 in June 22 to 8.8 this year. The years Impact Factor calculation remains very strong at 4.4 continuing our success as the dairy processing journal with the highest impact factor.*

*Michael and the Editorial Team are not sitting back with all this success but wish to broaden the scope of the Journal to attract papers from the agricultural milk production end of our Industry. To do this we have appointed a Production Agriculture Associate Editor and will be expanding the Editorial Team with further experts in the area.*

*Michael has also written a great editorial overview of the major developments in the Society over the past ten years, which I encourage you all to read.*

*As Chris Edwards mentioned last year, we have been out on the road visiting dairy sites, promoting the Society and the benefits of membership. This will continue in between our events as we strive to make ourselves more visible and relevant to the industry. One major point of these meetings is to listen to dairy businesses to seek what the Society should be providing the industry in way of support going forward. We wish to continue to develop our Passion for Dairy and would welcome any thoughts you may have.*

*As I round up this Annual President's Report we are looking forward to two major events towards the year end in 2023. Dairy Industries Expo on the 4th to 5th October where we are joint hosting a stand with Kersia UK. This is a new dedicated event for dairy processing from Processor to Plate. Plus, the big one, the Society's 80th Anniversary Event and Annual Dinner on the 22nd- 24th November 2023 at UCC Cork, Ireland with a Digitalisation theme. Bookings are rolling in for both delegates and trade stands and the event offers several sponsorship opportunities. There will also be a visit to Moorepark (Teagasc, Agriculture and Food Development Authority) for a limited number of delegates so book soon to avoid disappointment!*

*So, some final thanks to all the officers and members of the Council for their hard work, commitment, and passion over the past very full year. As always special thanks to the Societies Engine Room the Executive Director, Marian Pusey and to Michael Mullan our Editor-in-Chief of our Journal. I can assure you that the Society of Dairy Technology team wish to go on providing you, our valued members, with the same 'Passion for Dairy' and the value you expect from being associated with a long-living continually evolving organisation.*

*Happy 80th Anniversary to the Society of Dairy Technology.*

## **6. Membership – Marian Pusey, Executive Director**

*Membership of the Society was higher compared to the previous year, following the increasing trend in the last few years, with 412 members at the end of June 2023. The introduction of group membership*

rates for dairy businesses coupled with the 17 members from Eden Cohort 13, starting their course in September 2022, has supported these numbers. The following 79 new members joined the Society in the last year, five of these became members as a result of publishing their research in the International Journal of Dairy Technology for which they are eligible for one year's free membership (marked \* in table below). In addition, following on from last year, membership of the Society was awarded to new members of the Editorial Board and Associate Editors of the International Journal of Dairy Technology for the duration of their tenure. Three Editorial Board Members took up this offer.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
<i>Chris Howard</i>	<i>Multivac</i>
<i>Lynn McIntyre</i>	<i>Harper Adams University</i>
<i>Jane Robertshaw</i>	<i>Neogen</i>
<i>Alla Novokshanova</i>	<i>Researcher*</i>
<i>Wayne Johnson</i>	<i>Faedah Solutions</i>
<i>Sam Cabell</i>	<i>6ix Process Design</i>
<i>Jacob Heick</i>	<i>Chr. Hansen</i>
<i>Mohan Li</i>	<i>Shenyang Agricultural University, China</i>
<i>Roxana Matei</i>	<i>CAWS Cenarth Cheese</i>
<i>Sandra Blake</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
<i>Rajasekhar Tellabati</i>	<i>Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, India*</i>
<i>Jade Newman</i>	<i>Longley Farm</i>
<i>Kwame Attafuah Ampofo</i>	<i>Student, Shanghai</i>
<i>Ravi Garg</i>	<i>Trakop</i>
<i>Sam Wilkinson</i>	<i>Siemens</i>
<i>Liam Casey</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Nathan Crellin</i>	<i>Muller M&amp;I</i>
<i>Dean Noble-Hanahoe</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Adam Laher</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Thomas McMillan</i>	<i>Lactalis</i>
<i>Jamie Coulter</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Jaime Guerrero Botella</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Wiktoria Miernicka</i>	<i>Muller Y&amp;D</i>
<i>Hannah Moses</i>	<i>Muller Y&amp;D</i>
<i>Ross Cunningham</i>	<i>Lactalis</i>
<i>Ellie Gregory</i>	<i>Saputo</i>
<i>Hannah Edwards</i>	<i>Dairy Partners</i>
<i>Lauren Brown</i>	<i>Muller Y&amp;D</i>
<i>Adam Leonard</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Clara Adragna</i>	<i>Muller M&amp;I</i>
<i>Sophie Roberts</i>	<i>Muller M&amp;I</i>
<i>Vasco Oliveira</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Subrota Hati</i>	<i>SMC College of Dairy Science, Gujarat, India*</i>
<i>Tom Woodward</i>	<i>Cotteswold Dairy</i>
<i>Jessica Davies</i>	<i>Reaseheath College</i>
<i>Giuliano Palocci</i>	<i>Researcher*</i>
<i>Ashis Kumar Datta</i>	<i>Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India</i>
<i>Anthony Hobson</i>	<i>SRUC</i>
<i>Tim Darvill</i>	<i>Machinery World</i>
<i>Tomas Skoglund</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
<i>Ehab Romeih</i>	<i>Cairo University</i>
<i>Fatma Ali</i>	<i>Tianjin University of Science and Technology, China</i>

<i>Atanu Jana</i>	<i>SMC College of Dairy Science, Gujarat, India*</i>
<i>Molly Harrison</i>	<i>Aberystwyth University</i>
<i>Adam Hooper</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Daniel Koima</i>	<i>Student</i>
<i>Peter Ankcorn</i>	<i>Yeo Valley Farms</i>
<i>J. Myfanwy Jenkins</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
<i>Sougata Bhar</i>	<i>National Dairy Development Board India</i>
<i>Sanket Borad</i>	<i>Flavi Dairy Solutions, Ahmedsbad, India</i>
<i>Samaneh Hashempour</i>	<i>Gelimax International Group, Iran</i>
<i>Mark Roberts</i>	<i>Chr. Hansen</i>
<i>Sheldon Van Zyl</i>	<i>Moody Direct</i>
<i>Adam Brown</i>	<i>Dewlay</i>
<i>Elango Ayyasamy</i>	<i>Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, India</i>
<i>Craig Kerr</i>	<i>Burkert</i>
<i>Alistair Thomson</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
<i>Joshua Lansdowne</i>	<i>Ecolab</i>
<i>Andrew Blackler</i>	<i>Kersia Group</i>
<i>Nial Mullane</i>	<i>North Star Training</i>
<i>Polo Ciardabhain</i>	<i>Foss</i>
<i>Jimmy Moons</i>	<i>Tetra Pak</i>
<i>Brian Ireland</i>	<i>Kersia Group</i>
<i>Josvan Dalfsen</i>	<i>Wafilin Systems</i>
<i>Thomas Roersma</i>	<i>Wafilin Systems</i>
<i>Gerbrand Siegersma</i>	<i>Wafilin Systems</i>
<i>Sian Davies</i>	<i>South Caernarfon Creamery</i>
<i>Tracey Burr</i>	<i>South Caernarfon Creamery</i>
<i>Lois Williams</i>	<i>South Caernarfon Creamery</i>
<i>Hannah Shaw</i>	<i>Glanbia Cheese</i>
<i>Gerallt Morris</i>	<i>Food Centre Wales</i>
<i>Mark Jones</i>	<i>Food Centre Wales</i>
<i>Richard Phillips</i>	<i>Volac</i>
<i>Chris Terrett</i>	<i>Retired</i>
<i>Rachel Boyce</i>	<i>CAFRE, Loughry Campus</i>
<i>Sinead Wall</i>	<i>First Milk</i>
<i>Stefanos Solomou</i>	<i>Student. Cyprus</i>
<i>Rhian Jones</i>	<i>Food Centre Wales</i>
<i>Afshin Soleimani Rambod</i>	<i>Alvand Starch Industries, Tehran</i>

## **7. Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

Mike Pinches provided the Honorary Treasurer report on behalf of Alan Stack was unable to attend the meeting.

*The Society has had another excellent financial year.*

*This year's accounts show a surplus of £11,625 mainly due to the success of the Journal and its impressive Impact Factor rating. This has helped us to provide members with free access to our Technical Series of Dairy Technology e-books and join the Nordic Dairy Group, thus contributing to the organisation of the Nordic Dairy Congress which will next take place in Iceland in 2025.*

*We also invested in several events including an Autumn Webinar, a Spring Conference in Penrith, a Summer Symposium and our successful Annual Dinner which attracts over 200 guests.*

*Our E-learning modules have proved very popular this year and we will invest in further modules in the future.*

*Investment will continue at a similar level for this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.*

*We also invested in accountancy support for the Executive Director to help with all the admin tasks which come with the events.*

*My thanks to Marian for the production of easily understandable finance reports for Council.*

Mike Pinches proposed acceptance of the accounts and asked members to raise their electronic hands if there were objections. No objections were received.

## **8. Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman**

Dr Ken Burgess, provided the Publications Committee report on behalf of Dr Liz Whitley who was unable to attend the meeting.

*In the year to July 2023, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective – the provision of technical information. Thankfully, this year was back to in person events, but our online training courses continue to be developed and our wide range of publications are a major contributor to achieving our objective.*

*The flagship publication, the International Journal of Dairy Technology has continued its success in the Food Science and Technology area of academic publications. The development of Open Access, where publications are free to view, was originally seen as a threat to the Journal but in fact the Journal has continued to thrive. Open Access requires authors to pay to publish and, as said, that publication is free to view. The IJDT is at present a hybrid of OA and subscription and royalties have continued to increase. It is likely that in a few years the Journal will move to fully OA, but we rely on the advice of our publisher, Wiley, to advise us of the appropriate time for the transfer.*

*Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Giuseppe Aprea and Dr Nevidita Datta continue as Associate Editors although sadly Dr Tom O’Callaghan was unable to continue due to work pressure. We have recently recruited Dr Daniel E. Rico as an AE for the area of Production Agriculture as this is an area that we wish to grow to expand our impact in China and to grow the Journal further. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor has reflected this. The release of the latest Impact Factor, in June 2023, showed that the 2022 impact factor was 4.4, an increase on 2021, although we had anticipated a slight decrease this year. This maintains the ranking of the IJDT in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals. The CiteScore is another analytical tool and we saw an increase from 6.6 in 2021 to 8.0 in 2022. Based on Impact Factor, the IJDT has maintained its highest-rated milk processing journal rating globally for the third consecutive year. The importance of impact factor cannot be understated as it is this that drives high quality submissions to the Journal and makes it essential as an academic publication.*

*The fifteenth book in the Technical Series, on Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products, edited by Dr John Tuohy, was published in June of this year and is a welcome addition to the series. Our thanks go to Dr Tuohy for his hard work on this book. This series of technical works is very well respected for its quality and the addition of this latest publication will add to the breadth of the series. We were sad to say farewell*

*to long standing PC member, Dr Adnan Tamime, who was the previous editor of the Technical Series, as Adnan has decided that he can no longer attend meetings, although it is fair to say that his contributions, when he has been able to attend, have always been notable.*

*The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource. The latest handbook has been prepared by Andrew Wilbey and is focussed on Ice Cream Production and related products, including equipment, ingredients, recipe development, manufacturing procedures and parameters and quality.*

*Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Special thanks go to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).*

*Reports from Andrew Wilbey and Dr John Tuohy continue to be published in Dairy Industries International, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.*

*Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.*

## **9. Appointment of Auditors for 2023-24**

Nick Edwards explained that this financial year the Society had moved to a more sophisticated accounts package, Xero, and as a result now have a solid base for producing the draft financial statements and Annual Report itself. Therefore Council members have agreed that we have the opportunity to continue utilising a more standard audit (Independent Examination) and hence reduce costs. To ensure value for money, it is proposed that the Society puts the audit out for tender and invite Critchleys and a number of local accountants to bid for the audit. There was no raising of electronic hands to object, thus the proposal was agreed.

## **10. Any Other Business**

No questions were received.

The meeting closed at 11.40am.

## COUNCIL'S REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR July 2023 to June 2024

### President's Review – Nick Edwards



The second year of my Presidency is now coming to its end and once again it has been a remarkably busy and important year for the Society as we achieved the landmark of 80 years of service to our members, our Oak Anniversary. More of that later in this report. You will be reassured to know the Society is in good health with a membership that is still growing with the introduction of the Company Membership programme. As always, we do not leave things to chance with the Society and are always planning for the future. The next President is currently identified, Mike Pinches and then our Junior Vice President

Ritche Clarke takes up the role after Mike. We always have a six-year succession plan aligned with our Strategy.

Although the Industry is still struggling back from the perfect storm of Covid, Brexit and war in Ukraine increasing energy and raw material costs, milk production is on the increase but the portion turned into bottles or cartons has fallen significantly. This means cheese, yogurt production, powdered products and niche products are increasing with a further need to increase assets to process this growing milk production trend, although the weather has tempered those growth trends this year. The point is the industry should grow and processing is key to utilising the volume milk production growth in the future. So, the relevance of the Society of Dairy Technology to the industry and its members to support this activity as an educator, facilitator of knowledge transfer, networking forum and training provider is critical to support this growth and investment.

Our Society of Dairy Technology six year rolling strategy is aligned with this to provide value to members. Some of the key focus points of the plan are as follows:

- Further develop regional activities through the role of the Regional Chairpersons. This is really taking off now with several successful regional events this year. These activities are free to attend and have a social element to them as well.
- Reach out to all UK dairies and ensure they are aware of the Society and its role. This has brought several new company members on board. This strategy will continue as time allows.
- Develop our links with other industry bodies in the UK and globally. This has led to joint events with the IFST and the Society joining the Nordic Dairy Council with an involvement with the 2025 Conference in Reykjavik Iceland, plus our relationship with AEDIL through the University College Cork CoVE
- Aim for the International Journal of Dairy Technology to be the highest rated dairy processing journal in the market measured by impact factor and citespace.

All this has led to that membership increase I mentioned earlier. Our success is bringing in new members with a significant increase of 30% over this year boosted by the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Ireland. Company Membership now stands at ten companies adding fifty-eight individuals to our ranks with total membership standing at five hundred.

With all this success brings extra administration tasks and management, so to support the Executive Director a part time Commercial Administrator has been added to the team. Linda Beckett is now on board focusing on accounting processes and general administration leaving Marian Pusey to focus more on our events, marketing, and the growing links with other industry bodies.

We have had one or two changes with our Regional Chairpersons over the year.

Chairpersons:

Chris Hay – Scotland

Gary Andrews – Northern Ireland

Micheal Cosgrove – Southern Ireland

Sian Davies – Wales, from South Caernarfon Creamery joined in October 2023

All the above remain in place. Paul Winfield has stepped down in the Midlands and North being replaced by Mike Bennett of Reaseheath College. Sharlene Harrison has also stepped down in the Southwest and we are currently seeking a replacement. We thank both Paul and Sharlene for their efforts in developing the Regional Strategy and running their local events.

In September Marian Pusey and I visited John Sumner, a long-standing member of the Publications Committee, who recently retired. John was awarded Honorary Membership of the Society for his long service. John's speciality was agricultural content for the Journal.



During October, the Society attended the inaugural Dairy Processing Expo held in Harrogate. We shared a stand with Kersia UK one of our Company Members. The exhibition and seminars were dedicated to Dairy Processing in the UK. The Society also held its Annual General Meeting at this event.



In November 2023, the Southern Irish Section of the Society of Dairy Technology ran the Society's Autumn Conference at University College Cork (UCC). This was the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Two hundred and ten delegates attended, and the topic was *Digitalisation of Processing in the Dairy Industry*. Twenty Trade Stands were present with speakers from academia and the industry. also attended and addressed the conference. The conference was

busy with a visit to Moorepark Animal and Grassland Research Centre, a student poster competition and flash presentations by suppliers. The Gala Dinner was held in the Aula Maxima Hall where the Society's Gold Medal was awarded to Dr Michael Mullan for his hard work in raising the Journal to the leading publication in its sphere. The Supplier Service Award was presented to Tetra Pak for support to the Society over the past 80 years. Peter Howard, Processing Sales Manager UK and Ireland, accepted the Oak Separator on behalf of the company.

At the same time as the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference was taking place Dr Ian Gordon was representing the Society at the inaugural Profset (Professional Food Science, Engineering and Technology Group) Conference in London at the Institute of Physics. There were speakers from FDA and DEFRA along with societies such as ourselves debating the topic of *Creating a Sustainable Food System*.

November was a busy month with the Scottish Region holding a joint local event with the IFST early in the month. Chris Hay IFF (Scottish Regional Chair) and Rachael Mirfattahi (IFST Scottish Regional Chair) organised a visit to the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS). There were several presentations, a tour of the facilities on offer to the industry plus we all met for dinner locally afterwards. The Society was also able to recognise Dr Adnan Tamine for his many years of

service on the Publications Committee and for his work with the Technical Series of Books. Adnan announced after many decades he was stepping down but was remaining a member of the Society. Regarding the Technical Series of Books, we added to the series this year with the launch in October of the *Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products* book, kindly edited by John Tuohy.

We entered 2024 and soon it was time for the Spring Conference. Eighty-Five delegates arrived at a new venue for the Society Foodworks Southwest in Weston Super Mare. The topic for this year's Spring Conference was *Yogurt and Fermented Creams Technology: What's New?* We covered starter cultures, plant and hybrid products, handling fluids and rapid cooling. Chris Edwards, IPP Quality of Muller Yogurts and Desserts, provided the final paper providing much food for thought on how little has changed in yogurt processing over the decades apart from the decreasing time between production and distribution and the impact this was having on quality. Eleven Trade stands supported this event with a visit to Rich's Cider plant, organised by Steve Walker, from our Publication Committee, the day before.



Another Regional Event took place in April 2024 at Reaseheath College. This was organised by Mike Bennett, the new Regional Chairman. Forty members and guests attended. They heard from the supporting supplier Kersia UK on the topic of *Sustainable Innovation* plus members of the Reaseheath staff highlighting what the college has to offer the dairy industry. There were visits to see the robotic milking parlour and the processing hall facilities. Again, as we encourage at Regional Events there was a networking session and meal at a local restaurant in Nantwich.

This year's Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner once again preceded the International Cheese and Dairy Awards. We started the Symposium with increased attendance (127) over the 2023 event and eleven trade stands supporting. Diversey and Faedah Solutions were the main sponsors of the event. We had four presentations on or around the topic of cheese from Mettler Toledo, DSM, Novenesis and Sealed Air.

I am pleased also to report that the numbers at the Annual Dinner are still increasing year-on-year, breaking the two hundred mark (210) again this year. Our pre-dinner speaker this year was the well-known BBC Countryfile presenter, Adam Henson. Adam delivered an interesting overview of his career to date and some great messages about promoting agriculture and dairy to the public. He is also highly enthusiastic about bringing young people into careers in agriculture and dairy. The whole room was on board with his messages.



As always, we had several awards to present which is always a very enjoyable task. Adam Henson helped with this process. We are rewarding talent and those who have worked so hard throughout their careers both for the Industry and the Society. The SDT/ICDA Student of the Year Award was awarded to Ellie Gregory from Reaseheath College. Ellie is employed by Saputo Davidstow. Ellie's

project involved looking into resolutions to overcome weak-bodied 1<sup>st</sup> Vat cheese due to high moisture content. She received a certificate, voucher, Tetra Pak handbook plus the trophy.

This year we have two Eden cohorts, 12 and 13, graduating from Reaseheath College due to a hangover from Covid. The SDT Student of the Year for Cohort 12 was Anita Galezewska, from



Wyke Farms. Her project examined starter culture changes. There were two runner-up prizes for this cohort, Will Collins, from Wyke Farms and Aaron Morgan who was a student at Dairy Partners but now has moved to Pembrokeshire Creamery. For Cohort 13 the winner was Tom Woodward of Cotteswold Dairy who conducted a regeneration efficiency improvement exercise over many months providing an amazing return on investment for the business. The runner up from this Cohort was Adam Leonard from Arla Aylesbury. The winners each received the Tetra Pak Handbook and a trophy.

The next award was the Brian Peacock Award which is presented to a member of the Society that has performed outstanding work as a dairy technologist, not only over the past 12 months, but also throughout their career. This year's well deserved recipient was Dr Ken Burgess. Ken has worked in the Dairy Industry for over 40 years. He has a degree in Chemical Engineering and a doctorate in Biological Engineering, plus a master's degree in business administration and food law. He has held a wide range of roles including Research and Development, Quality Assurance, Engineering, Manufacturing Services, Compliance and Environmental Management. He has held Technical Director positions for Dairy Crest and Yoplait before setting up his Consultancy business. He has also been a long-time member of the SDT and our Council. This award as I have already said is very well deserved and we hope Ken continues with his support to the industry for many years to come.

It was then was onto the President's Award. This only happens once in your two-year tenure as President so is a little special. The award winner, is chosen by the President to a member of the Society who they deem to have provided outstanding service to the Society. This award, a medal, was presented to Dr Liz Whitley who has been a member of the Society since 1978 and in this time has been Chairperson of the East Midlands Section, Council Member, Honorary Treasurer, President, and Executive Director. She is still the Chair of our Publications Committee today. Another well-deserved award.

This year the Society has introduced a new award for the Company Supporter of the SDT and is now an annual award. This is in recognition of the support given by a company throughout the year based on membership profile, conference and symposium support, regional event support, attendance at the Annual Dinner plus trade stand and other sponsorship support. This year the clear winner was Kersia UK and Richard Fine Sales Director collected the award. The evening closed after one of our most successful Annual Dinners.



As always, the Society had a stand at the ICDA where we were visited by many members, friends, and non-members that we hope will soon become members and keep our membership base growing. The Publications activities of the Society play a significant role not only in the finances of the Society but also in the disseminating technical knowledge in our area of excellence throughout the world. As mentioned previously Dr Michael Mullan as Editor in Chief and his team of Associate Editors are now delivering the market leading Journal in our field. It is to this team and the

Publications Committee guided by Liz Whitley that I pass on a tremendous vote of thanks from the Society, its members and Council.



To support Dr Michael Mullan the Society has appointed a Deputy Editor, Dr Nivedita Datta. Dr Datta has worked as a faculty member at Food Science departments in five universities in Australia, Nepal, Ireland, and India. She will support Michael over the coming years to successfully continue the Journals growth and diversification.

The monthly newsletter is eagerly awaited, and the content now regularly seen on social media sites all takes time to gather and put together. We thank Marian Pusey for this extremely popular content.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, enthusiasm and support over the past year and previous year of my office. As always, a special word of thanks must go to Marian Pusey Executive Director in continuing to play a remarkable role in the management of our organisation. I have to say it has been a great honour to serve the Society as President and an enjoyable one. The Society is all about people and it's our members that are the engine of our Society. With our Passion for Dairy, I have every confidence that the Society has a relevant long-term future as our industry comes back to growth.

### Membership – Executive Director

Membership of the Society was significantly higher this year compared to the previous year, with 506 members at the end of June 2024. This fantastic increase was in-part boosted by the 80th Anniversary Conference held in Ireland. Company membership rates for dairy businesses coupled with the 18 new members from Eden Cohort 14, starting their course in September 2023, has also supported these numbers. The following 146 new members joined the Society in the last year, eleven of these became members as a result of publishing their research in the *International Journal of Dairy Technology* for which they are eligible for one year's free membership (marked \* in table below).

Name	Company
Cherie Gardener	Trewithen Dairy
Sian Davies	South Caernarfon Creamery
Tracey Burr	South Caernarfon Creamery
Lois Williams	South Caernarfon Creamery
Hannah Shaw	Glanbia Cheese
Gerallt Morris	Food Centre Wales
Mark Jones	Food Centre Wales
Richard Phillips	Volac
Chris Terrett	Retired
Rachel Boyce	CAFRE
Sinead Wall	First Milk
Rhian Jones	Food Centre Wales
Srecko Ladisic	Student UCC
Thisari Bandara*	Researcher
Peter Harpley	Diversey
William McCarthy	Teagasc
Jemma Deighan	Dale Farm

Name	Company
Nurdan Ersoz	Teagasc
Digvijay digvijay	Teagasc
Bhavya Mysore Lokesh	Teagasc
Jenny Byrne	UCC
David Mitchell	Dairy Consultant
Eva Normoyle	UCC
Anastasia Palatzidi	UCC
Emily Boiocchi	Biomerieux UK
Robert Butler	Biomerieux UK
Sacha Griffin	Biomerieux UK
Tom Long	UCC
Tiziana Racca	UCC
Cathy Casey	UCC
Karen Challis-Jones	Biomerieux UK
Aritra Sinha	UCC
Paula Rojas	UCC
Eoin Bergin	UCC

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Luke Ramsey	Dale Farm
Hannah Madden	Dale Farm
Eamonn Donnelly	Dale Farm
Hannah Faulkner	Dale Farm
Aaron Brownlee	Kersia Group
Sangeeta Sengupta	Tiffinwalli
Dylan Moore	Volac
Simran Kaur Arora	Researcher
Julie Cakebread	PhD New Zealand
Annalie Wilson	Trewithen Dairy
Vijay Kumar Gahlawat*	Researcher
Mutian Niu*	Researcher
Akos Kenez*	Researcher
Laura Hook	Dale Farm
Lorna Twomey	Dale Farm
Istvan Gubik*	Researcher
Finlay Wotherspoon	Arla Foods
Zsofia Ko	Muller M&M
Lucy Sanger	Arla Foods
Maja Konczyklo	Dairy Solutions
Jake Massey	Barber
Aaron Chand	Arla Foods
Thomas Smith	Muller M&M
Alicia Reed	Arla Foods
Sylwia Szewczyk	Fayrefield Foods
Malgorzata Buda	Muller M&M
Elliott Stirrop	Muller M&M
Emma Rowley	Muller Y&D
Zoe Younger	Muller Y&D
Ben Crerand	Muller Y&D
Henry Hardwicke	Arla Foods
Jamie Medlicott	Muller Y&D
Norah O'Shea	Teagasc
Hanieh Amani	Teagasc
Behrad Mozafari	Teagasc
Hussain Khan	Teagasc
Noel McCarthy	Teagasc
Yuanyuan pu	Teagasc
Prashant Shelke	Teagasc
Poonam Rani	Teagasc
Le deng	Teagasc
Arlene Mcgrath	Teagasc
Anuya Mane	Teagasc
Muireann Egan	Teagasc
Sara Pacheco	Teagasc

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
Jeppe Madsen	Lyras Denmark
Tatiana Dushkina	Biomerieux
Nicolas Malterre	UCC
Sue Nock	Saputo
Andy Green	Orchard Valley
K. Leo Pullin	Daisy Brand
Matteo Roattino*	PhD Student (Italy)
Craig Hodgson	Arla Foods
Eugene O'Connor	Dairy Gold
Aine Fitzgerald	Consultant
Pankajkumar Parmar*	Parul University (India)
Kevin Van Cleef	Friesland Campina
David Roberts	Consultant
Stephen Daly	Endress Hauser
Joey Hardy-Gould	Odysea
Nemanja Kljajevic*	Belgrade University
Norah O'Shea	Teagasc
Anna Ranki	Collo (Finland)
Sangita Ganguly*	National Dairy Institute India
Dan Ridley(M)	OV Group
Megan McKeown	Greenfields
Ammar Al-Farga*	King Khalid University
Bruce Makie	Rora Dairy
Oliver Macfarlane	JKM Foods
Yvonne Smith	IFF
Mateusz Wolf	FoodBuzz
Danny O'Regan	DSM
James Little	Saputo
Abdelhak Medjour*	Researcher
Georgie Smyth	Smyth Farm
Rachel Mirfattahi	University of Strathclyde
David Hughes	Lakeland Dairies
Adam Brown	Dewlay
Jon Roberts	Burkert
Michelle Taylor	Greenfields
Simon Kidd	Foss
Harry Flannery	Watson Marlow
John Kirwin	Penmann
Gage Hoque	Salutivia
Catherine Syrad	Tofoo
Carin Cronstrom	Tetra Pak
Christopher McClellan	Foss
Ben Todd	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Rob Reid	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Dale Ellerby	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd

Name	Company
Mark Timlin	Teagasc
Sophie Gaspard	Teagasc
ELena Hayes	Teagasc
Eoin Murphy	Teagasc
Ali Alehosseini	Teagasc
Kexin Zhang	Teagasc
Liam Kelly	Teagasc
Adam Cogan	Teagasc
Sean Hogan	Teagasc
Karan Pant	Teagasc
Seán Wrenn	Teagasc

Name	Company
Jonathan Muse	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Alex Carter	IMA Dairy & Food Ltd
Jonathan Youles	Ytron Quadro
David Marriott	Longley Farm
Amy Logan	CSIRO
Rory Stone	Highland Fine Cheese
Richard Fine	Kersia Group
Matthew Hooper	First Milk
Annabel McLelland	McLelland
Gaurav Joshi	Student
Holger Schmidt	Mettler Toledo

### Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer

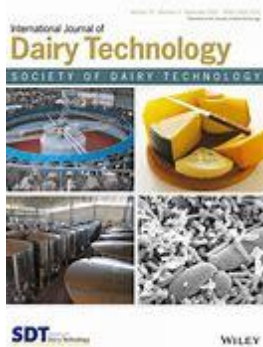
The Society has made strong financial progress this year. In fact, it is in the strongest financial position since my time as Treasurer. This is due to the continued success of the journal, along with excellent attendances at our major meetings and Annual Dinner. We have employed a bookkeeper/administrator to assist Marian and we have also had to invest some £23000 into the roof at our premises in Huntingdon yet we still have a very positive result for the year. This will allow us to invest more into our meetings and activities for the benefits of all members. I commend these accounts to you.

### Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairperson

In the year to July 2024, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective of the provision of technical information. As well as our events and online training courses, our wide range of publications continue to be a major contributor to achieving this objective.



The International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT) has continued its success in the Food Science and Technology area of academic publications. The development of Open Access (OA), where publications are free to view, was originally seen as a threat to the Journal but in fact the Journal has continued to thrive and discussions concerning the “flip” to OA continue. Open Access requires authors to pay to publish and, as said, that publication is then free to view. The IJDT is at present a hybrid of OA and subscription and royalties have continued to increase and at some point in the not too distant future it is expected to become purely OA (the “flip”).



Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Dr Nevidita Datta has taken on the role of Deputy Editor, covering for Dr Mullan when he is away and eventually taking on the Editorship when he retires. This succession planning is imperative to the smooth operation of such a high quality journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Giuseppe Aprea continue as Associate Editors and we have also appointed Dr Mohan Li to the Editorial Board as AE. We have recently recruited Dr Daniel E. Rico as an AE for the area of Production Agriculture as this is an area that we wish to grow to expand our impact in China and to

grow the Journal further. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor has reflected this.

In recognition of the tremendous work that Dr Mullan has put into the Journal, he was awarded the highest honour that the Society can bestow. The Gold Medal was awarded to Michael at the Autumn Conference in Cork in September last year.

The editorial team has been working to grow the IJDT in preparation for a potential move to Open Access. While a significant increase in submissions and articles published has been obtained this has come at the expense of an anticipated reduction in Impact Factor, 2.5 compared with the previous years. Most of the other Dairy Journals have also seen a reduction, but our position as the number one Dairy Journal has succumbed. Our team anticipated the general reduction in IF and is working hard to reverse this in 2024. The CiteScore is another analytical tool and we saw a small decrease to 7 in 2023 from 8.0 in 2022. It is thought that this is partly due to the increase in submissions from China, which are less frequently cited. Despite the less than welcome news the Journal continues to provide excellent revenue for the Society and is a major contributor to our success.

The technical series of books is very well respected for its quality and stands at 15 books. We are in the process of assessing which books are in need of revision in order to ensure that the series is kept up to date.

The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource. The latest handbook has been prepared by Andrew Wilbey and is focused on Ice Cream Production and related products, including equipment, ingredients, recipe development, manufacturing procedures and parameters and quality.

Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Special thanks go to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).

Reports from Andrew Wilbey and others continue to be published in Dairy Industries International, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.

Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.

Charity registration number 1081615

Company registration number 3965383 (England and Wales)

**SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	N Q Edwards (President) K Burgess L Candido R Clarke M Cosgrove A Duckworth C Edwards OBE I R Gordon M Mullan M Pinches A Stack J Tuohy G Andrews E Whitley C Hay M Bennett S Davies	(Appointed 4 October 2023)
<b>Executive Director</b>	Marian Pusey	
<b>Charity number</b>	1081615	
<b>Company number</b>	3965383	
<b>Registered office</b>	1 Anvil Close Tibberton Newport TF10 8PT	
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Critchleys Audit LLP Beaver House 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street Oxford OX1 2EP	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank plc	

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are the advancement of education in dairy science and technology, food technology and management of resources in all branches of the industry by the dissemination and application of knowledge gained from experience and experiment.

The directors have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

#### **Achievements and performance**

This year the Society held an Autumn Conference in Southern Ireland, Spring Conference in Weston-Super-Mare, Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner on the day before the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, at the Staffordshire County Showground, with over 200 guests, a record in recent years for the Society. The *International Journal of Dairy Technology*, published quarterly, has again yielded significant revenue for the Society. The Editor-in-Chief, Michael Mullan and his team of Associate Editors have continued to strive to improve the Impact Factor and Cite Score for this publication for many years. This year they have both slightly reduced but this is in line with many other journals over the same period, mainly as a backlash from the pandemic. Impact Factor is 2.5 and Cite Score is 7. The Technical Series of books continue to be updated and improved with the addition of *Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products* last year. This series of books are provided free of charge, in electronic format, to members and also continue to contribute to the income of the Society.

The Society constantly strives to raise its profile amongst the dairy industry and new members are attracted to the Society; our challenge is to ensure their continued membership. Last year the Society introduced company membership which has been well received with over 50 additional members to date. The Society makes regular contributions to the publication, Dairy Industries International, and we continue to exhibit at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, where we can reach a wide audience of dairy technologists.

The Society continues to maintain links with Dairy UK; The International Dairy Federation; The Institute of Food Science and Technology; The Brewing Food and Beverage Suppliers Industry, The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, Association of European Dairy Industry Learning and The Nordic Dairy Technology Council. Last year we invested in becoming a full member of the Nordic Dairy Technology Council, supporting with the planning of future Nordic Dairy Congresses (the next in Reykjavik in 2025).

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### Financial review

This year's accounts show a surplus of £28,705 mainly due to the success of the Journal and our events, especially the Autumn Conference held at University College Cork. On the expenditure side we have continued to invest in our e-learning modules and provided members with free access to our Technical Series of dairy technology e-books and other learning material. This year we have invested in several events including an Annual Dinner, a symposium, two conferences and two regional meetings. Investment will continue at a similar level this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to over six month's expenditure. The directors considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The former office at Huntingdon provides an income for the Society and a reserve against major unforeseen costs. On 9 September 2024 the property was valued at £165,000 by Eddisons, Property Consultants. This year expenditure was made on the roof of this property.

As at 30 June 2024 the unrestricted free reserves of the charity (excluding those held by the Southern Ireland Branch) were £122,854 (2023: £101,251)

The directors has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N Q Edwards (President)

K Burgess

L Candido

R Clarke

M Cosgrove

A Duckworth

C Edwards OBE

P Bouchier

(Resigned 15 February 2024)

I R Gordon

M Mullan

M Pinches

A Stack

J Tuohy

P J Winfield

(Resigned 4 October 2023)

G Andrews

S Harrison

(Resigned 9 May 2024)

E Whitley

C Hay

M Bennett

S Davies

(Appointed 4 October 2023)

All directors must be members of the Society. Directors are initially appointed by an election amongst the members. In addition, certain directors are appointed/co-opted by the existing directors

The directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

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**K Burgess**  
Director  
Dated: .....

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

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I report to the directors on my examination of the financial statements of Society of Dairy Technology (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the directors of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**Colin Mills FCA**  
**Critchleys Audit LLP**

Beaver House  
23-38 Hythe Bridge Street  
Oxford  
OX1 2EP

Dated: .....

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Charitable activities	3	143,117	-	143,117	98,546	-	98,546
Investments	4	11,303	-	11,303	11,382	-	11,382
Other income	5	30	-	30	20	-	20
<b>Total income</b>		<u>154,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,450</u>	<u>109,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,948</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	6	23,400	-	23,400	-	-	-
Charitable activities	7	102,345	-	102,345	98,323	-	98,323
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>125,745</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,745</u>	<u>98,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,323</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		<u>73,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,705</u>	<u>11,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,625</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		<u>234,600</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234,980</u>	<u>222,975</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>223,355</u>
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2024</b>		<u>308,305</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>308,685</u>	<u>234,600</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234,980</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investment properties	13		165,000		120,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	15,398		9,091	
Cash at bank and in hand		150,588		140,149	
		<u>165,986</u>		<u>149,240</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>(21,338)</u>		<u>(33,302)</u>	
Net current assets			144,648		115,938
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			309,648		235,938
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	16		(963)		(958)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>308,685</u>		<u>234,980</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		380		380
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	20,831		13,349	
General unrestricted funds		<u>287,474</u>		<u>221,251</u>	
			308,305		234,600
			<u>308,685</u>		<u>234,980</u>

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# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on .....

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K Burgess  
Trustee

.....  
A Stack  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 3965383**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Society of Dairy Technology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Anvil Close, Tibberton, Newport, TF10 8PT.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recorded on a receivable basis (net of Value Added Tax where applicable) with any amount being received in advance included in deferred income. Subscription income represents the amounts in respect of the year. Life subscriptions are written off by equal instalments over a 12 year period from the date of commencement of life membership.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs directly attributable to managing investments and governance of the charity are included in costs of raising funds and governance costs. All other costs relate to the charity's sole activity and hence are included in charitable activities.

#### 1.6 Investment property

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

#### 1.8 Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	15,533	13,757
UCC Cove	5,074	-
Symposium and events	68,503	25,377
Journal royalties	46,457	51,062
Sponsorship	7,550	8,350
	<u>143,117</u>	<u>98,546</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Rental income	10,479	11,228
Interest	824	154
	<u>11,303</u>	<u>11,382</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Miscellaneous income	30	20

### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Investment management	23,400	-

### 7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2024 £	Dairy Science and Technology 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Support for the advancement of Dairy Science and Technology	100,395	96,373
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)</b>		
Governance	1,950	1,950
	<u>102,345</u>	<u>98,323</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>102,345</u>	<u>98,323</u>

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Independent examiner fees	-	1,950	1,950	-	1,950
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	1,950	1,950	-	1,950
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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### 9 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred of £1,970 (2023: £1,414) were, however, reimbursed to 5 (2023: 6).

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	42,000	41,750

M Pusey is the Executive Director of the Society, and is classed as key management personnel. She is a director and 100% shareholder of Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd. This company charged the Society the amounts above for services provided and £3,240 (2023: £2,395) for reimbursed expenses in the year. At 30 June 2024 the Society owed Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd £nil (2023: £3,271).

### 11 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investment properties	45,000	-

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

### 13 Investment property

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 July 2023	120,000
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	45,000
	<u>165,000</u>
At 30 June 2024	<u>165,000</u>

This property had been valued by the Trustees on the basis of its open market value. On the 9 September 2024, the property was valued at £165,000 by Eddisons, Property Consultants.

There is a lease on the property until 2026 with rental income of £10,000 per annum.

### 14 Debtors

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	13,794	7,487
Prepayments and accrued income	1,604	1,604
	<u>15,398</u>	<u>9,091</u>

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other taxation and social security		4,066	8,487
Deferred income	<b>17</b>	4,105	4,967
Trade creditors		6,003	17,898
Other creditors		5,000	-
Accruals and deferred income		2,164	1,950
		<u>21,338</u>	<u>33,302</u>

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deferred income	<b>17</b>	963	958
		<u>963</u>	<u>958</u>

### 17 Deferred income

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other deferred income	5,068	5,925
	<u>5,068</u>	<u>5,925</u>

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### 17 Deferred income

(Continued)

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	4,105	4,967
Non-current liabilities	963	958
	<u>5,068</u>	<u>5,925</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 July 2023	5,925	1,108
Released from previous periods	(1,007)	(178)
Resources deferred in the year	150	4,995
	<u>5,068</u>	<u>5,925</u>
Deferred income at 30 June 2024	<u>5,068</u>	<u>5,925</u>

### 18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 July 2023	At 30 June 2024
	£	£
Memorial Fund	380	380
	<u>380</u>	<u>380</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 July 2022</b>	<b>At 30 June 2023</b>
	£	£
Memorial Fund	380	380
	<u>380</u>	<u>380</u>

The Memorial Fund represents a fund set up in memory of deceased members. This is to be used to make awards for travelling to international symposia.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

#### 19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	13,349	23,531	(16,049)	-	20,831
General funds	221,251	130,919	(109,696)	45,000	287,474
	<u>234,600</u>	<u>154,450</u>	<u>(125,745)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>308,305</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>					
	At 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	15,070	-	(1,721)	-	13,349
General funds	207,905	109,948	(96,602)	-	221,251
	<u>222,975</u>	<u>109,948</u>	<u>(98,323)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,600</u>

#### 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£
<b>At 30 June 2024:</b>			
Investment properties	165,000	-	165,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	144,268	380	144,648
Long term liabilities	(963)	-	(963)
	<u>308,305</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>308,685</u>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
<b>At 30 June 2023:</b>			
Investment properties	120,000	-	120,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	115,558	380	115,938
Long term liabilities	(958)	-	(958)
	<u>234,600</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234,980</u>

#### 21 Related party transactions

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

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### 21 Related party transactions

(Continued)

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none) other than the Key Management Personnel transactions in note 10.

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## Photographs from 2022/23 Events



Hand over from retiring President, Chris Edwards, to Nick Edwards



Visit to Appleby Creamery, Spring Conference



Nick Edwards, Chairman, Spring Conference



Jimmy Moons, Tetra Pak, Spring Conference



Delegates Spring Conference



Sam Wilkinson, Siemens, Spring Conference



Summer Symposium



Brian Peacock Award Winner, Maurice Walton with Helen Sharman



Annual Dinner Guests



SDT/ICDA Award Winner, Rachel Boyce, CAFRE

***THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY  
80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

*Dairy Industries Expo, Harrogate Convention Centre*

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022
3. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda
4. Confirmation of Officers and Council Members for 2023/24
5. To receive President's Report to Members for 2022/23
6. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts of the Society for 2022/23
7. To receive the Publications Committee report for 2022/23
8. To appoint an Auditor
9. Any Other Business

**THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**79<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Online via Zoom**  
*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 11:00am*

**MINUTES**

38 members and 11 guests attended. Chris Edwards hosted the meeting.

1. Apologies were received from the following:  
Gary Andrews, Ken Burgess, Alex Duckworth, Sharlene Harrison, Brian Rebbeck, Michael Hickey, Ian Luxton, Jonathan Hogg, John Taylerson, Chris Askew, Lynn Harte, Mike Lewis, Kyle Allington, Dudley Bradley, Dave Cole, Tomas Skoglund.
2. The minutes of the 2020 AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Ian Gordan and seconded by John Tuohy.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. The officers and Council members for 2022-23 were confirmed as:

**Executive Officers**

President: Nick Edwards  
Senior Vice-President: Mike Pinches  
Junior Vice-President: Ritchie Clarke  
Immediate Past President: Chris Edwards

**Officers**

Honorary Secretary: Dr Ken Burgess  
Honorary Treasurer: Alan Stack  
Chairman of Publications: Dr Liz Whitley

**Members of Council**

Dr Ian Gordon Dr Luisa Candido  
Alex Duckworth Mike Bennett  
Editor of IJDT: Dr Michael Mullan  
Section Representatives: Micheá Cosgrove (S. Ireland), Gary Andrews (N. Ireland)  
Midlands and North: Paul Winfield  
South and West: Sharlene Harrison  
Scotland: Chris Hay

The new Scottish Section Chairman was confirmed as Chris Hay and Mike Bennett was confirmed as an ordinary member of Council. Ritchie Clarke moved from Council member to Junior Vice- President and Mike Pinches from Junior Vice President to Senior Vice President.

All other Council members listed above were elected to serve for a further year. These were proposed by Ken Burgess and seconded by Ritchie Clarke

**5. Report to members by Council**

The President's Review was presented by Chris Edwards.

*There we go, another 12 months of utter whirlwind activity, locally, nationally and internationally for all of us in business, the SDT, retired or otherwise. It's only ever on reflection where you find just how much we all get up to with friends, family, business and societal activities! As I write this report for the 2021-2022 year we all feel the effect of energy and food price rises on the back of high inflation. We all still feel, emotionally and physically, the effects of war, Brexit, climate change and Covid or indeed any other pandemic that has appeared or may appear to dispute and play havoc as we try to keep a nation fed and rejuvenate our position on the world stage beyond Europe post BREXIT.*

*In the world of dairy our supply chain base has seen significant movements in availability and price of fuel, fertilisers and feed but also the shift in food behaviour in the UK including availability of vegan based products and the actions of protest/pressure groups such as Animal Rebellion. Whatever we feel, opinions are changing. We must have a role in influencing that AG agenda as the world struggles to feed its increasing population. This report will be unusual in that it contains TWO annual dinners and two autumn symposiums because of the link and timing with the now relocated International Cheese and Dairy Awards (ICDA) at The Staffordshire Showground.*

*On the 20th October 2021 we had our first Autumn Symposium post Pandemic and even BREXIT where we heard some excellent presentations, notably: Nick Hickman (NIRAS), Evi Paximada (University of Leeds) and Michael Sievers (FOSS) who all eloquently informed us of their new developments and research and provided much food for thought on how to progress with projects going forward. Our sponsors and trade stands included CEM, FOSS and WMFTG.*

*We continue to grow our dinners and symposia as demonstrated last October 21, in the presence of Amanda Owen at our Annual Dinner attracting 155 guests (a recent record in itself). We listened to her countless stories her life at Ravenseat Farm. The SDT thanks go to all in attendance but particularly to our sponsors Kersia Holchem who helped us to get the evening off to a great start with a glass of fizz on arrival and wine to greet us on all the tables. Also thankyou to Tetra Pak for their continued support.*

*At the Annual Dinner and ICDA Luncheon several awards were made to SDT members with the SDT Eden Student of the Year and ICDA/SDT Student of the Year Awards presented to Stephanie Nish. This year, as last year, the winner of the both these student awards was presented to an employee of Arla Foods Lockerbie. Stephanie joined the company three years ago to embark on the Eden Dairy Technology foundation degree course. Stephanie has had a non-conventional journey into the dairy industry working for Marks & Spencer for 11 years as a visual project co-ordinator which included window dressing, when her partner, now husband, Lee, embarked on the Eden course (cohort 8). She supported him with his revision for exams and thought how interesting the content was. As a result she applied through Arla to join the Eden course and got selected – the rest is history! Stephanie's project looked at implementing new technology from Chr. Hansen to determine the optimum firmness of cheese curd at cut to increase fat retention within the cheese thereby increasing yield.*

*Eden Student of the Year Runners up included Sharlene Harrison (Muller Milk and Ingredients) and Mark White (Saputo Davidstow).*

*The Eden Student Supporter of the SDT Award was presented to an Eden Dairy Technology Student, from any year of study, who has been judged to have gone out of their way to support the SDT in many ways. The 2021 winner of this award was presented to Abigail Matthews from Saputo Davidstow.*

*Throughout her three years on the course Abigail has helped promote the Society to her colleagues within her company and within schools where she has given dairy technology-linked presentations to try and entice more interest in dairy technology careers. She has regularly come up with ideas to develop the Society further including the inclusion of member profiles in the monthly newsletter to support younger members with ideas of routes for their progression within the industry. She has continually shown her passion for the industry and always has a can-do attitude.*

*The prestigious Brian Peacock Award is presented, annually, to a member, who has performed outstanding work as a dairy technologist during the previous 12 months. This could be in the form of project work, problem-solving, dedication to the industry or similar. This year the Brian Peacock Award was presented to another Saputo employee, Vince Adams, Head of Site Food Safety & Quality at Saputo Dairy UK's Davidstow Creamery. Vince has been involved in the dairy processing industry for over 30 years, having started his career at Dairy Crest Ltd in the late 1980's. In the intervening years he has continued to be at the forefront of food safety and quality across a number of different food manufacturing industries in both a permanent and consultancy capacity. Throughout this time, he has remained a keen member of the Society of Dairy Technology. Vince's leading approach, quality-focused mindset, selfless attitude and unwavering dedication to the industry is why he was proudly nominated for this year's Brian Peacock Award.*

*Just prior to our AGM, embedded in the proceedings of the Autumn symposium on the 20<sup>th</sup> October, we held an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to consider and vote to implement a change to our Articles of Association and Constitution to permit the Quorum for General Meetings to be reduced from a tenth of Society members to a twentieth (5%) of Society members. E-voting was used to great success, widening participation and improving our environmental footprint.*

*Our Spring Conference took place at Loughry Campus, CAFRE in early April. A big thank you to the presenters who provided a very insightful view of what we can expect in the industry as we look to the future. One of the main messages coming from the presentations was collaboration throughout the supply chain being the key to driving the industry forward to reach goals in production, sustainability and research. Something to consider as we all look to the future to meet our goals. Also thank you to the many trade stand holders at the event, we hope you received lots of interest in your products and services helping to make your future a rosey one!*

*The success of the SDT is to be local and the regional work must be prioritised to foster our own purpose. To that end, Paul Winfield, our SDT Midlands/Northern Section Chairman, invited members in the region to attend a free to attend visit to the National Milk Records Laboratory (NML) in Wolverhampton on 22nd June followed by a meal in a local pub/restaurant. NML presented their work on predicting antibiotic failures and a short introduction to genomics replacing standard milk recording. There was a tour of their labs with information on the testing performed (milk payment testing).*

*The Nordic Dairy Congress, Malmo, Sweden, was deemed a huge success with 335 delegates from 21 countries attending the event. The Congress, with a theme of 'Dairy Opportunities of Tomorrow' included 2 panel debates and 2 presentation streams; Dairy as part of a sustainable diet and Tools to optimise dairy production. Many thanks to Dr Liz Whitley who attended the event and summarised the event proceedings and to former Eden Student, Katie Powell, who summarised her experience for the newsletter.*

*Congratulations to both Eden Cohorts 9 & 10 whose success on the Eden Dairy Technology Foundation Degree Course has now been recognised by their formal graduation in ceremonies run by the University of Chester in Chester Cathedral. A memorable day for the graduates, their families, the Food Department at Reaseheath College and the graduate's dairy sites.*

*So we now turn to the 2022 Summer Symposium and Dinner, only seven months post the delayed 2021 event! It was great to see the 70 delegates (members and non-members) who attended our cheese-themed Summer Symposium in the wonderful provided us with some fascinating information on research and development within the cheese arena. Our first speaker was Dr Lynn McIntyre (Harper Adams University) outlining one of her PhD student's research exploring whether bacteriophages could be used as a potential weapon to control food-borne pathogens in cheese. This was followed by Kees Muijlwijk (DSM) commenting on the current market and developments within the somewhat controversial area of plant based products and highlighting further work is needed to ensure that plant-based 'cheese' orientated products meet consumers discerning requirements, particularly where texture is concerned. Finally, Chris Howard (Multivac) spoke about current developments within cheese slicing technology*

*and the use of formulated sprays to prevent the sticking of slices rather than using interleaved papers thus supporting sustainability practices. Many thanks to Liz Whitley who was chief photographer for both events!*

*The Society is very grateful to CEM, FOSS, Sycamore Engineering, Christeyns and Kersia Holchem who had trade stands at the event, permitting delegates to peruse and learn of new developments and technologies while having a leisurely lunch. Roll on next year for the next cheese-themed event (28th June 2023)!*

*Following the Symposium 180 guests (another record!) attended our Annual Dinner in the Members Pavilion at the Staffordshire County Showground for the second year running. This year our guest speaker was Matt Tebbutt, from Channel 4 Food Unwrapped and BBC Saturday Kitchen, who through an interview approach, treated us to a behind the scenes insight to the programmes coupled with his journey into TV and his views on attracting young people into the food and dairy industries. Our Key Sponsor for the event was Christeyns, but unfortunately their Sales Director, Chris Bayliss, was struck down with the dreaded virus a couple of days before the event so could not join us. Also thank you to our other sponsors CEM and Faedah Solutions and also to Kersia Holchem for their sponsorship which helped get the evening off to a good start with a glass of fizz on arrival and wine to greet us on all the tables. Also a big thank you to Tetra Pak for their sponsorship and supplying the much coveted Dairy Technology Handbooks for our award winners.*

*The presentation of our Annual Awards to Eden students and other SDT members was made during the evening. The very worthy recipients are listed below:*

- Eden Student of the Year (Top Project): Carla Lindsay (Arla Foods, Lockerbie).*
- Student who has given the most support to the SDT: Grace Nellist, Muller Milk & Ingredients (Droitwich).*
- Brian Peacock Award for the greatest contribution to Dairy Technology: Mike Bennett (Reaseheath College).*
- SDT/ICA Student Dairy Technologist of the Year: Marcin Sompolski, Belton Farm.  
This award was presented at the Trade Lunch of the ICDA.*

*Finally the awards concluded with a presentation to one of our longer serving members, Ian Luxton, Belton Farm, who joined the Society in the late 1970's. Ian was provided with the President's Award by Chris Edwards. The guests were told that Ian has been the enthusiasm and drive behind the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, or commonly known as the Nantwich Cheese show, for a number of years and more recently succeeded in its move from a 'field', subject to all sorts of weather conditions, into the first class facility at the all weather Staffordshire County Showground and branded as the International Cheese and Dairy Awards (ICDA). In addition to this Herculean effort he maintains a senior position as General Manager at Belton Farm and thereby a great supporter of the UK Dairy industry. A member of the SDT he adds huge amounts of value and support by being a keen advocate offering support at leverage; including education, use of Belton facilities and resources at the ICDA. Always available for advice and guidance in a very balanced way Ian is a worthy nominee for this prestigious award.*

*The ICDA event the next day at the Staffordshire showground attempted to focus the dairy industry in one venue with our supply chain and consumers together. It's 'very cheese' orientated and rightly so but we must grow the other dairy categories. Our thanks to the Team at ICDA and the showground for their support.*

*The International Cheese and Dairy Awards with Reaseheath College teamed the whole industry into an informative dairy industry networking event. Present were operational leaders from Production, Engineering, Purchasing, Technical Managers and Managing or Site Directors. During the day the following current topics were discussed:*

- *Research and innovation opportunities.*
- *Sustainability challenges.*
- *Skills gaps facing the Dairy Industry.*
- *The plant-based and free-from markets.*

*There was an opportunity to visit supplier trade stands at the ICDA, including culture, packaging, robotic and equipment suppliers to the Dairy Industry. A complimentary networking lunch was provided.*

*Turning to even more success! Last year the Impact Factor (IF) of our Journal, the International Journal of Dairy Technology, took a huge leap making it the highest rated milk processing journal world-wide! As President I am honoured and delighted to advise you that it has maintained the same status this year beating all other dairy processing journals and also ranking the IJDT in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals too! This year the calculation for the Impact Factor was a little different which gave the Journal a slighter lower figure 4.286 (4.374 in 2020) but this was the same for all journals.*

*For those of you who are academics, the Citescore for the Journal increased from 4.5 in 2020 to 6.6 in 2021 representing sustained increases over the last 6 years for the IJDT. This increase in Citescore and the maintenance of the high IF illustrates the recognition for excellence in dairy science and technology in the Journal. A massive congratulations to our Editor, Michael Mullan, and his team of Associate Editors for their hard work to achieve these fantastic results.*

*Our Purpose is important and in order to make the advantages of being an SDT member more visible we are getting on the road and listening! With trips arranged to various dairy companies to introduce the benefits of being an SDT member we hope to spread the word and see even more attendance at our future events.*

*In summary, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, enthusiasm and energy over the past 12 hectic months. A reiterated special shout out and thanks to our Executive Director, Marian Pusey and to Michael Mullan our Publications Editor. The incessant adaptation to a challenging market has, yet again, been ably met by our two Principals and we extend our sincerest compliments and thanks. They both demonstrate a justly Herculean role in the governance of our organisation. It has been a great honour to serve you as President where, determinedly, I continue to believe that the Society of Dairy Technology is all about people and it is our members (locally driven) who are the mainstay of the Society. I have every confidence that the membership of our Society, who have demonstrable passion for all things dairy, will ensure the long-term success of our organisation. I want to strengthen the understanding of the relevancy of the Society throughout the industry concentrating on focus, strategy and recruitment, hence the visits to dairies, our links to the ICDA and the questionnaire, let alone the support to Eden and the networking at our events whether physical or virtual! Now I still understand that the Society needs to engage more young people (in companies, with EDEN and in schools) and European networking (Nordics) being critical to move forward.*

*Our Society which has a very broad church at its base and a reach across the UK/Ireland and importantly, globally, as we have proven with more accessibility using online /expert seminars and webinars. As in 2020 we will continue to plan to have more events in the different Society sections going forward to enable ease of access for more of our members. I strongly encourage all our members to actively engage in these events as much as possible and continually encourage people who have a "Passion for Dairy" to join us on our journey whilst recognising change is amongst all the dairies today and for the future as we react to global trends, reports and ultimately the planet on which we all must strive to sustain and look after. We can only pray for peace and reconciliation and return to some sort of normal business-like approach to global trade.*

## 6. Membership – Marian Pusey, Executive Director

Membership of the Society was a little higher compared to the previous year with 374 members at the end of June 2022. The recommencing of events following the pandemic coupled with the 16 members from Eden Cohort 12, starting their course in January 2022, supported these numbers. The following 88 new members, up by 23 compared to the previous year, joined the Society in the last year, Seven of these became members as a result of publishing their research in the International Journal of Dairy Technology for which they are eligible for one year's free membership (marked \* in table below). In addition, to show our appreciation of their support, membership of the Society was awarded to members of the Editorial Board and Associate Editors of the International Journal of Dairy Technology, for the duration of their tenure.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
<i>Julie Lynch</i>	<i>DPP</i>
<i>Jonathan Youles</i>	<i>Ytron Quadro</i>
<i>Kerry Love</i>	<i>Retired</i>
<i>Runólfur Arni Runolfsson</i>	<i>Mjólkursamlag KS</i>
<i>Chris Hay</i>	<i>IFF</i>
<i>David Cole</i>	<i>WMFTG</i>
<i>Valeska Villablanca</i>	<i>Kelvion</i>
<i>Lei Yuan</i>	<i>Editorial Board IJDT</i>
<i>Igor Smykov</i>	<i>Editorial Board IJDT</i>
<i>Carlos Oliviera*</i>	<i>University of Sao Paulo, Brazil</i>
<i>Vincent Cordon</i>	<i>CEM</i>
<i>Zuhaib Bhat*</i>	<i>University of Jammu, India</i>
<i>Lyle Hardman</i>	<i>Calibre Controls</i>
<i>Jon Thornes</i>	<i>South Ormsby Estate</i>
<i>Cathal Dowling</i>	<i>Farm Manager (Listowel)</i>
<i>Laura Dowling</i>	<i>Morrisons</i>
<i>Paul Rowe</i>	<i>First Milk</i>
<i>Mark Litherland</i>	<i>Saputo</i>
<i>Catherine Rooney</i>	<i>Loughry College</i>
<i>Mark Jenkins</i>	<i>Saputo</i>
<i>Alex Sutton</i>	<i>Saputo</i>
<i>Susan Alexander</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
<i>Andy Lewis</i>	<i>Saputo</i>
<i>Paul Manning</i>	<i>Sycamore Engineering</i>
<i>Lee Sullivan</i>	<i>Au2mate</i>
<i>Bukola Onarinde</i>	<i>University of Lincoln</i>
<i>Sarah Deane</i>	<i>Saputo</i>
<i>Michael Sievers</i>	<i>Foss</i>
<i>Jack Ellis</i>	<i>Rauschert</i>
<i>Liza Lavender</i>	<i>Industrial Training Solutions</i>
<i>Alexander Arnold</i>	<i>Volac</i>
<i>Julia Pinches</i>	<i>Volac</i>
<i>Clare Thomas</i>	<i>Volac</i>
<i>Gary Gallagher</i>	<i>Optahaul</i>
<i>Aaron Morgan</i>	<i>Dairy Partners</i>
<i>Hayley Walsh</i>	<i>Muller Milk and Ingredients</i>
<i>Benjamin Milroy</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Anita Galezewska</i>	<i>Wyke Farm</i>
<i>Jack Shepherd</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>William Collins</i>	<i>Wyke Farm</i>
<i>Giovanna Cuscito</i>	<i>Muller Desserts</i>

<i>Grace Nellist</i>	<i>Muller Milk and Ingredients</i>
<i>Gemma White</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Dorota Burek</i>	<i>BV Dairy</i>
<i>Sabrina Millman</i>	<i>Dairygold</i>
<i>Lydia Gough</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Salma Afzal</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Alena Belskaia</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Giulia Fornaciari</i>	<i>Arla Foods</i>
<i>Lewis Hines</i>	<i>Muller Milk and Ingredients</i>
<i>Ahmed Olowo-okere</i>	<i>Editorial Board IJDT</i>
<i>Hamid Ezzatpanah</i>	<i>Editorial Board IJDT</i>
<i>Kimberley Reekie</i>	<i>Muller Milk and Ingredients</i>
<i>Ehsan Moghaddas Kia</i>	<i>Editorial Board IJDT</i>
<i>Daniel Hefft</i>	<i>Reaseheath College</i>
<i>Ashlea Grant</i>	<i>Dale Farm</i>
<i>Aaron Ryder</i>	<i>Ryder Scientific</i>
<i>Sarah Flynn</i>	<i>Ryder Scientific</i>
<i>Paul Rowe</i>	<i>First Milk</i>
<i>Derek Thomas</i>	<i>Diversey / Sealed Air Ltd</i>
<i>John Lynch</i>	<i>Carbon Group</i>
<i>Shalini Arya*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Robert Boffey</i>	<i>Harper Adams University</i>
<i>Michael McConville</i>	<i>Greenfields Ireland</i>
<i>Prabin Lamichhane*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Thomas Werner</i>	<i>Accutest International</i>
<i>Emanuele Armaforte</i>	<i>Loughry College</i>
<i>Joe Matthews</i>	<i>Sycamore Process Engineering</i>
<i>Fred Skelly</i>	<i>Diageo</i>
<i>Claus Birkemose</i>	<i>Tetra Pak</i>
<i>Richardos Nikolaos Salek*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Barry Stewart</i>	<i>Technopath</i>
<i>Patty Clayton</i>	<i>AHDB</i>
<i>Alice Shingler</i>	<i>Muller Desserts</i>
<i>Jonathan Goodwins</i>	<i>IFF</i>
<i>Emanuele Baldini</i>	<i>Odysea</i>
<i>Kevin Murphy</i>	<i>First Milk</i>
<i>Dawn Mason</i>	<i>First Milk</i>
<i>Imogen Curtis</i>	<i>Belton Farm</i>
<i>Ashley Stamper</i>	<i>First Milk</i>
<i>Paul Bagshaw</i>	<i>Holchem Kersia</i>
<i>Muhammad Alu'datt*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Yusuf BİÇER*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Fiona Gilchrist</i>	<i>Glanbia</i>
<i>Tom O'Callaghan</i>	<i>University College Cork (Associate Editor IJDT)</i>
<i>Bhavbhuti Mehta</i>	<i>SMC College of Dairy Science, India (Associate Editor IJDT)</i>
<i>Nick Sinclair</i>	<i>Edinburgh Butter Co</i>
<i>Vikki Wilde</i>	<i>Saputo</i>

## **7. Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

*Once again the Society has achieved a financial surplus, despite providing a break-even budget. This has come from increased membership income, increased sponsorship, the financial success of the journal, and the increased attendance at the annual dinner.*

*The only disappointment in this is the poor take up of the training modules this financial year.*

*The Society is in a good financial position and able to continue to develop services for the Industry.*

Alan Stack proposed acceptance of the accounts and asked members to raise their electronic hands if there were objections. No objections were received.

## **8. Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman**

*In the year to July 2022, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective – the provision of technical information. Thankfully, this year was back to in person events, but our online training courses continue to be developed and our wide range of publications are a major contributor to achieving our objective.*

*The flagship publication, the International Journal of Dairy Technology has moved to online only publication. This has meant that the page budget is no longer applicable and so the Journal is able to grow without constraint on printing costs. The shift from paper-based to electronic subscriptions has continued, with satisfactory overall sales aided by group contracts.*

*Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Giuseppe Aprea and Dr Nevidita Datta continue as Associate Editors and have been joined by Dr Tom O’Callaghan. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor has reflected this. The release of the latest Impact Factor, in June 2022, showed that the 2021 impact factor was 4.286, a slight decrease on 2020 as a result of how Clarivate includes papers in Early View. The IF for 2021 again ranks the IJDT in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals. Based on IF the IJDT has maintained its highest-rated milk processing journal rating globally for the second year in a row. (2021 Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics): 47/143 (Food Science & Technology)). The importance of impact factor cannot be understated as it is this that drives high quality submissions to the Journal and makes it essential as an academic publication.*

*The fifteenth book in the Technical Series, on Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products, edited by Dr John Tuohy, is in the final stages of its publication. This series of technical works is very well respected for its quality and the addition of this latest publication will add to the breadth of the series. In response to requests from members, a significant new benefit to the membership is free access to the online versions of these books.*

*The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource.*

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*Reports from Andrew Wilbey and Dr John Tuohy continue to be published in Dairy Industries International, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.*

*Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.*

## **9. Appointment of Auditors for 2022-23**

Chris Edwards explained that this financial year the Society had moved to a more sophisticated accounts package, Xero, and as a result now have a solid base for producing the draft financial statements and Annual Report itself. Therefore Council members have agreed that although we have not had any problem with the current Auditors, Critchleys, we have the opportunity to move to requiring a more standard audit and hence reduce costs. To ensure value for money, it is proposed that the Society puts the audit out for tender and invite Critchleys and a number of local accountants to bid for the audit. There was no raising of electronic hands to object, thus the proposal was agreed.

## **10. Any Other Business**

No questions were received.

Chris Edwards handed over Presidency to Nick Edwards. Nick advised that he was delighted to be taking over the Presidency and thanked Chris for his dedication to the role over the past two years, carrying the Society through the difficult times of Covid and Brexit.

Nick explained that running the Society is very much a team effort. He explained that we have a long running strategy which we adjust annually to market conditions and membership requirements to help us provide more membership value and ultimately grow membership across the world. In this period of Presidency he advised that the SDT will be asking for members input into this via a Satisfaction Survey which helps the Board maintain the Strategy Focus and track. Nick advised that one area we have been considering over the past few months is the introduction of a Company or Group Membership Scheme (Corporate Membership) offering wider benefits to companies. We would like Company support for membership and more Company involvement in the Society to support member involvement.

Nick thanked Ken Burgess for his support with the development of more E-learning modules, which he stated considered to be a key knowledge transfer activity that is valued by membership and very much fits with the aims of the Society and the way we run our business lives today.

Nick advised that one of the threads in our strategy is to re-introduce regional events. After the success of the Northwest and Southwest events this year we will be looking to expand on this format with the support of our Regional Chairpersons. He also commented that he would like to see stronger links with other organisations within the Dairy Industry but also in the wider food industry in general. We have already started down this road with the Dairy UK, BFBi and the Nordic Dairy Council and perhaps we can be more aligned with others opening more value opportunities and benefits for our membership to broaden horizons.

Nick stated that one of the major successes over the past few years has been the Journal with an ever increasing impact factor beyond our expectations. He attributed the success to Michael Mullan, Editor-in-Chief and the Publications Team led by Liz Whitley who have done a fantastic job of raising the quality and the profile of the Journal.

He concluded by stating that our aim as a Board is to deliver value to our membership with:

- Stronger local regional activities
- Corporate Membership Scheme
- Extension of E Learning topics
- Closer links with other organisations
- Maintaining and growing the Journals Impact factor.

He advised that he is determined to hand over a stronger Society to Mike Pinches in two year's time, achieving the above objectives and continuing our Passion for Dairy.

The meeting closed at 11.42am.

## COUNCIL'S REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR July 2022 to June 2023

### President's Review – Nick Edwards



A year has quickly passed as I ease myself into the role of President of the Society. Firstly, a very big thank you to Chris Edwards OBE (no relation!) for guiding the Society through two difficult years for the industry which has seen the Nation struggle through the effects of the Covid pandemic, BREXIT, and is aftereffects plus the continuing worldwide influence of the War in Ukraine.

As I reflect on this past year, as we recover to normality after Covid and try to pick our way through to a better trading world beyond BREXIT, the UK is facing the highest food inflation for 45 years driven by the food and dairy industry struggling with increased energy costs, rising raw material prices and a distinct shortage of labour. It's a perfect storm you might say, however we are all adjusting to the new norms and the new challenges this new world order is bringing.

This is also true of the Society of Dairy Technology as we strive to be even more relevant to the whole Dairy sector from Farm to Fork in our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. I am pleased to report that membership is growing, up 9% in the last year, numbers attending Conferences and Symposiums are up over previous years and our E Learning Programme has been a big success this year. As a Charity we aim to financially return any profit from activities back into 'member' benefits. This year we launched our Corporate or Company Membership Programme which offers Companies further benefits and this has helped bring new members to the Society. A further initiative that has started to gain traction are the Regional Events organised by the Regional Chairpersons. We appreciate the effort made by these Regional Chairpersons as it does take considerable time and effort to organise such events so I would ask you all to please support these events if you can. So, a big thank you to our Regional Chairpersons:

Sharlene Harrison: Southwest

Paul Winfield: Midlands and North

Chris Hay: Scotland

Gary Andrews: Northern Ireland

Michéal Cosgrove: Southern Ireland

Later on in this meeting we hope to co-opt a further addition to this team covering Wales.

In October 2022 the Southwest Section visited Wyke Farms for a talk and tour on the Race to Net Zero. Tom Clothier Director of Renewable Energy at Wyke Farms shared their commitment through their sustainable dairying 'Pillar Farmer' initiative with the biogas plant which has led them to be self-sufficient in their energy demand whilst added further surplus energy back to the grid. Then Joe Matthews Design Engineering Manager at Sycamore Process Engineering demonstrated how minor differences in equipment choice can benefit operational costs and energy efficiency. The visit concluded with a tour and then a social event at a local pub something we are striving to do at all Regional Events to promote networking and knowledge transfer.



In November 2022 we ran two Webinar events, one to include our Annual General Meeting. These were again a great success with over 80 people attending. The webinars served to bring attention to papers published in our Journal, the International Journal of Dairy Technology which keeps you at the forefront of dairy technology research. The Papers were selected as the Editors Choice Papers by our Editor-in-Chief Michael Mullan. Thank you to all presenters. The AGM followed and we were delighted to welcome two new Council members to our Board Mike Bennett from Reaseheath College and Chris Hay an ex-Eden Student (Arla Foods) now working for IFF.



Our Spring Conference 2023 saw us at the North Lakes Hotel Penrith with 85 delegates in attendance. The day before the conference a smaller group visited Appleby Creamery. A big thank you to Maurice Walton and Tom Jackson of Appleby Creamery and the Team from the Scottish Rural College (SRUC) for the enlightening visit where we were introduced to their range of products and shown the new halloumi and ricotta manufacturing facility that has recently been constructed thanks to the digital dairy chain funding. The conference theme was Heat Processing and Energy Efficiency in Dairy Product Manufacture. A very successful and informative day full of industry likeminded people networking again. As always, a big thank you to our sponsors of this event with their trade stands, Sycamore Process Engineering, Tetra Pak, FDQ, Machinery World and Unison Process Engineering.

Another Regional Event took place in May 2023. This was a joint Midlands/North and Southwest Event. Again, it took the format of a visit and this time to Campden BRI at Chipping Campden in the Cotswolds. Campden BRI with 2500 members, as most of you are aware, provide the Food Industry, of which the Dairy Industry is their biggest customer, technical resource (analysis and testing), research and innovation. We thank Daniel Hefft and the team at Campden BRI for hosting the Society and challenging us to think outside the box on what some future technologies can achieve and how they could influence our food choices leading to much debate!

We were very pleased to be invited to Sycamore Process Engineering's first showcase event in May 2023. This took place at the Haynes Motor Museum at Sparkford in Somerset close to Sycamore's base. 50 delegates enjoyed an in-depth product seminar from Sycamore Process Engineering, Wafilin Systems and Volac. Sycamore revealed their new skid-mounted whey pasteuriser and membrane filtration system developed for Volac. Being skid-mounted the systems were actually on site!



This year's Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner was once again held the day before the International Cheese and Dairy Awards (ICDA) event at the Staffordshire County Showground. The Symposium was a great success with 118 attendees. As with previous years the theme of this event was Cheese, no surprise there! We had four very interesting speakers all from different backgrounds bringing their expertise to the Cheese theme.

The first speaker was Peter Harpley, Diversey on the topic of Waste water treatment costs within the Dairy Industry and how to ensure optimisation throughout the process plus new technology this was a topic of most interest to all processors under the current economic and environmental climate.

The second speaker was Margaret O'Connell, Chr Hansen discussing The Role of Cultures and Enzymes in Cheese an area of expertise that Chr Hansen shared with the delegates.

After Lunch, kindly sponsored by Faedah Solutions, the third speaker was Wayne Johnson, Faedah Solutions on the hot topic of the moment Digitalisation. Digitalisation does not have to Cost the Earth!!

This was followed up by the fourth speaker of the day Joe Matthews, Sycamore Process Engineering on the subject matter of Improving Cheese Quality and Efficiencies (Open Curd Tables and Curd Distribution Vessels).

This closed a very informative day's symposium with plenty of knowledge transfer and networking opportunities for members. Our thanks to all presenters.

The Society's thanks also goes to our sponsors on the day and trade stand providers that certainly enhance these events: CEM, Faedah Solutions, Sycamore Process Engineering, Kersia Group, Diversey, Christeys, Ecolab, Dairy Industries International, Prominent Fluid Controls UK and WMFTS.

Following on from the Symposium 204 guests attended our Annual Dinner in the Members Pavilion at the Staffordshire County Showground. This event has certainly turned into one of the industries 'must attend' dinners. This year our guest speaker was Helen Sharman the first British Astronaut in May 1991 who spent 8 days orbiting the earth. Helen is obviously a big believer in Science, she stated that 'its science that helps us improve our lives'. Helen's link to the Food and Dairy Industry started in Research and Development for GEC before moving to Mars Confectionery as a Research Technologist working on chocolate and ice cream. Helen provided a fascinating insight to the selection process for an Astronaut; learning Russian, dealing with weightlessness and g-forces involved in space flight when you are travelling at 17500 mph in orbit around the world.



Thank you to our Key Sponsor for the event Diversey and to the Kersia Group who provided the drinks for the reception. Also, thanks to our other sponsors IFF, Sycamore Process Engineering, Tetra Pak, Faedah Solutions, Christeys, Ecolab, CEM and Dairy Industries International as without this support we could not put this quality of event on for you, our members.



Once again at the Annual Dinner and the following day at the ICDA Luncheon SDT members received awards. The ICDA Student of the Year Award was presented to Rachel Boyce of CAFRE, Northern Ireland. Rachel's background is from a dairy farm but her placement at Lakeland's Ballyrashane Creamery allowed her to gain further understanding of dairy processing. There were four strong papers but Rachel's project 'Better than Before' best met the key criteria of the award. Improving Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) and yield analysis by identifying problem areas in the workflow using statistical analysis of plant data from each production line was the goal. Bringing together the experience of the team on site she identified actions to overcome production issues leading to varied outcomes for improvement, including production scheduling changes, shift changes, staff training and third-party involvement to review machinery efficiency. The implemented changes showed a clear improvement in plant efficiency leading to a significant return on the time invested in the project for Lakeland Dairies. It is

also pleasing that after Rachel's placement she has been offered full time employment with Lakeland Dairies at the end of her course. Rachel showed a true Passion for Dairy.

There are no Reaseheath College Eden Student Awards this year due to the delayed start of the Cohort 12 group due to the Covid pandemic.



This years recipient of the Brian Peacock Award for the most significant contribution to Dairy Technology was Maurice Walton. Maurice has had a very long career in the dairy industry and has been a member of the Society for 40 years. Originally working for Express Dairies then moving to Diversey in technical sales. After leaving Diversey he set up his own consultancy and served on the SDT Council then becoming President for 2002. He then took over as Executive Director of the Society when Dr Tony O'Sullivan stood down due to ill health. During his time as Executive Director he managed and steered the Society through some difficult times but was instrumental in establishing the relationships with AEDIL, the National Skills Academy and forging those close links we have with the Eden Foundation Degree, ensuring that companies committed to making their students members of the Society during their studies, an alliance that helped both students and the Society alike.

In 2012 Maurice was on the move again and retired as Executive Director of the Society to run full time the Creamery he had started in 2007 with his friends and former colleagues Alan Mandel and Bob Parmley. So

cheese making was restored to Appleby in Westmorland and it has gone from strength to strength. It was bought by CowsandCo and has continued to flourish under Maurice's guidance.

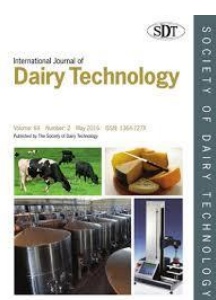
Maurice received the Brian Peacock Dairy Technology Award Trophy, the Tetra Pak Handbook and free membership to the Society for one year.

The ICDA event the next day at the Staffordshire Show Ground is building into the premier Cheese and Dairy event in the UK after its move from Nantwich. The new format and security of a covered show ground is proving its worth for exhibiting processors, retailers, allied trades and of course the wonderful display of cheeses being judged. Long may this continue both for the trade but also in attracting more and more of the general public on Public Days so we can show case what our industry has to offer. Our thanks goes out to the organising Team at ICDA and the showground for their support and we are very proud to be associated with this event.

Moving away from the past year's successful events programme to other activities that will bring member benefits and promote knowledge transfer in the wider scope of our global industry. The Society has been building its relationship with the Nordic Dairy Council. This group is comprised of the dairy industry technical associations from the Nordic Countries – Iceland, Norway, Finland, Denmark, and Sweden. A major Congress is run every 3 years, with the next one being held in Iceland in 2025 with an Innovation, Sustainability and Health theme. This is always a significant event with well over 300 people attending. The Society of Dairy Technology will soon become part of this Group and be fully integrated in the running of this event and the member benefits it will bring.



Through our Southern Irish Section, the Society is very pleased to be an Associate Member of the Association of Dairy Industries Learning (AEDIL). This is an association promoting the exchange of experience and educational policy plus social objectives in the dairy sector – technical, economic, academic, and scientific. The CoVe project (Centre of Vocational Excellence) is an EU funded project with 48 partners invested to focus on education and training in the Dairy sector with a key focus on retention of staff, up skilling staff and to support the industry overcome the current skills shortages the industry is experiencing.



I would like now like to say a few words about our Journal, the International Journal of Dairy Technology (IJDT), which has continued with great success this year under the leadership and guidance of the Editor-in-Chief, Michael Mullan. The Journal gives the Society a true global presence with many papers coming from outside the UK and Europe. The Editor and his team are still producing a Journal that remains in the top quartile of all food science and technology research journals in the World. This is something that they should be congratulated on and as a Society, we should feel very proud. For this to continue we need to attract good quality papers to be published and our citescore for academics is most important. I am very pleased to say that our citescore has increased from 6.6 in June 22 to 8.8 this year. The years Impact Factor calculation remains very strong at 4.4 continuing our success as the dairy processing journal with the highest impact factor.

Michael and the Editorial Team are not sitting back with all this success but wish to broaden the scope of the Journal to attract papers from the agricultural milk production end of our Industry. To do this we have appointed a Production Agriculture Associate Editor and will be expanding the Editorial Team with further experts in the area.

Michael has also written a great editorial overview of the major developments in the Society over the past ten years, which I encourage you all to read.

As Chris Edwards mentioned last year, we have been out on the road visiting dairy sites, promoting the Society and the benefits of membership. This will continue in between our events as we strive to make ourselves more visible and relevant to the industry. One major point of these meetings is to listen to dairy businesses to seek what the Society should be providing the industry in way of support going forward. We wish to continue to develop our Passion for Dairy and would welcome any thoughts you may have.

As I round up this Annual President’s Report we are looking forward to two major events towards the year end in 2023. Dairy Industries Expo on the 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October where we are joint hosting a stand with Kersia UK. This is a new dedicated event for dairy processing from Processor to Plate. Plus, the big one, the Society’s 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and Annual Dinner on the 22<sup>nd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at UCC Cork, Ireland with a Digitalisation theme. Bookings are rolling in for both delegates and trade stands and the event offers several sponsorship opportunities. There will also be a visit to Moorepark (Teagasc, Agriculture and Food Development Authority) for a limited number of delegates so book soon to avoid disappointment!

So, some final thanks to all the officers and members of the Council for their hard work, commitment, and passion over the past very full year. As always special thanks to the Societies Engine Room the Executive Director, Marian Pusey and to Michael Mullan our Editor-in-Chief of our Journal. I can assure you that the Society of Dairy Technology team wish to go on providing you, our valued members, with the same ‘Passion for Dairy’ and the value you expect from being associated with a long-living continually evolving organisation.

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Society of Dairy Technology.

### Membership – Executive Director

Membership of the Society was higher compared to the previous year, following the increasing trend in the last few years, with 412 members at the end of June 2023. The introduction of group membership rates for dairy businesses coupled with the 17 members from Eden Cohort 13, starting their course in September 2022, has supported these numbers. The following 79 new members joined the Society in the last year, five of these became members as a result of publishing their research in the *International Journal of Dairy Technology* for which they are eligible for one year’s free membership (marked \* in table below). In addition, following on from last year, membership of the Society was awarded to new members of the Editorial Board and Associate Editors of the *International Journal of Dairy Technology* for the duration of their tenure. Three Editorial Board Members took up this offer.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
<i>Chris Howard</i>	Multivac
<i>Lynn McIntyre</i>	Harper Adams University
<i>Jane Robertshaw</i>	Neogen
<i>Alla Novokshanova</i>	Researcher*
<i>Wayne Johnson</i>	Faedah Solutions
<i>Sam Cabell</i>	6ix Process Design
<i>Jacob Heick</i>	Chr. Hansen
<i>Mohan Li</i>	Shenyang Agricultural University, China
<i>Roxana Matei</i>	CAWS Cenarth Cheese
<i>Sandra Blake</i>	Consultant
<i>Rajasekhar Tellabati</i>	Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, India*
<i>Jade Newman</i>	Longley Farm
<i>Kwame Attafuah Ampofo</i>	Student, Shanghai
<i>Ravi Garg</i>	Trakop
<i>Sam Wilkinson</i>	Siemens
<i>Liam Casey</i>	Arla Foods
<i>Nathan Crellin</i>	Muller M&I
<i>Dean Noble-Hanahoe</i>	Arla Foods
<i>Adam Laher</i>	Arla Foods
<i>Thomas McMillan</i>	Lactalis
<i>Jamie Coulter</i>	Arla Foods

<i>Jaime Guerrero Botella</i>	Arla Foods
<i>Wiktoria Miernicka</i>	Muller Y&D
<i>Hannah Moses</i>	Muller Y&D
<i>Ross Cunningham</i>	Lactalis
<i>Ellie Gregory</i>	Saputo
<i>Hannah Edwards</i>	Dairy Partners
<i>Lauren Brown</i>	Muller Y&D
<i>Adam Leonard</i>	Arla Foods
<i>Clara Adragna</i>	Muller M&I
<i>Sophie Roberts</i>	Muller M&I
<i>Vasco Oliveira</i>	Researcher
<i>Subrota Hati</i>	SMC College of Dairy Science, Gujarat, India*
<i>Tom Woodward</i>	Cotteswold Dairy
<i>Jessica Davies</i>	Reaseheath College
<i>Giuliano Palocci</i>	Researcher*
<i>Ashis Kumar Datta</i>	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India
<i>Anthony Hobson</i>	SRUC
<i>Tim Darvill</i>	Machinery World
<i>Tomas Skoglund</i>	Consultant
<i>Ehab Romeih</i>	Cairo University
<i>Fatma Ali</i>	Tianjin University of Science and Technology, China
<i>Atanu Jana</i>	SMC College of Dairy Science, Gujarat, India*
<i>Molly Harrison</i>	Aberystwyth University
<i>Adam Hooper</i>	Arla Foods
<i>Daniel Koima</i>	Student
<i>Peter Ankcorn</i>	Yeo Valley Farms
<i>J. Myfanwy Jenkins</i>	Consultant
<i>Sougata Bhar</i>	National Dairy Development Board India
<i>Sanket Borad</i>	Flavi Dairy Solutions, Ahmedabad, India
<i>Samaneh Hashempour</i>	Gelimax International Group, Iran
<i>Mark Roberts</i>	Chr. Hansen
<i>SheldonVan Zyl</i>	Moody Direct
<i>Adam Brown</i>	Dewlay
<i>Elango Ayyasamy</i>	Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, India
<i>Craig Kerr</i>	Burkert
<i>Alistair Thomson</i>	Consultant
<i>Joshua Lansdowne</i>	Ecolab
<i>Andrew Blackler</i>	Kersia Group
<i>Nial Mullane</i>	North Star Training
<i>Polo Ciardabhain</i>	Foss
<i>Jimmy Moons</i>	Tetra Pak
<i>Brian Ireland</i>	Kersia Group
<i>Josvan Daltsen</i>	Wafilin Systems
<i>Thomas Roersma</i>	Wafilin Systems
<i>Gerbrand Siegersma</i>	Wafilin Systems
<i>Sian Davies</i>	South Caernarfon Creamery

<i>Tracey Burr</i>	South Caernarfon Creamery
<i>Lois Williams</i>	South Caernarfon Creamery
<i>Hannah Shaw</i>	Glanbia Cheese
<i>Gerallt Morris</i>	Food Centre Wales
<i>Mark Jones</i>	Food Centre Wales
<i>Richard Phillips</i>	Volac
<i>Chris Terrett</i>	Retired
<i>Rachel Boyce</i>	CAFRE, Loughry Campus
<i>Sinead Wall</i>	First Milk
<i>Stefanos Solomou</i>	Student. Cyprus
<i>Rhian Jones</i>	Food Centre Wales
<i>Afshin Soleimani Rambod</i>	Alvand Starch Industries, Tehran

### **Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

The Society has had another excellent financial year.

This year's accounts show a surplus of £11,625 mainly due to the success of the Journal and its impressive Impact Factor rating. This has helped us to provide members with free access to our Technical Series of Dairy Technology e-books and join the Nordic Dairy Group, thus contributing to the organisation of the Nordic Dairy Congress which will next take place in Iceland in 2025.

We also invested in several events including an Autumn Webinar, a Spring Conference in Penrith, a Summer Symposium and our successful Annual Dinner which attracts over 200 guests.

Our E-learning modules have proved very popular this year and we will invest in further modules in the future.

Investment will continue at a similar level for this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.

We also invested in accountancy support for the Executive Director to help with all the admin tasks which come with the events.

My thanks to Marian for the production of easily understandable finance reports for Council.

I commend these accounts to you.

### **Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman**

In the year to July 2023, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective – the provision of technical information. Thankfully, this year was back to in person events, but our online training courses continue to be developed and our wide range of publications are a major contributor to achieving our objective.

The flagship publication, the International Journal of Dairy Technology has continued its success in the Food Science and Technology area of academic publications. The development of Open Access, where publications are free to view, was originally seen as a threat to the Journal but in fact the Journal has continued to thrive. Open Access requires authors to pay to publish and, as said, that publication is free to view. The IJDT is at present a hybrid of OA and subscription and royalties have continued to increase. It is likely that

in a few years the Journal will move to fully OA, but we rely on the advice of our publisher, Wiley, to advise us of the appropriate time for the transfer.

Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Giuseppe Aprea and Dr Nevidita Datta continue as Associate Editors although sadly Dr Tom O'Callaghan was unable to continue due to work pressure. We have recently recruited Dr Daniel E. Rico as an AE for the area of Production Agriculture as this is an area that we wish to grow to expand our impact in China and to grow the Journal further. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor has reflected this. The release of the latest Impact Factor, in June 2023, showed that the 2022 impact factor was 4.4, an increase on 2021, although we had anticipated a slight decrease this year. This maintains the ranking of the IJDT in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals. The CiteScore is another analytical tool and we saw an increase from 6.6 in 2021 to 8.0 in 2022. Based on Impact Factor, the IJDT has maintained its highest-rated milk processing journal rating globally for the third consecutive year. The importance of impact factor cannot be understated as it is this that drives high quality submissions to the Journal and makes it essential as an academic publication.

The fifteenth book in the Technical Series, on Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products, edited by Dr John Tuohy, was published in June of this year and is a welcome addition to the series. Our thanks go to Dr Tuohy for his hard work on this book. This series of technical works is very well respected for its quality and the addition of this latest publication will add to the breadth of the series. We were sad to say farewell to long standing PC member, Dr Adnan Tamime, who was the previous editor of the Technical Series, as Adnan has decided that he can no longer attend meetings, although it is fair to say that his contributions, when he has been able to attend, have always been notable.

The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource. The latest handbook has been prepared by Andrew Wilbey and is focussed on Ice Cream Production and related products, including equipment, ingredients, recipe development, manufacturing procedures and parameters and quality.

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Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are the advancement of education in dairy science and technology, food technology and management of resources in all branches of the industry by the dissemination and application of knowledge gained from experience and experiment.

The directors have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

### **Achievements and performance**

This year the Society held an Autumn webinar, Spring Conference in Penrith, Summer Symposium and Annual Dinner on the day before the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, at the Staffordshire County Showground, with over 200 guests, a record in recent years for the Society. The *International Journal of Dairy Technology*, published quarterly, has again yielded significant revenue for the Society. The Editor-in-Chief, Michael Mullan and his team of Associate Editors have continued to strive to improve the Impact Factor for this publication for many years and it continues to lead all dairy processing journals with an Impact Factor of 4.4 and a Cite Score of 8.0. The Technical Series of books continue to be updated and improved with the addition of *Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products* this year. This series of books are provided free of charge, in electronic format, to members and also continue to contribute to the income of the Society. A further publication, *Ice Cream Technology*, written by Andrew Wilbey, has been kindly donated to the Society's collection of handbooks this year. This monograph is available on the SDT website in electronic format for members free access or hard copies can be purchased.

The Society constantly strives to raise its profile amongst the dairy industry and new members are attracted to the Society; our challenge is to ensure their continued membership. This year the Society has introduced group membership which has been well received. The Society makes regular contributions to the publication, *Dairy Industries International*, and we continue to exhibit at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, where we can reach a wide audience of dairy technologists.

The Society continues to maintain links with Dairy UK; The International Dairy Federation; The Institute of Food Science and Technology; The Brewing Food and Beverage Suppliers Industry, The Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, Association of European Dairy Industry Learning and The Nordic Dairy Technology Council. This year we invested in becoming a full member of the Nordic Dairy Technology Council, supporting with the planning of future Nordic Dairy Congresses (the next in Reykjavik in 2025).

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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### Financial review

This year's accounts show a surplus of £11,625 mainly due to the success of the Journal and its impressive Impact Factor rating. On the expenditure side we have continued to provide members with free access to our Technical Series of Dairy Technology e-books and also joined the Nordic Dairy Group, contributing to the organisation of the Nordic Dairy Congress which will next take place in Iceland in 2025. We have invested in several events including an Autumn webinar, a Spring conference in Penrith, a Summer Symposium and our successful Annual Dinner which attracts over 200 guests. In addition, two regional events have taken place and a Section Chairman appointed for Scotland. Our E-learning modules have proved very popular this year and will be added to in the future. Investment will continue at a similar level for this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to over six month's expenditure. The directors consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The former office at Huntingdon provides an income for the Society and a reserve against major unforeseen costs. On 14 July 2015 the property was valued at £120,000 by Carter Jonas, Property Consultants.

As at 30 June 2023 the unrestricted free reserves of the charity (excluding those held by the Southern Ireland Branch) were £101,251 (2022: £87,905)

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N Q Edwards (President)

P Bouchier

K Burgess

L Candido

R Clarke

M Cosgrove

A Duckworth

C Edwards OBE

I R Gordon

M Mullan

M Pinches

A Stack

J Tuohy

P J Winfield G

Andrews

S Harrison

E Whitley

C Hay

(Appointed 24 November 2022)

M Bennett

(Appointed 24 November 2022)

All directors must be members of the Society. Directors are initially appointed by an election amongst the members. In addition, certain directors are appointed/co-opted by the existing directors

The directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023*

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**K Burgess**  
Director  
Dated: .....

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

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I report to the directors on my examination of the financial statements of Society of Dairy Technology (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the directors of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**Colin Mills FCA  
Critchleys Audit LLP**

Beaver House  
23-38 Hythe Bridge Street  
Oxford  
OX1 2EP

Dated: .....

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>							
Charitable activities	3	98,546	-	98,546	79,718	-	79,718
Investments	4	11,382	-	11,382	10,129	-	10,129
Other income	5	20	-	20	752	-	752
<b>Total income</b>		<b>109,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,948</b>	<b>90,599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,599</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Charitable activities	6	98,323	-	98,323	82,667	-	82,667
<b>Net income for the year/ Net incoming resources</b>		<b>11,625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,625</b>	<b>7,932</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,932</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>							
Other gains or losses		-	-	-	26	-	26
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>11,625</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,625</b>	<b>7,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,958</b>
Fund balances at 1 July 2022		222,975	380	223,355	215,017	380	215,397
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2023</b>		<b>234,600</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>234,980</b>	<b>222,975</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>223,355</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

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	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investment properties	11		120,000		120,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	9,091		29,128	
Cash at bank and in hand		140,149		101,368	
		<u>149,240</u>		<u>130,496</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(33,302)</u>		<u>(26,456)</u>	
Net current assets			115,938		104,040
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			235,938		224,040
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	14		(958)		(685)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>234,980</u>		<u>223,355</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	16		380		380
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	17	13,349		15,070	
General unrestricted funds		<u>221,251</u>		<u>207,905</u>	
			234,600		222,975
			<u>234,980</u>		<u>223,355</u>

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on .....

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K Burgess  
Trustee

.....  
A Stack  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 3965383**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

Society of Dairy Technology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Anvil Close, Tibberton, Newport, TF10 8PT.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **1.4 Income**

Income is recorded on a receivable basis (net of Value Added Tax where applicable) with any amount being received in advance included in deferred income. Subscription income represents the amounts in respect of the year. Life subscriptions are written off by equal instalments over a 12 year period from the date of commencement of life membership.

#### **1.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs directly attributable to managing investments and governance of the charity are included in costs of raising funds and governance costs. All other costs relate to the charity's sole activity and hence are included in charitable activities.

#### **1.6 Investment property**

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

#### 1.8 Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2023	Dairy Science and Technology 2022
	£	£
Subscriptions	13,757	13,447
Symposium and events	25,377	27,586
Journal royalties	51,062	35,555
Sponsorship	8,350	3,130
	<u>98,546</u>	<u>79,718</u>

### 4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022
	£	£
Rental income	11,228	10,000
Interest	154	129
	<u>11,382</u>	<u>10,129</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Miscellaneous income	20	752
	<u>20</u>	<u>752</u>

### 6 Charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2023	Dairy Science and Technology 2022
	£	£
Support for the advancement of Dairy Science and Technology	96,373	80,417
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,950	2,250
	<u>98,323</u>	<u>82,667</u>

### 7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £
Audit fees	-	-	-	-	2,250
Independent examiner fees	-	1,950	1,950	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	1,950	1,950	-	2,250
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>

### 8 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred of £1,414 (2022: £919) were, however, reimbursed to 6 (2022: 2) Trustees in respect of their attendance at Council meetings. Donations totalling £1,000 were received from trustees

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 11 Investment property

Fair value	2023 £
At 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023	120,000

This property had been valued by the Trustees on the basis of its open market value. On the 14 July 2015, the property was valued at £120,000 by Carter Jonas, Property Consultants and having taken professional advice the Trustees do not believe there has been any material change in value since then.

There is a lease on the property until 2026 with rental income of £10,000 per annum.

### 12 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	7,487	29,028
Prepayments and accrued income	1,604	100
	<u>9,091</u>	<u>29,128</u>

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security		8,487	8,538
Deferred income	15	4,967	423
Trade creditors		17,898	3,409
Accruals and deferred income		1,950	14,086
		<u>33,302</u>	<u>26,456</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	15	958	685

### 15 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Other deferred income	5,925	1,108

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	4,967	423
Non-current liabilities	958	685
	5,925	1,108
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 July 2022	1,108	5,101
Released from previous periods	(178)	(5,101)
Resources deferred in the year	4,995	1,108
Deferred income at 30 June 2023	5,925	1,108

### 16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		Balance at
	Balance at 1 July 2021	Income	Balance at 1 July 2022	Income	Balance at 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Memorial Fund	380	-	380	-	380

The Memorial Fund represents a fund set up in memory of deceased members. This is to be used to make awards for travelling to international symposia.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### 17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	12,257	2,813	15,070	(1,721)	13,349
	<u>12,257</u>	<u>2,813</u>	<u>15,070</u>	<u>(1,721)</u>	<u>13,349</u>

### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:					
Investment properties	120,000	-	120,000	-	120,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	115,558	380	115,938	380	104,040
Long term liabilities	(958)	-	(958)	-	(685)
	<u>234,600</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234,980</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>223,355</u>

### 19 Related party transactions

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>41,750</u>	<u>39,178</u>

M Pusey is the Executive Director of the Society, and is classed as key management personnel. She is a director and 100% shareholder of Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd. This company charged the Society the amounts above for services provided and £2,395 (2022: £3,325) for reimbursed expenses in the year. At 30 June 2023 the Society owed Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd £3,271 (2022: £3,145).

**THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1081615

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT  
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2021/2022**



## Photographs from 2021/22 Events



Michael Sievers (Foss) presenting at the Autumn Symposium 2021



Amanda Owen, Yorkshire Shepherdess, Annual Dinner 2021, Guest Speaker



Brian Peacock Award Winner, 2021, Vince Adams (Saputo), with C Edwards (President)



Eden Student Supporter of the SDT Award Winner 2021, Abigail Matthews, at the Annual Dinner



SDT/ICDA Award Winner, Stephanie Nish, with Nick Edwards (Vice President)



Spring Conference delegates, Loughry College, 2022



Chairman of the Spring Conference, Nick Edwards, chatting to delegates



Dr Judith Bryans, one of the Spring Conference speakers



Tour of the Food Processing facilities at Loughry College (Spring Conference)



Manning the SDT Summer Symposium 2022 Registration Desk, Grace Nellist, Muller (Eden Cohort 12)



President's Award Winner, Ian Luxton (Belton Farm) with Matt Tebbutt and Chris Edwards at 2022 Annual Dinner



Marcin Sompolski, Belton Farm, SDT/ICDA 2022 Award Winner

***THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY  
79<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

*Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.  
(Virtual via Microsoft Teams)*

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021
3. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda
4. Confirmation of Officers and Council Members for 2022/23
5. To receive President's Report to Members for 2021/22
6. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts of the Society for 2021/22
7. To receive the Publications Committee report for 2021/22
8. To appoint an Auditor
9. Any Other Business

**THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**78<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Members Pavilion, Staffordshire County Showground**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 3.05p.m.**

**MINUTES**

52 members and 14 guests attended. Dr Liz Whitley (Chairman of the Publications Committee) hosted the meeting on behalf of Chris Edwards who was unable to attend.

1. Apologies were received from the following: Chris Edwards; Nick Edwards; Mike Pinches; Ken Burgess; Paul Bouchier, John Tuohy; Michael Mullan; Alex Duckworth; Ritchie Clarke; Adnan Tamime; John Sumner; Ralph Early; Jonathan Hogg; Maurice Walton.
2. The minutes of the 2020 AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Gary Andrews and seconded by Ian Gordon.
3. The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting (20<sup>th</sup> October 2021) relating to a change in the Constitution/Articles of Association to reduce a quorum for General Meetings from 10% members to 5% members was proposed to be carried forward by the Chairman of the Meeting (67 votes, including 24 electronic votes)
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. The officers and Council members for 2021-22 were confirmed as:

**Executive Officers**

President: Chris Edwards  
Senior Vice-President: Nick Edwards  
Junior Vice-President: Mike Pinches  
Immediate Past President: Paul Bouchier

**Officers**

Honorary Secretary: Dr Ken Burgess  
Honorary Treasurer: Alan Stack  
Chairman of Publications: Dr Liz Whitley

**Members of Council**

Dr Ian Gordon Dr Luisa Candido  
Ritchie Clarke Alex Duckworth  
Editor of IJDT: Dr Michael Mullan  
Section Representatives: Micheal Cosgrove (S. Ireland), Gary Andrews (N. Ireland)  
Midlands and North: Paul Winfield  
South and West: Sharlene Harrison

The new South and West Chairman was confirmed as Sharlene Harrison with Alex Duckworth, previous South and West Chairman, becoming an ordinary Member of Council.

All other Council members listed above were elected to serve for a further year. These were proposed by Alan Stack and seconded by Gary Andrews.

**6. Report to members by Council**

The President's Review was presented by Dr Liz Whitley standing in for Chris Edwards.

*A year of change and evolution with smatterings of revolution, alongside the fallout from Brexit, Covid-19 and changes in the dairy industry as itself evolves around the world, product R&D as well as the rise in veganism and importantly the flexitarian market. The Society of Dairy Technology continues to be the vanguard of scientific and technical knowledge transfer in the dairy industry as well as a repository and library for research in the Dairy Industry Journal. As a charitable organisation we strive to constantly and consistently advance professional development and recognition through our activities. Our motto "Passion for Dairy" is clear and relevant for our industry but must recognise the change that is amongst us now - plant based. Through this continual change we must review our own purposes and refresh/remind of our role in the UK and Ireland dairy industry and hence remain relevant.*

*I write this report as we 'emerge' from the pandemic where we have seen our industry as part of a wider global food industry continue to serve our consumers either directly or via our customers. We are all part of the accepted terminology – Key workers and Heroes. The scariness of 'food shortage' was largely averted and milk flowed however more recently we see the shortage of workers in all our dairies, not just skilled dairy people, but workers that keep the general business moving in production, repacking operations, logistics, support ops or similar. All dairies have experienced large staff absences compounded by a lack of skills. As a society we are determined to ensure that we continue to drive forward the professional development of our members, and although our conference schedule has been disrupted, again, we have adapted with some amazing activities via the internet and the empowerment it gives us in such times.*

*We have TWO significant successes this last year and in no priority order, as they are equal in their significance: firstly the online learning and secondly the success of the Journal. The task from last year was to 'adapt' and adapt we did using the Executive Director's zeal, energy and forethought we have improved our Social Media presence, our website, our Newsletters, our online learning packages with the tremendous and invaluable input from Ken Burgess and the wider team as reviewers. My personal congratulations to Ken for his tremendous work in producing first rate products to advance knowledge sharing.*

*'Totrain', our online training partner, has been with us all the way producing some great artwork, online access and easily read learning 'all about dairy' at distance. From a base of zero online courses we now have FIVE ready to share and develop dairy knowledge.*

*Secondly, our purpose is clear, the outstanding work done with the editorial team ably led by Michael Mullan is beyond significant. In August 2020 we were delighted to hear from Wiley, the publisher of our Journal, that the Impact Factor of the International Journal of Dairy Technology had increased from 1.522 to 1.636 for 2019 - but it did not stop there and so in May of 2021 we reported an increase from 1.636 (2019) to a whopping **4.374** for 2020. This Impact Factor ranks our Journal in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals and is the **highest-rated milk processing journal** globally. The increase in IF represents sustained increases over the last 6 years for the Journal and illustrates our growing impact and recognition for excellence in dairy science and technology. In the research world this is Herculean. This fabulous achievement is due to the hard work of Michael Mullan, our Editor, and his team of Associate Editors attracting and developing good quality papers on dairy research from all over the World. Congratulations to Michael and his team.*

*Now in some ways, a sad note, but a hugely positive one for the environment and our green commitment, we, earlier this year, took the decision in consultation with our members about the availability of the SDT Journal where we unanimously agreed to align with the strong green agenda in the dairy industry that we were happy to switch to receiving the Journal by electronic means only. As a consequence the last printed copy of the Journal (73:4) was issued in November 2020 - definitely the end of an era, please treasure it if you received a copy!*

*Paul Bouchier reported last year on the use of more and more digital technology in our industry so too does our Society. 100% of our meetings are online, saving time, personal energy, costs and impact on the environment and the increased use of our social media platforms of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn*

*are getting an ever-increasing significant number of followers. The digital technology platform will in the future continue to be ever more visible in our Society as we move to online versions of our Journal and online training modules for our members. It wasn't just the SDT going online, the whole world seemed and did go online. Quite how internet providers coped I have no idea, but we must recognise this change and move with it. An example of such activity was Virtual Cheese Awards. We were proud to sponsor the event and duly advised the following cheese winners:*

*1st Renegade Monk Cheese (Felthams Farm)  
2nd = Fenugreek Cornish Gouda (Cornish Gouda)  
2nd = Rutland Red (Long Clawson Dairy)  
4th Beacon Blue (Butlers Cheese)*

*Our first ever virtual AGM took place on 4th November and we were very grateful to all members and non-members who were able to join us for this historic SDT event.*

*During the meeting a few changes in Council members were mentioned with Ian McDougall retiring from his position as chairman of the Northern Ireland section and Gary Andrews taking his place. The Society are extremely grateful to Ian for his work, both in the section and with the Journal, which he edited for many years.*

*My thanks to Paul Bouchier completing his two-year tenure as President of the Society and then handing the reigns, virtually, to me at the end of the meeting. I am deeply embedded in the dairy industry, as we all are, where I am Head of Quality for Muller Yogurt and Desserts UK but previously worked for Arla UK, Tetra Pak and for many years headed the Food Department at Reaseheath College. I continue to support the EDEN dairy training output.*

*As a result of the change in President, Nick Edwards of Holchem became Senior Vice President of the Society and Mike Pinches took on the Junior Vice President position.*

*A sad but inevitable cancellation of the International Cheese and Dairy Awards for the second year running was taken. The ICDA Committee have not stood still and major changes were announced about the event going forward. The awards will be moving to a new venue from 2021, Stafford Bingley Hall. This fantastic location is set in 70 acres of beautiful countryside and has the benefit of having an amazing weatherproof exhibition hall. No more muddy feet and cancellations due to the weather!*

*Our outgoing president, Paul Bouchier, proudly met with this year's President's Award recipient, Michael Hickey, to present him with the medal in recognition of his work with the Society and the dairy industry, particularly in Southern Ireland.*

*Gosia Bycio, Saputo, was also presented with the Brian Peacock Award in recognition of the fantastic progress in her career in the Dairy Industry since securing a position on the Eden Dairy Technology course in 2013 as an Arla student.*

*I remain proud that the industry, Reaseheath College and the SDT remain committed to developing Young Dairy professionals and so the judging of Cohort 9 Eden Dairy Technology student projects took place for the first time online, organised by Mike Bennett of Reaseheath College. This year there were 2 SDT Eden Students of the Year; Ross Halliday from Arla Foods Lockerbie and Gintare Jonuitiene from Muller Milk & Ingredients, Bridgwater. Both projects contributed major wastage savings to their factories.*

*I was delighted to take part in a very informative webinar, in association with CAFRE, where we delivered our milk quality-themed webinar on 16th March. With global export markets, national regulatory standards and customers demanding the supply of milk and milk products to the highest legal, quality and safety standards a vast amount of research is being undertaken to support producers and processors to meet these requirements. The presentations delivered at this event included:*

- *Minimising chlorate levels in the dairy supply chain (Dr David Gleeson, Teagasc)*
- *Wanted: Rapid, sensitive & accurate diagnostic test to aid the control of Johne's disease in the dairy herd (Prof Irene Grant, Queens University Belfast)*
- *Antimicrobial residue and antimicrobial resistance testing, surveillance and control in the dairy sector (Dr Liberty Sibanda, Randox Food Diagnostic Ltd)*

*A resounding success with over 100 attending, virtually at least, guests and members from around the world.*

*In January 2021 we held a free to attend online breakfast seminar in conjunction with the BFBi. The seminar had a theme of 'Supporting & Safeguarding Resilient Processes and Practices Within Your Manufacturing Facility' and included short talks from three companies on developments to support with food safety practices.*

*We also held an extremely valuable and well attended webinar with over 150 global guests and members, entitled 'Achieving Dairy Process Optimisation' on 17th June. The webinar featured 3 presentations from companies that are well known suppliers to the dairy industry; QCL, Tetra Pak and Ytron-Quadro. The presentations provided an insight into how we can optimise our dairy processes to make them more cost effective, flexible and sustainable.*

*Throughout the year, John Sumner, our agriculture expert continued to provide some great articles on a whole variety of current issues: he provided a very thought provoking paper on how the UK dairy industry could provide the key to improving greenhouse gas emissions for the rest of the world by employing the practices followed in the UK to increase yield and productivity of our cows. In addition John produced an article on the success, in the UK, of the stabilising of antibiotic resistance in cattle, based on a survey by the Veterinary Medicine Directorate. More recently John has written about the new UK Agriculture Bill and how it is placed to reform agricultural policy in the UK following the separation from Europe and then 'The Story of Liverpool Cowkeepers'! Finally John has written an article regarding how Dairy Farmers are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit staff with some potentially being forced to quit.*

### ***Truly the SDT shares and develops knowledge!***

*I also want to recognise the passion for dairy coming from the whole of Ireland and in particular, Gary Andrews, who has taken over as Chair of the Northern Ireland Section of the SDT. Gary is the dairy specialist at CAFRE (Loughry campus) and is setting plans in motion to develop increased activity in the sector, following the restrictions, to encourage more networking of people with a shared interest in the dairy industry.*

*In the last 12 months we were alerted for members who have sadly left us: Raymond Bowl, on 16th March, Terry Tamplin, a former President of the Society (1986-88), in January 21; Brian Moffat, Former Chair of the NI section. Our thoughts are with their families at this very sad time.*

*In summary, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, zeal and energy over the past year. A special word of thanks to our Executive Director, Marian Pusey and to Michael Mullan our Publications Editor. Adapting to a changing market and dairy world has been ably met with our two principals. They both play a truly extraordinary role in the management of our organisation. It has been a great honour to serve you as President where, determinedly, I believe that the Society of Dairy Technology is all about people and it is our members who are the mainstay of the Society. I have every confidence that the members of our Society, who have a real passion for dairy, will ensure the long-term success of our organisation. I want to strengthen the understanding of the relevancy of the Society throughout the industry concentrating on focus, strategy and recruitment. I know that the Society needs to engage more young people with local and European networking being critical to move forward.*

*Our Society which has a very broad members base and a reach across the UK/Ireland and importantly, globally, as we have proven with more accessibility using online /expert seminars and webinars. We will continue to plan to have more events in the different Society sections going forward to enable ease of access for more of our members. As with Paul's sentiments last year I would strongly encourage all our members to actively engage in these events as much as possible and continually encourage people who have a "Passion for Dairy" to join us on our journey whilst recognising change is amongst all the dairies today and for the future as we react to global trends, reports and ultimately the planet on which we all must strive to sustain and look after.*

### **Membership – Marian Pusey, Executive Director**

*Membership of the Society was a little lower compared to the previous year with 370 members at the end of June 2021. Conferences tend to attract new membership so with the postponement of all face to face events due to the Covid pandemic coupled with no Eden recruitment, numbers have dipped slightly. The introduction of the E-learning modules has encouraged some new membership due to the attractive rates for members. The following 65 new members joined the Society in the last year; 15 of these became members as a result of publishing research in the International Journal of Dairy Technology for which they are eligible for one year's free membership (marked \* in table below).*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Company</i>
<i>John Hunter</i>	<i>Teagasc, Ireland</i>
<i>Simon Elkins</i>	<i>Chr. Hansen</i>
<i>Bjarke Hammelsvang</i>	<i>Kold College</i>
<i>Fabiola Pena*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Shashi Kumar*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Puneet Parmar*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Emma Morrow</i>	<i>Glanbia</i>
<i>Bhavesh Baria*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Lynne Harte</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>
<i>Chane Pretorius*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Elna Buys*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Millie Preeece</i>	<i>Harper Adams University</i>
<i>Saima Rafiq*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Said Ajlouni*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Pinaki Ranjan*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Muhammad Mizammil*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Hanke Uluko*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Joy O'Rourke</i>	<i>Neogen</i>
<i>David Koeniggreen</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
<i>Zachary Glover</i>	<i>Arla Foods Consultant</i>
<i>Ajay Dahiwal*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Evi Paximada</i>	<i>Harper Adams University</i>
<i>Tadg Murphy</i>	<i>Water Technology Ltd Ireland</i>
<i>Artur Katura</i>	<i>BV Dairy</i>
<i>Graeme Slater</i>	<i>Dewlay</i>
<i>Martyn Goodman</i>	<i>Kerry</i>
<i>Celine O'Kennedy</i>	<i>Consultant</i>
<i>Kirsty Pourshahidi</i>	<i>University of Ulster</i>
<i>Adrian Murphy</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>
<i>Jamie Lawton</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>
<i>Stephen Crowley</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>
<i>Kieran Quinn</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>

<i>Bernard Corrigan</i>	<i>Teagasc, Ireland</i>
<i>Julie O'Neill</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>
<i>Denise O'Mahony</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>
<i>Aaron Williams</i>	<i>Soft Trace</i>
<i>John Miller</i>	<i>Orkney Cheese</i>
<i>Dorota Cais-Sokolinska*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Derek Thomas</i>	<i>Diversey</i>
<i>Neha Dixit</i>	<i>JK Tech (India)</i>
<i>Oisin O'Harte</i>	<i>Lakeland Dairy</i>
<i>Bronagh McAtamney</i>	<i>Loughry College</i>
<i>David Holton</i>	<i>Blackwoods Cheese Co</i>
<i>Junaid Mohammad</i>	<i>Muller</i>
<i>David Stockman</i>	<i>Dale Farm</i>
<i>Patricia Jackson</i>	<i>Winter Tarn Cheese</i>
<i>Jughua Yu*</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Mary McCarthy-Buckley</i>	<i>University College Cork</i>
<i>Amy-Jane Troy</i>	<i>UCC</i>
<i>Sally Cholmondeley</i>	<i>Cheesemaker</i>
<i>Stephen Mclean</i>	<i>Dale Farm</i>
<i>Lee Hartley</i>	<i>Volac</i>
<i>Roger Seeney</i>	<i>Diversey</i>
<i>Jindrex Rapacon</i>	<i>Pepsico</i>
<i>Mark Wright</i>	<i>Ecolab</i>
<i>Lily Mitchell</i>	<i>Dairygold</i>
<i>Julie Lynch</i>	<i>Kerry Foods (DPP)</i>
<i>Sophie Christensen</i>	<i>MSc Student Denmark</i>
<i>Jindrex Rapacon</i>	<i>Pepsi Oman</i>
<i>João Paulo Ferreira*</i>	<i>Author</i>

## **7. Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

*I have looked back over the last four years' annual reports whilst preparing this financial statement. What do we see over the longer time period? Subscription income down, symposia activity down, Journal revenue substantially increased.*

*This year's accounts show a surplus of a further £15,000 due to the success of the Journal and its increasing impact rating. On the expenditure side we have given our tenants (Lloyds Chemists) a rent free quarter and have invested some £16,000 in our E learning programme, and the costs of managing our on-line webinars. This investment will continue at a similar level this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.*

*We are looking forward to the resumption of face to face meetings, exhibitions and symposia however this is unlikely to be shown fully in the accounts until 2022/2023.*

*My thanks to Marian for keeping good control of our finances on a day to day basis.*

Alan Stack proposed acceptance of the accounts which were approved by Anthony Connolly and seconded by Gareth McCabe.

## 8. **Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman**

*In the year to July 2021, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective – the provision of technical information. In this most unusual of years this was carried out by means of online webinars, online training courses and, of course, our wide range of publications.*

*The flagship publication, the International Journal of Dairy Technology met the target of 608 pages with 804 pages in 2020 for Volume 73. A member poll to determine the impact of moving to online only publication ran during the year and so volume 74 (2021) has moved to this method of publication. This has meant that the page budget is no longer applicable and so the Journal is able to grow without constraint on printing costs. The shift from paper-based to electronic subscriptions has continued, with satisfactory overall sales aided by group contracts.*

*Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz and Dr Nevidita Datta continue as Associate Editors and have been joined by Dr Diarmuid (JJ) Sheehan and Dr Giuseppe Aprea. The number of papers has continued at a high level and acceptance criteria have been further toughened, with a more formal preliminary screening process to reduce the load on our referees and the improvement of the impact factor has reflected this. The release of the latest Impact Factor, in June 2021, was testament to this work: 2020 impact factor: 4.374. This is an outstanding performance pushing the Journal into the top quartile for Food Science and Technology (2020 Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics): 36/144 (Food Science & Technology)). The importance of impact factor cannot be understated as it is this that drives high quality submissions to the Journal and makes it essential as an academic publication.*

*The fifteenth book in the Technical Series, on Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products, edited by Dr John Tuohy, is currently progressing well in its production and we look forward to its publication. This series of technical works is very well respected for its quality and the addition of this latest publication will add to the breadth of the series.*

*The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource.*

*Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Special thanks go to John Sumner, who has kept us informed about topics relating to milk production and to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).*

*Reports from Andrew Wilbey continue to be published in Dairy Industries International, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.*

*Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.*

## 9. **Appointment of Auditors for 2021-22**

Critchleys LLP were proposed by Dr Liz Whitley and seconded by Alan Stack and accepted by members present.

**10. Any other business**

No questions were received.

The meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

## COUNCIL'S REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR July 2021 to June 2022

### President's Review – Chris Edwards OBE, TD, FIFST, VR

There we go, another 12 months of utter whirlwind activity, locally, nationally and internationally for all of us in business, the SDT, retired or otherwise. It's only ever on reflection where you find just how much we all get up to with friends, family, business and societal activities! As I write this report for the 2021-2022 year we all feel the effect of energy and food price rises on the back of high inflation. We all still feel, emotionally and physically, the effects of war, Brexit, climate change and Covid or indeed any other pandemic that has appeared or may appear to dispute and play havoc as we try to keep a nation fed and rejuvenate our position on the world stage beyond Europe post BREXIT.

In the world of dairy our supply chain base has seen significant movements in availability and price of fuel, fertilisers and feed but also the shift in food behaviour in the UK including availability of vegan based products and the actions of protest/pressure groups such as Animal Rebellion. Whatever we feel, opinions are changing. We must have a role in influencing that AG agenda as the world struggles to feed its increasing population. This report will be unusual in that it contains TWO annual dinners and two autumn symposiums because of the link and timing with the now relocated International Cheese and Dairy Awards (ICDA) at The Staffordshire Showground.

On the 20th October 2021 we had our first Autumn Symposium post Pandemic and even BREXIT where we heard some excellent presentations, notably: Nick Hickman (NIRAS), Evi Paximada (University of Leeds) and Michael Sievers (FOSS) who all eloquently informed us of their new developments and research and provided much food for thought on how to progress with projects going forward. Our sponsors and trade stands included CEM, FOSS and WMFTG.



We continue to grow our dinners and symposia as demonstrated last October 21, in the presence of Amanda Owen at our Annual Dinner attracting 155 guests (a recent record in itself). We listened to her countless stories her life at Ravenseat Farm. The SDT thanks go to all in attendance but particularly to our sponsors Kersia Holchem who helped us to get the evening off to a great start with a glass of fizz on arrival and wine to greet us on all the tables. Also thank you to Tetra Pak for their continued support.



At the Annual Dinner and ICDA Luncheon several awards were made to SDT members with the SDT Eden Student of the Year and ICDA/SDT Student of the Year Awards presented to Stephanie Nish. This year, as last year, the winner of the both these student awards was presented to an employee of Arla Foods Lockerbie. Stephanie joined the company three years ago to embark on the Eden Dairy Technology foundation degree course. Stephanie has had a non-conventional journey into the dairy industry working for Marks & Spencer for 11 years as a visual project co-ordinator which included window dressing, when her partner, now husband, Lee, embarked on the Eden course (cohort 8). She supported him with his revision for exams and thought how interesting the content was. As a result she applied through Arla to join the Eden course and got selected – the rest is history! Stephanie's project looked at implementing new technology from Chr. Hansen to determine the optimum firmness of cheese curd at cut to increase fat retention within the cheese thereby increasing yield.

Eden Student of the Year Runners up included Sharlene Harrison (Muller Milk and Ingredients) and Mark White (Saputo Davidstow).

The Eden Student Supporter of the SDT Award was presented to an Eden Dairy Technology Student, from any year of study, who has been judged to have gone out of their way to support the SDT in many ways. The 2021 winner of this award was presented to Abigail Matthews from Saputo Davidstow.

Throughout her three years on the course Abigail has helped promote the Society to her colleagues within her company and within schools where she has given dairy technology-linked presentations to try and entice more interest in dairy technology careers. She has regularly come up with ideas to develop the Society further including the inclusion of member profiles in the monthly newsletter to support younger members with ideas of routes for their progression within the industry. She has continually shown her passion for the industry and always has a can-do attitude.

The prestigious Brian Peacock Award is presented, annually, to a member, who has performed outstanding work as a dairy technologist during the previous 12 months. This could be in the form of project work, problem-solving, dedication to the industry or similar. This year the Brian Peacock Award was presented to another Saputo employee, Vince Adams, Head of Site Food Safety & Quality at Saputo Dairy UK's Davidstow Creamery. Vince has been involved in the dairy processing industry for over 30 years, having started his career at Dairy Crest Ltd in the late 1980's. In the intervening years he has continued to be at the forefront of food safety and quality across a number of different food manufacturing industries in both a permanent and consultancy capacity. Throughout this time, he has remained a keen member of the Society of Dairy Technology. Vince's leading approach, quality-focused mindset, selfless attitude and unwavering dedication to the industry is why he was proudly nominated for this year's Brian Peacock Award.



Just prior to our AGM, embedded in the proceedings of the Autumn symposium on the 20th October, we held an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to consider and vote to implement a change to our Articles of Association and Constitution to permit the Quorum for General Meetings to be reduced from a tenth of Society members to a twentieth (5%) of Society members. E-voting was used to great success, widening participation and improving our environmental footprint.

Our Spring Conference took place at Loughry Campus, CAFRE in early April. A big thank you to the presenters who provided a very insightful view of what we can expect in the industry as we look to the future. One of the main messages coming from the presentations was collaboration throughout the supply chain being the key to driving the industry forward to reach goals in production, sustainability and research. Something to consider as we all look to the future to meet our goals. Also thank you to the many trade stand holders at the event, we hope you received lots of interest in your products and services helping to make your future a rosey one!



The success of the SDT is to be local and the regional work must be prioritised to foster our own purpose. To that end, Paul Winfield, our SDT Midlands/Northern Section Chairman, invited members in the region to attend a free to attend visit to the National Milk Records Laboratory (NML) in Wolverhampton on 22nd June followed by a meal in a local pub/restaurant. NML presented their work on predicting antibiotic failures and a short introduction to genomics replacing standard milk recording. There was a tour of their labs with information on the testing performed (milk payment testing).

**NMR** The Nordic Dairy Congress, Malmo, Sweden, was deemed a huge success with 335 delegates from 21 countries attending the event. The Congress, with a theme of 'Dairy Opportunities of Tomorrow' included 2 panel debates and 2 presentation streams; Dairy as part of a sustainable diet and Tools to optimise dairy production. Many thanks to Dr Liz Whitley who attended the event and summarised the event proceedings and to former Eden Student, Katie Powell, who summarised her experience for the newsletter.

Congratulations to both Eden Cohorts 9 & 10 whose success on the Eden Dairy Technology Foundation Degree Course has now been recognised by their formal graduation in ceremonies run by the University of Chester in Chester Cathedral. A memorable day for the graduates, their families, the Food Department at Reaseheath College and the graduate's dairy sites.

So we now turn to the 2022 Summer Symposium and Dinner, only seven months post the delayed 2021 event! It was great to see the 70 delegates (members and non-members) who attended our cheese-themed Summer Symposium in the wonderful provided us with some fascinating information on research and development within the cheese arena. Our first speaker was Dr Lynn McIntyre (Harper Adams University) outlining one of her PhD student's research exploring whether bacteriophages could be used as a potential weapon to control food-borne pathogens in cheese. This was followed by Kees Muijlwijk (DSM) commenting on the current market and developments within the somewhat controversial area of plant based products and highlighting further work is needed to ensure that plant-based 'cheese' orientated products meet consumers discerning requirements, particularly where texture is concerned. Finally, Chris Howard (Multivac) spoke about current developments within cheese slicing technology and the use of formulated sprays to prevent the sticking of slices rather than using interleaved papers thus supporting sustainability practices. Many thanks to Liz Whitley who was chief photographer for both events!



The Society is very grateful to CEM, FOSS, Sycamore Engineering, Christeys and Kersia Holchem who had trade stands at the event, permitting delegates to peruse and learn of new developments and technologies while having a leisurely lunch. Roll on next year for the next cheese-themed event (28th June 2023)!



Following the Symposium 180 guests (another record!) attended our Annual Dinner in the Members Pavilion at the Staffordshire County Showground for the second year running. This year our guest speaker was Matt Tebbutt, from Channel 4 Food Unwrapped and BBC Saturday Kitchen, who through an interview approach, treated us to a behind the scenes insight to the programmes coupled with his journey into TV and his views on attracting young people into the food and dairy industries. Our Key Sponsor for the event was Christeys, but unfortunately their Sales Director, Chris Bayliss, was struck down with the dreaded virus a couple of days before the event so could not join us. Also thank you to our other sponsors CEM and Faedah Solutions and also to Kersia Holchem for their sponsorship which helped get the evening off to a good start with a glass of fizz on arrival and wine to greet us on all the tables. Also a big thank you to Tetra Pak for their sponsorship and supplying the much coveted Dairy Technology Handbooks for our award winners.



The presentation of our Annual Awards to Eden students and other SDT members was made during the evening. The very worthy recipients are listed below:

- Eden Student of the Year (Top Project): Carla Lindsay (Arla Foods, Lockerbie).
- Student who has given the most support to the SDT: Grace Nellist, Muller Milk & Ingredients (Droitwich).
- Brian Peacock Award for the greatest contribution to Dairy Technology: Mike Bennett (Reaseheath College).
- SDT/ICA Student Dairy Technologist of the Year: Marcin Sompolski, Belton Farm. This award was presented at the Trade Lunch of the ICDA.

Finally the awards concluded with a presentation to one of our longer serving members, Ian Luxton, Belton Farm, who joined the Society in the late 1970's. Ian was provided with the President's Award by Chris Edwards. The guests were told that Ian has been the enthusiasm and drive behind the International Cheese



and Dairy Awards, or commonly known as the Nantwich Cheese show, for a number of years and more recently succeeded in it's move from a 'field', subject to all sorts of weather conditions, into the first class facility at the all weather Staffordshire County Showground and branded as the International Cheese and Dairy Awards (ICDA). In addition to this Herculean effort he maintains a senior position as General Manager at Belton Farm and thereby a great supporter of the UK Dairy industry. A member of the SDT he adds huge amounts of value and support by being a keen advocate offering support at leverage; including education, use of Belton facilities and resources at the ICDA. Always available for advice and guidance in a very balanced way Ian is a worthy nominee for this prestigious award.

The ICDA event the next day at the Staffordshire showground attempted to focus the dairy industry in one venue with our supply chain and consumers together. It's 'very cheese' orientated and rightly so but we must grow the other dairy categories. Our thanks to the Team at ICDA and the showground for their support.

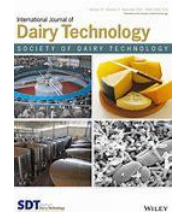
The International Cheese and Dairy Awards with Reaseheath College teamed the whole industry into an informative dairy industry networking event. Present were operational leaders from Production, Engineering, Purchasing, Technical Managers and Managing or Site Directors. During the day the following current topics were discussed:



- Research and innovation opportunities.
- Sustainability challenges.
- Skills gaps facing the Dairy Industry.
- The plant-based and free-from markets.

There was an opportunity to visit supplier trade stands at the ICDA, including culture, packaging, robotic and equipment suppliers to the Dairy Industry. A complimentary networking lunch was provided.

Turning to even more success! Last year the Impact Factor (IF) of our Journal, the International Journal of Dairy Technology, took a huge leap making it the highest rated milk processing journal world-wide! As President I am honoured and delighted to advise you that it has maintained the same status this year beating all other dairy processing journals and also ranking the IJDT in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals too! This year the calculation for the Impact Factor was a little different which gave the Journal a slighter lower figure 4.286 (4.374 in 2020) but this was the same for all journals.



For those of you who are academics, the Citescore for the Journal increased from 4.5 in 2020 to 6.6 in 2021 representing sustained increases over the last 6 years for the IJDT. This increase in Citescore and the maintenance of the high IF illustrates the recognition for excellence in dairy science and technology in the Journal. A massive congratulations to our Editor, Michael Mullan, and his team of Associate Editors for their hard work to achieve these fantastic results.

Our Purpose is important and in order to make the advantages of being an SDT member more visible we are getting on the road and listening! With trips arranged to various dairy companies to introduce the benefits of being an SDT member we hope to spread the word and see even more attendance at our future events.

In summary, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, enthusiasm and energy over the past 12 hectic months. A reiterated special shout out and thanks to our Executive Director, Marian Pusey and to Michael Mullan our Publications Editor. The incessant adaptation to a challenging market has, yet again, been ably met by our two Principals and we extend our sincerest compliments and thanks. They both demonstrate a justly Herculean role in the governance of our organisation. It has been a great honour to serve you as President where, determinedly, I continue to believe

that the Society of Dairy Technology is all about people and it is our members (locally driven) who are the mainstay of the Society. I have every confidence that the membership of our Society, who have demonstrable passion for all things dairy, will ensure the long-term success of our organisation. I want to strengthen the understanding of the relevancy of the Society throughout the industry concentrating on focus, strategy and recruitment, hence the visits to dairies, our links to the ICDA and the questionnaire, let alone the support to Eden and the networking at our events whether physical or virtual! Now I still understand that the Society needs to engage more young people (in companies, with EDEN and in schools) and European networking (Nordics) being critical to move forward.

Our Society which has a very broad church at its base and a reach across the UK/Ireland and importantly, globally, as we have proven with more accessibility using online /expert seminars and webinars. As in 2020 we will continue to plan to have more events in the different Society sections going forward to enable ease of access for more of our members. I strongly encourage all our members to actively engage in these events as much as possible and continually encourage people who have a “Passion for Dairy” to join us on our journey whilst recognising change is amongst all the dairies today and for the future as we react to global trends, reports and ultimately the planet on which we all must strive to sustain and look after. We can only pray for peace and reconciliation and return to some sort of normal business-like approach to global trade.

### Membership – Executive Director

Membership of the Society was a little higher compared to the previous year with 374 members at the end of June 2022. The recommencing of events following the pandemic coupled with the 16 members from Eden Cohort 12, starting their course in January 2022, supported these numbers. The following 88 new members, up by 23 compared to the previous year, joined the Society in the last year, Seven of these became members as a result of publishing their research in the *International Journal of Dairy Technology* for which they are eligible for one year’s free membership (marked \* in table below). In addition, to show our appreciation of their support, membership of the Society was awarded to members of the Editorial Board and Associate Editors of the *International Journal of Dairy Technology*, for the duration of their tenure, adding a further seven members to date.

Name	Company
Julie Lynch	DPP
Jonathan Youles	Ytron Quadro
Kerry Love	Retired
Runólfur Arni Runolfsson	Mjólkursamlag KS
Chris Hay	IFF
David Cole	WMFTG
Valeska Villablanca	Kelvion
Lei Yuan	Editorial Board IJDT
Igor Smykov	Editorial Board IJDT
Carlos Oliveira*	University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
Vincent Cordon	CEM
Zuhaib Bhat*	University of Jammu, India
Lyle Hardman	Calibre Controls
Jon Thornes	South Ormsby Estate
Cathal Dowling	Farm Manager (Listowel)
Laura Dowling	Morrisons
Paul Rowe	First Milk
Mark Litherland	Saputo
Catherine Rooney	Loughry College
Mark Jenkins	Saputo
Alex Sutton	Saputo
Susan Alexander	Consultant

Andy Lewis	Saputo
Paul Manning	Sycamore Engineering
Lee Sullivan	Au2mate
Bukola Onarinde	University of Lincoln
Sarah Deane	Saputo
Michael Sievers	Foss
Jack Ellis	Rauschert
Liza Lavender	Industrial Training Solutions
Alexander Arnold	Volac
Julia Pinches	Volac
Clare Thomas	Volac
Gary Gallagher	Optahaul
Aaron Morgan	Dairy Partners
Hayley Walsh	Muller Milk and Ingredients
Benjamin Milroy	Arla Foods
Anita Galezewska	Wyke Farm
Jack Shepherd	Arla Foods
William Collins	Wyke Farm
Giovanna Cuscito	Muller Desserts
Grace Nellist	Muller Milk and Ingredients
Gemma White	Arla Foods
Dorota Burek	BV Dairy
Sabrina Millman	Dairygold
Lydia Gough	Arla Foods
Salma Afzal	Researcher
Alena Belskaia	Arla Foods
Giulia Fornaciari	Arla Foods
Lewis Hines	Muller Milk and Ingredients
Ahmed Olowo-okere	Editorial Board IJDT
Hamid Ezzatpanah	Editorial Board IJDT
Kimberley Reekie	Muller Milk and Ingredients
Ehsan Moghaddas Kia	Editorial Board IJDT
Daniel Hefft	Reaseheath College
Ashlea Grant	Dale Farm
Aaron Ryder	Ryder Scientific
Sarah Flynn	Ryder Scientific
Paul Rowe	First Milk
Derek Thomas	Diversey / Sealed Air Ltd
John Lynch	Carbon Group
Shalini Arya*	Researcher
Robert Boffey	Harper Adams University
Michael McConville	Greenfields Ireland
Prabin Lamichhane*	Researcher
Thomas Werner	Accutest International
Emanuele Armaforte	Loughry College
Joe Matthews	Sycamore Process Engineering
Fred Skelly	Diageo
Claus Birkemose	Tetra Pak
Richardos Nikolaos Salek*	Researcher
Barry Stewart	Technopath
Patty Clayton	AHDB
Alice Shingler	Muller Desserts

Jonathan Goodwins	IFF
Emanuele Baldini	Odysea
Kevin Murphy	First Milk
Dawn Mason	First Milk
Imogen Curtis	Belton Farm
Ashley Stamper	First Milk
Paul Bagshaw	Holchem Kersia
Muhammad Alu'datt*	Researcher
Yusuf BİÇER*	Researcher
Fiona Gilchrist	Glanbia
Tom O'Callaghan	University College Cork (Associate Editor IJDT)
Bhavbhuti Mehta	SMC College of Dairy Science, India (Associate Editor IJDT)
Nick Sinclair	Edinburgh Butter Co
Vikki Wilde	Saputo

### **Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

Once again the Society has achieved a financial surplus. This has come from increased membership income, increased sponsorship, the financial success of the journal, and the increased attendance at the annual dinner.

The only disappointment in this is the poor take up of the training modules this financial year.

The Society is in a good financial position and able to continue to develop services for the Industry.

I commend the accounts to you.

### **Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman**

In the year to July 2022, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective – the provision of technical information. Thankfully, this year was back to in person events, but our online training courses continue to be developed and our wide range of publications are a major contributor to achieving our objective.

The flagship publication, the International Journal of Dairy Technology has moved to online only publication. This has meant that the page budget is no longer applicable and so the Journal is able to grow without constraint on printing costs. The shift from paper-based to electronic subscriptions has continued, with satisfactory overall sales aided by group contracts.

Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz, Dr Giuseppe Aprea and Dr Nevidita Datta continue as Associate Editors and have been joined by Dr Tom O'Callaghan. The number of papers has continued at a high level and the impact factor has reflected this. The release of the latest Impact Factor, in June 2022, showed that the 2021 impact factor was 4.286, a slight decrease on 2020 as a result of how Clarivate includes papers in Early View. The IF for 2021 again ranks the IJDT in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals. Based on IF the IJDT has maintained its highest-rated milk processing journal rating globally for the second year in a row. (2021 Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics): 47/143 (Food Science & Technology)). The importance of impact factor cannot be understated as it is this that drives high quality submissions to the Journal and makes it essential as an academic publication.

The fifteenth book in the Technical Series, on *Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products*, edited by Dr John Tuohy, is in the final stages of its publication. This series of technical works is very well respected for its quality and the addition of this latest publication will add to the breadth of the series. In response to requests from members, a significant new benefit to the membership is free access to the online versions of these books.

The third edition of the *Dairy Technology Handbook* is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource.

Our fourth publication strand, the *Newsletter*, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Special thanks go to John Sumner, who has kept us informed about topics relating to milk production and to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).

Reports from Andrew Wilbey and Dr John Tuohy continue to be published in *Dairy Industries International*, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.

Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.

Charity registration number 1081615

Company registration number 3965383 (England and Wales)

**SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	C Edwards OBE (President) P Bouchier K Burgess L Candido R Clarke M Cosgrove A Duckworth N Q Edwards I R Gordon I M McDougall M Mullan M Pinches A Stack J Tuohy P J Winfield G Andrews S Harrison E Whitley	(Appointed 20 October 2021)
<b>Executive Director</b>	Marian Pusey	
<b>Charity number</b>	1081615	
<b>Company number</b>	3965383	
<b>Registered office</b>	1 Anvil Close Tibberton Newport TF10 8PT	
<b>Auditor</b>	Critchleys Audit LLP Beaver House 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street Oxford OX1 2EP	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank plc	

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022*

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are the advancement of education in dairy science and technology, food technology and management of resources in all branches of the industry by the dissemination and application of knowledge gained from experience and experiment.

The directors have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

#### **Achievements and performance**

Face-to-face events commenced again this year with an Autumn Symposium, Spring Conference, Summer Symposium and two Annual Dinners (Autumn and Summer). The International Journal of Dairy Technology, published quarterly, has again yielded significant revenue for the Society. The Editorial Board and Publications Committee have continued to strive to improve the Impact Factor for this publication for many years and it currently leads all dairy processing journals with an Impact Factor of 4.286. The Technical Series of books continues to be updated and improved and these continue to contribute to the income of the Society.

The Society constantly strives to raise its profile amongst the dairy industry and new members are attracted to the Society; our challenge is to ensure their continued membership. The Society makes regular contributions to the publication, Dairy Industries International, and we continue to exhibit at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, where we can reach a wide audience of dairy technologists.

The Society continues to maintain links with Dairy UK; the International Dairy Federation; DairyCo; The Dairy Council; the Institute of Food Science and Technology; the Brewing Food and Beverage Suppliers Industry, the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers and the Nordic Dairy Technology Council where we have supported in the planning of the Nordic Dairy Congress which took place in Malmo, Sweden in May this year (delayed from 2020 because of the pandemic).

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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### Financial review

This year's accounts show a surplus of in excess of £7,958 mainly due to the success of the Journal and its impressive Impact Factor rating. On the expenditure side we have further invested in our e-learning modules, now five in total, and provided members with free access to our Technical Series of dairy technology e-books. With the resumption of face to face meetings this year we have invested in several events including two Annual Dinners, two symposia, a conference in Northern Ireland and the commencement of regional meetings. Investment will continue at a similar level this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to over six month's expenditure. The directors considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The former office at Huntingdon provides an income for the Society and a reserve against major unforeseen costs. On 14 July 2015 the property was valued at £120,000 by Carter Jonas, Property Consultants.

As at 30 June 2022 the unrestricted free reserves of the charity (excluding those held by the Southern Ireland Branch) were £87,905 (2021: £82,760)

The directors has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

P Bouchier (President)

K Burgess

L Candido

R Clarke

M Cosgrove

A Duckworth

C Edwards OBE

N Q Edwards

I R Gordon

I M McDougall

M Mullan

M Pinches

A Stack

J Tuohy

P J Winfield

G Andrews

S Harrison

E Whitley

(Appointed 20 October 2021)

All directors must be members of the Society. Directors are initially appointed by an election amongst the members. In addition, certain directors are appointed/co-opted by the existing directors

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Society of Dairy Technology, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Small Companies Regime under Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors.

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**K Burgess**  
Director  
Dated: .....

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Society of Dairy Technology (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
  - the directors' report included within the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the client's sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind any significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Colin Mills (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Critchleys Audit LLP

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**Chartered Accountants**  
**Statutory Auditor**

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Charitable activities	2	79,718	-	79,718	71,586	-	71,586
Investments	3	10,129	-	10,129	7,704	-	7,704
Other income	4	752	-	752	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>90,599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,599</b>	<b>79,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,290</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	5	82,667	-	82,667	63,843	-	63,843
<b>Net income for the year/ Net incoming resources</b>		<b>7,932</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,932</b>	<b>15,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,447</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>							
Other gains or losses		26	-	26	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>7,958</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,958</b>	<b>15,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,447</b>
Fund balances at 1 July 2021		215,017	380	215,397	199,570	380	199,950
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2022</b>		<b>222,975</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>223,355</b>	<b>215,017</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>215,397</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investment properties	9		120,000		120,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	29,128		981	
Cash at bank and in hand		101,368		122,117	
		<u>130,496</u>		<u>123,098</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(26,456)</u>		<u>(26,917)</u>	
Net current assets			104,040		96,181
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			224,040		216,181
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12		(685)		(784)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>223,355</u>		<u>215,397</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	14		380		380
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	15	15,070		12,257	
General unrestricted funds		207,905		202,760	
		<u>222,975</u>		<u>215,017</u>	
			<u>223,355</u>		<u>215,397</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on .....

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K Burgess  
Trustee

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A Stack  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 3965383

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Society of Dairy Technology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Anvil Close, Tibberton, Newport, TF10 8PT.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recorded on a receivable basis (net of Value Added Tax where applicable) with any amount being received in advance included in deferred income. Subscription income represents the amounts in respect of the year. Life subscriptions are written off by equal instalments over a 12 year period from the date of commencement of life membership.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs directly attributable to managing investments and governance of the charity are included in costs of raising funds and governance costs. All other costs relate to the charity's sole activity and hence are included in charitable activities.

#### 1.6 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

#### 1.8 Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date

### 2 Charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2022	Dairy Science and Technology 2021
	£	£
Subscriptions	13,447	12,973
Symposium and events	27,586	5,705
Journal royalties	35,555	51,658
Sponsorship	3,130	1,250
	<u>79,718</u>	<u>71,586</u>

### 3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£
Rental income	10,000	7,500
Interest	129	204
	<u>10,129</u>	<u>7,704</u>

### 4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Miscellaneous income	<u>752</u>	<u>-</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 5 Charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2022	Dairy Science and Technology 2021
	£	£
Support for the advancement of Dairy Science and Technology	80,417	61,713
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	2,250	2,130
	<u>82,667</u>	<u>63,843</u>

### 6 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Audit fees	-	2,250	2,250	-	2,130
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,130</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	2,250	2,250	-	2,130
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,130</u>

### 7 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred of £919 (2021: £nil) were, however, reimbursed to two (2021: nil) Trustees in respect of their attendance at Council meetings.

### 8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 9 Investment property

	2022 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022	-
	<u>120,000</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 9 Investment property (Continued)

This property had been valued by the Trustees on the basis of its open market value. On the 14 July 2015, the property was valued at £120,000 by Carter Jonas, Property Consultants and having taken professional advice the Trustees do not believe there has been any material change in value since then.

There is a lease on the property until 2026 with rental income of £10,000 per annum.

### 10 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	29,148	-
Prepayments and accrued income	100	981
	<u>29,128</u>	<u>981</u>

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	8,538	8,041
Deferred income	423	4,317
Trade creditors	3,409	3,789
Other creditors	-	2,840
Accruals and deferred income	14,086	7,930
	<u>26,456</u>	<u>26,917</u>

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income	685	784
	<u>685</u>	<u>784</u>

### 13 Deferred income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other deferred income	1,108	5,101
	<u>1,108</u>	<u>5,101</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

13 Deferred income	(Continued)	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	423	4,317
Non-current liabilities	685	784
	<u>1,108</u>	<u>5,101</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 July 2021	5,101	6,151
Released from previous periods	(5,101)	(6,151)
Resources deferred in the year	<u>1,108</u>	<u>5,101</u>
Deferred income at 30 June 2022	<u><u>1,108</u></u>	<u><u>5,101</u></u>

### 14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2020	Income	Balance at 1 July 2021	Income	Balance at 30 June
	£	£	£	£	£
Memorial Fund	380	-	380	-	380
	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>

The Memorial Fund represents a fund set up in memory of deceased members. This is to be used to make awards for travelling to international symposia.

### 15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		Movement in funds		
	Balance at 1 July 2020	Expenditure	Balance at 1 July 2021	Income	Balance at 30 June 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Southern Irish Branch Funds	12,925	(668)	12,257	2,813	15,070
	<u>12,925</u>	<u>(668)</u>	<u>12,257</u>	<u>2,813</u>	<u>15,070</u>
	<u><u>12,925</u></u>	<u><u>(668)</u></u>	<u><u>12,257</u></u>	<u><u>2,813</u></u>	<u><u>15,070</u></u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 30 June 2022 are represented by:						
Investment properties	120,000	-	120,000	120,000	-	120,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	103,660	380	104,040	95,801	380	96,181
Long term liabilities	(685)	-	(685)	(784)	-	(784)
	<u>222,975</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>223,355</u>	<u>215,017</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>215,397</u>

### 17 Related party transactions

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2022 £	2021 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>39,178</u>	<u>40,700</u>

M Pusey is the Executive Director of the Society, and is classed as key management personnel. She is a director and 100% shareholder of Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd. This company charged the Society the amounts above for services provided and £3,325 (2021: £1,379) for reimbursed expenses in the year. At 30 June 2022 the Society owed Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd £3,145 (2021: £3,789).

#### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Dr Ken Burgess (Director) was paid £nil (2021: £4,000) for his work developing 5 e-Learning modules.

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# Photographs from 2020/21 Events



A revamped website declaring our strong purpose and linking to the new SDT Learning Academy



A virtual handover of Presidency



Joint Webinar March 2021 with CAFRE



SDT Webinar June 2021



President Award Recipient Michael Hickey with outgoing President, Paul Bouchier



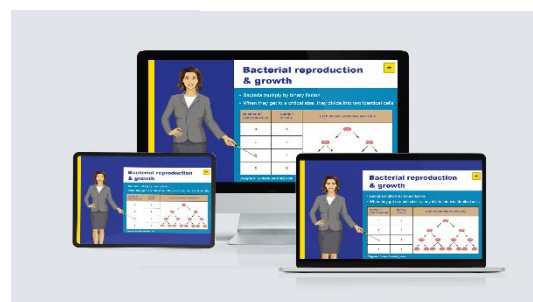
Gosia Bycio, Brian Peacock Award Winner



Gintare Jonuitiene, one of the Cohort 9 Eden Student of the Year Award winners



Chris Edwards, President, hosting the June webinar



Microbiology E-Learning Module on the SDT Learning Academy

***THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY  
78<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 3:00 p.m.  
(Staffordshire County Showground)*

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020
3. To confirm the Minutes of the Extrordinary General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021
4. Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda
5. Confirmation of Officers and Council Members for 2020/21
6. To receive President's Report to Members for 2020/21
7. To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and approve the Annual Accounts of the Society for 2020/21
8. To receive the Publications Committee report for 2020/21
9. To appoint an Auditor
10. Any Other Business

**THE SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
*Conducted online via Microsoft Teams (due to Covid pandemic)*  
*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 3.00 p.m.*

**MINUTES**

28 members and 1 guest attended.

1. Apologies were received from the following: Ken Burgess; Luisa Candido; Alex Duckworth; Paul Winfield; Adnan Tamime; John Sumner; Ralph Early; Brian Rebbeck; Said Ajlouni; Nick Edwards; Jonathan Hogg
2. The minutes of the 2019 AGM were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Ian Gordon and seconded by Dr Liz Whitley.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. The officers and Council members for 2019-20 were confirmed as:

**Executive Officers**

President: Dr Paul Bouchier  
Senior Vice-President: Chris Edwards  
Junior Vice-President: Nick Edwards  
Immediate Past President: Dr John Tuohy (Soeren Vonsild resigned February 2019)

**Officers**

Honorary Secretary: Dr Ken Burgess  
Honorary Treasurer: Alan Stack  
Chairman of Publications: Dr Liz Whitley

**Members of Council**

Chris Edwards Mike Pinches  
Nick Edwards Dr Ian McDougall  
Dr Ian Gordon Dr Luisa Candido  
Ritchie Clarke Gary Andrews  
Editor of IJDT: Dr Michael Mullan  
Section Representatives: Micheal Cosgrove (S. Ireland), Ian McDougall (N. Ireland)  
Midlands and North: Paul Winfield  
South and West: Alex Duckworth

All other Council members listed above were elected to serve for a further year. These were proposed by Dr Liz Whitley and seconded by Dr Paul Bouchier.

5. Report to members by Council  
The President's Review was presented by Dr Paul Bouchier

*The Society of Dairy Technology continues to be at the forefront of scientific and technical knowledge transfer in the dairy industry. As an organisation we strive to constantly advance professional development and recognition through our activities. Our motto "Passion for Dairy" is very apt and our aim is to be very relevant and interesting to all our members.*

*I do hope everyone is keeping well in these uncertain times. As a society we are constantly striving to ensure that we continue to support the professional development of our members, and although our conference schedule has been disrupted, we are hoping to reschedule events so that you will not miss out on our exciting dairy learning and networking opportunities. I would also like to wholeheartedly*

*recognise all the dairy professionals throughout our industry who have been working tirelessly to ensure we continue to have a safe and consistent supply of milk and dairy products.*

*As there is now more and more use of digital technology in our industry so too does our Society. With this in mind, we have improved our website. You may have noticed new changes including the new search facility which will help you in finding dairy information from our technical reports, conferences and newsletters to support and enlighten you during these challenging times. The website is now also mobile and tablet friendly, so whatever device you find yourself using the website, the information can be easily read. Our social media platforms of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are getting an ever increasing number of followers. Also, in the past year, due to travel restrictions we are having more and more online meetings in our society, with a number of council meetings now being held very successfully virtually online. The digital technology platform will in the future continue to be ever more visible in our society as we move to online versions of our journal and online training modules for our members.*

*Over last few years the Society has been approached by many training companies requesting to use the respected SDT logo on training material aimed at the dairy industry. We have recently been working with a training company to arrive at a credible model that will provide the training company of SDT-endorsed programmes and numerous benefits whilst ensuring that the outcomes and objectives of a training course etc are relevant to the industry. Feedback has shown that the use of our logo resulted in a greater uptake of learners for the training company we worked with so this is something we would like to encourage more of.*

*Our Society has a very broad reach across the UK and Ireland, and we will continue to plan to have more events in the different regions and sections of the Society going forward to enable ease of access for more of our members. I would strongly encourage all our members to actively engage in these events as much as possible and continually encourage people who have a "Passion for Dairy" to join us on our journey.*

*I am pleased to report on a busy schedule of events on important topics that have been well supported over the past year. Our Annual Summer Dinner and Symposium preceding the Nantwich cheese show continues to grow from strength to strength which was very well attended again this year. Papers were presented by Jonathan Goodwins (Dupont) speaking about enhancing cheese flavour through diversity within starter cultures followed by Bruce MacDonald from the Guild of Cheese Graders talking about the importance of understanding your taste acuity to support cheese grading. Nigel White introduced us to the fascinating history of cheese making, providing some very insightful information about trends in cheese supply and demand over the years taken from his book 'The Evolution of the British Cheese Industry'. The Symposium closed with a short talk from Niels Osterland from The Danish Society of Dairy Technology introducing delegates to The Nordic Dairy Congress, for which the SDT have involvement, being held in Malmo in 2021.*

*Following the Dinner we were treated to an insightful talk by Dr Louise Manning, from the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester who spoke about Food Fraud in the dairy supply chain. Louise provided many fascinating but alarming examples. The evening concluded with a presentation to one of our longer serving members, Pauline Russell, who joined the Society in 1984. For many years Pauline was the Editor of Dairy Industries International magazine and until recently sat on our Publications Committee. In recognition of her support to both the Society and the dairy industry through her scientific papers and reports, Pauline was awarded Honorary Member of the Society.*

*November involved the Autumn Symposium 'Optimising your Process' taking place at Aberystwyth University's Gogerddan campus. At the close of the symposium delegates were provided with an opportunity to take a tour around the very impressive facilities at the site, providing a fascinating insight into their research activities. Prior to the symposium 40 delegates were kindly invited by Volac to visit their Felinfach site involving a tour of the whey processing plant and Biomass Power Station which showed state-of-the-art technology and sustainability in action. Unfortunately our Spring Conference due to held in May at Loughry Campus, CAFRE, in Co.Tyrone in Northern Ireland had to be cancelled*

*for safety reasons due to the Corona virus pandemic. We now hope to hold this conference entitled “Future in Focus: The Dairy Industry in 2021 and beyond” in Spring 2021.*

*Recognition of professional development in the Dairy Sector and presentation of associate awards is a very enjoyable part of the year for me as President. This year the “Brian Peacock Award” for the greatest contribution to Dairy Technology was presented to Vic Clarke, Consultant, for his work and contribution to Dairy Technology. The Eden Student of the Year Award winner for top project was Ben Morris, Glanbia (Llangefni) and the student who made the greatest contribution to our Society was Sharlene Harrison of Muller (Bridgwater). The 2019 SDT/ICA, Cup which was presented at the Trade lunch of the International Cheese Awards held at the Nantwich Cheese show was Katie Hookway, originally Arla (Taw Valley) but now self-employed, for a really fantastic project. Congratulations to all award winners and we look forward to receiving many entries and nominations for next year’s awards.*

*The publication activities of the Society play a very important role in the dissemination of the latest research and knowledge. The International Journal of Dairy Technology continues to grow, having a bigger impact than ever before. The Society newsletters are very popular and our social media sites continue to attract attention. At the end of 2019 we sadly said goodbye to the Chairman of the Publication Committee for 13 years, Mr Andrew Wilbey. Andrew has really moved the Journal forward achieving a very impressive increase in impact factor since he took over 13 years ago and I was delighted to present him with Honorary Life Membership for his contribution. We wish him all the best in retirement. Andrew has been replaced by Dr. Liz Whitley, who is a Past President of the Society, and I would like to wish her all the best of luck with the role. I would also like to thank the contribution of Dr Michael Mullan, Editor of the Journal, and the members of the Publications Committee who maintain the high output of the publications, which is greatly appreciated.*

*During the past year we lost some eminent and distinguished members of the Society. Michael Brosnan, who served Castlelyons Co-op as a branch manager, was a member for many years and was Chairman of the Southern Ireland Section of the SDT in 1986. Brian Smith, from Kirby & West Dairy Leicester, one of our long term members, sadly passed away in December. Brian, whose family have owned the business since the 1920's, was awarded an OBE for his services to charity. We also lost a well-known retired dairy professional in Southern Ireland, Frank Stack. Frank who was a member of the Society for many years was a graduate in Dairy Science from University College Cork and worked at Dairygold, Mitchelstown until his retirement a few years ago. Their contribution to the Society has been immense and will long be remembered by us all. Regarding new members, I am delighted to welcome Gary Andrews from Loughry Campus, CAFRE, in Co. Tyrone. I am sure his experience and expertise will be a great asset to our Society in the future and will help us immensely.*

*In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, enthusiasm and support over the past year. A special word of thanks to our Executive Director, Marian Pusey. She plays a really remarkable role in the management of our organisation. It has been a great honour to serve you as President. I firmly believe that the Society of Dairy Technology is all about people and it is our members that are the backbone of the Society. I have every confidence that the members of our Society, who have a real passion for dairy, will ensure the long-term success of our organisation.*

### ***Membership – Marian Pusey, Executive Director***

*Membership of the Society is a little lower this year with 389 members at the end of June 2020. Our membership tends to increase during the year, particularly when conferences are held. However with the Spring Conference, the joint SDT and BFBi seminar and the Nordic Dairy Conference being postponed due to COVID-19, membership recruitment has suffered. This is despite the regularly marketing of the Society and its wide range of activities and resources via social media platforms and online events. The following 51 new members joined the Society in the last year; many of these became members as a result of publishing research in the International Journal of Dairy Technology for which they are eligible for one year’s free membership (marked \* in table below).*

<i>Runolfur Runolfsson</i>	<i>MS Dairy Iceland</i>
<i>Felicia Masucci*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Sukalpa Dey*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Chris McAlinden</i>	<i>Dale Farm</i>
<i>Chris Godderham</i>	<i>AHDB</i>
<i>Chloe Farrell</i>	<i>CAFRE</i>
<i>Sonanki Mitra*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Barry Furey</i>	<i>Ecolab</i>
<i>Jayne Munro</i>	<i>Ornua</i>
<i>Robert Boffey</i>	<i>Harper Adams University</i>
<i>Souhir Abdesslem*</i>	<i>Researcher</i>
<i>Demi Ellis</i>	<i>Lacpatrick Creamery</i>
<i>Connor Roberts</i>	<i>Glanbia (Eden)</i>
<i>Slawomir Handslik</i>	<i>Glanbia (Eden)</i>
<i>Naomi Cox</i>	<i>Arla (Eden) Taw Valley</i>
<i>Carla Lindsay</i>	<i>Arla (Eden)</i>
<i>Ellenora White</i>	<i>Long Clawson (Eden)</i>
<i>Sean Kevan</i>	<i>Arla (Eden)</i>
<i>Finley Parker</i>	<i>Muller (Eden)</i>
<i>Josh Jones</i>	<i>Kelsmor Dairy (Eden)</i>
<i>Charlotte McDonald</i>	<i>Arla (Eden)</i>
<i>Kyran Galloway</i>	<i>Arla (Eden)</i>
<i>Chloe White</i>	<i>Arla (Eden) Taw Valley</i>
<i>Josie Pattison</i>	<i>Arla (Eden)</i>
<i>Siti Musa</i>	<i>Arla (Eden)</i>
<i>Lucie Hoskin</i>	<i>Arla (Eden)</i>
<i>Russell McLean</i>	<i>Foss</i>
<i>Jose Ruvalcaba-Gomez</i>	<i>Author*</i>
<i>Benoit Duclot</i>	<i>Realco</i>
<i>Mark Whatton</i>	<i>QCL Scientific</i>
<i>Alan Foster-Smith</i>	<i>Foss</i>
<i>Jason Airo</i>	<i>Kenyan Dairy</i>
<i>Magdalena Drabble</i>	<i>Jersey Dairy</i>
<i>Paidi Kelly</i>	<i>Author (Teagasc)*</i>
<i>Umang Kulshretha</i>	<i>Author*</i>
<i>Sarah Flynn</i>	<i>Sc Instruments Ireland</i>
<i>Diane Cox</i>	<i>Wyke Farms</i>
<i>Ann Langley</i>	<i>Compsey Creamery</i>
<i>Clive Grundy</i>	<i>Muller</i>
<i>Serena Wooland</i>	<i>Muller</i>
<i>Maria Calancha</i>	<i>Muller</i>
<i>Nagwa Abou-Soliman</i>	<i>Author*</i>
<i>Ann Langley</i>	<i>Mull Co-op</i>
<i>William McCarthy</i>	<i>Teagasc</i>
<i>Kieran Bennett</i>	<i>Burkert</i>
<i>Soloman Gebreyowhans</i>	<i>Author*</i>
<i>Ben Hutchinson</i>	<i>Calibre Control</i>
<i>Amy Smith</i>	<i>Muller</i>
<i>Nick Martin</i>	<i>Muller</i>
<i>Joe Watters</i>	<i>Wexford Creamery</i>
<i>Mahmood Hashim</i>	<i>Author*</i>

## **6. Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

*We continue to manage the Society's financial affairs prudently and once again we have managed to finish the year with a surplus of some £10,000. This result has come from the success of our journal and we will be taking steps to invest that money back into the society's activities for the benefit of members and wider society. We normally set a deficit budget at the start of each financial year. The continued success of our events and the journal normally mean that we achieve a surplus at the year end. Overall this ensures that we are in a good financial position and easily able to weather the current pandemic and the resultant reduction in activity since the beginning of March. My thanks to Marian for looking after the day to day operation of the society's finances and for keeping everything on the straight and narrow.*

## **7. Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman**

*Firstly, before I report on the activities of the Publications Committee, I would like to record my sincere thanks to Andrew Wilbey who, after 13 years chairing the committee, passed on the baton to me at last year's AGM. The committee increased its activities over his period of tenure and we now offer a broader range of publications than we did in 2006.*

*In the year to July 2020, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective – the provision of technical information.*

*The flagship publication, the International Journal of Dairy Technology met the target of 608 pages with 652 pages in 2019 for Volume 72, with the same target for 2020. The shift from paper-based to electronic subscriptions has continued, with satisfactory overall sales aided by group contracts. The Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, has worked extremely hard to continue the improvements that we saw under the editorship of Dr Thomas and the 2-year impact factor showed a further increase from 1.522 in 2018 to 1.636 in 2019.*

*Professor Bhavbhutti Mehta, Dr Ian McDougall, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz and Dr Shane Crowley continue as Associate Editors and have been joined by Dr Nevidita Datta. The number of papers has continued at a high level and acceptance criteria have been further toughened, with a more formal preliminary screening process to reduce the load on our referees and the improvement of the impact factor has reflected this.*

*The fifteenth book in the Technical Series, on Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products, edited by Dr John Tuohy, is currently in production and complements the other titles in this series.*

*The third edition of the Dairy Technology Handbook is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are now being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource.*

*Our fourth publication strand, the Newsletter, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. Special thanks go to John Sumner, who has kept us informed about topics relating to milk production and to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual Execdirector email address.*

*Reports from Andrew Wilbey continue to be published in Dairy Industries International, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.*

*Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved, who have made our publications possible.*

#### **8. Appointment of Auditors for 2020-21**

Critchleys LLP were proposed by Dr Paul Bouchier and seconded by Alan Stack and accepted by members present.

#### **9. To consider and vote upon an alteration to the Constitution to enable meetings and voting via digital/virtual means**

Dr Paul Bouchier proposed an alteration to the Constitution to enable meetings and voting to be conducted by virtual means. The proposal was seconded by Dr Liz Whitley. No-one attending the meeting opposed the proposal which was duly passed.

#### **10. Any other business**

One question was asked by member, Breeda Cotter, who enquired how did the Society intend to attract more younger members, especially with the Eden course no longer recruiting. Marian Pusey advised that the Society were hoping to encourage more activity in the sectors, relying on younger members to bring in others.

Dr Paul Bouchier handed over Presidency to Mr Chris Edwards. Chris thanked Paul for moving forward the Society over his 2 years in office and also for his leadership during the difficult time of the Covid pandemic. Chris thanked the Council members for their support and advised that he hoped to build on both Paul and Soeren's success focusing on 3 main areas: strategy, recruitment of new members and relevancy so that the purpose of the Society is well understood by the industry.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

## COUNCIL'S REPORT TO MEMBERS FOR July 2020 to June 2021

### President's Review – Chris Edwards OBE, TD, FIFST, VR



A year of change and evolution with smatterings of revolution, alongside the fallout from Brexit, Covid-19 and changes in the dairy industry as itself evolves around the world, product R&D as well as the rise in veganism and importantly the flexitarian market. The Society of Dairy Technology continues to be the vanguard of scientific and technical knowledge transfer in the dairy industry as well as a repository and library for research in the Dairy Industry Journal. As a charitable organisation we strive to constantly and consistently advance professional development and recognition through our activities. Our motto “Passion for Dairy” is clear and relevant for our industry but must recognise the change that is amongst us now - plant based. Through this continual change we must review our own purposes and

refresh/remind of our role in the UK and Ireland dairy industry and hence remain relevant.

I write this report as we ‘emerge’ from the pandemic where we have seen our industry as part of a wider global food industry continue to serve our consumers either directly or via our customers. We are all part of the accepted terminology – Key workers and Heroes. The scariness of ‘food shortage’ was largely averted and milk flowed however more recently we see the shortage of workers in all our dairies, not just skilled dairy people, but workers that keep the general business moving in production, repacking operations, logistics, support ops or similar. All dairies have experienced large staff absences compounded by a lack of skills. As a society we are determined to ensure that we continue to drive forward the professional development of our members, and although our conference schedule has been disrupted, again, we have adapted with some amazing activities via the internet and the empowerment it gives us in such times.

We have TWO significant successes this last year and in no priority order, as they are equal in their significance: firstly the online learning and secondly the success of the Journal. The task from last year was to ‘adapt’ and adapt we did using the Executive Director’s zeal, energy and forethought we have improved our Social Media presence, our website, our Newsletters, our online learning packages with the tremendous and invaluable input from Ken Burgess and the wider team as reviewers. My personal congratulations to Ken for his tremendous work in producing first rate products to advance knowledge sharing.

‘Totrain’, our online training partner, has been with us all the way producing some great artwork, online access and easily read learning ‘all about dairy’ at distance. From a base of zero online courses we now have FIVE ready to share and develop dairy knowledge.



Secondly, our purpose is clear, the outstanding work done with the editorial team ably led by Michael Mullan is beyond significant. In August 2020 we were delighted to hear from Wiley, the publisher of our Journal, that the Impact Factor of the International Journal of Dairy Technology had increased from 1.522 to 1.636 for 2019 - but it did not stop there and so in May of 2021 we reported an increase from 1.636 (2019) to a whopping **4.374** for 2020. This Impact Factor ranks our Journal in the top quartile (Q1) of all food science and technology research journals and is the **highest-rated milk processing journal** globally. The increase in IF represents sustained increases over the last 6 years for the Journal and illustrates our growing impact and recognition for excellence in dairy science and technology. In the research world this is Herculean.

This fabulous achievement is due to the hard work of Michael Mullan, our Editor, and his team of Associate Editors attracting and developing good quality papers on dairy research from all over the World. Congratulations to Michael and his team.

Now in some ways, a sad note, but a hugely positive one for the environment and our green commitment, we, earlier this year, took the decision in consultation with our members about the availability of the

SDT Journal where we unanimously agreed to align with the strong green agenda in the dairy industry that we were happy to switch to receiving the Journal by electronic means only. As a consequence the last printed copy of the Journal (73:4) was issued in November 2020 - definitely the end of an era, please treasure it if you received a copy!

Paul Bouchier reported last year on the use of more and more digital technology in our industry so too does our Society. 100% of our meetings are online, saving time, personal energy, costs and impact on the environment and the increased use of our social media platforms of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are getting an ever-increasing significant number of followers. The digital technology platform will in the future continue to be ever more visible in our Society as



we move to online versions of our Journal and online training modules for our members. It wasn't just the SDT going online, the whole world seemed and did go online. Quite how internet providers coped I have no idea, but we must recognise this change and move with it. An example of such activity was Virtual Cheese Awards. We were proud to sponsor the event and duly advised the following cheese winners:

- 1st Renegade Monk Cheese (Felthams Farm)
- 2nd = Fenugreek Cornish Gouda (Cornish Gouda)
- 2nd = Rutland Red (Long Clawson Dairy)
- 4th Beacon Blue (Butlers Cheese)

Our first ever virtual AGM took place on 4th November and we were very grateful to all members and non-members who were able to join us for this historic SDT event.

During the meeting a few changes in Council members were mentioned with Ian McDougall retiring from his position as chairman of the Northern Ireland section and Gary Andrews taking his place. The Society are extremely grateful to Ian for his work, both in the section and with the Journal, which he edited for many years.



My thanks to Paul Bouchier completing his two-year tenure as President of the Society and then handing the reigns, virtually, to me at the end of the meeting. I am deeply embedded in the dairy industry, as we all are, where I am Head of Quality for Muller Yogurt and Desserts UK but previously worked for Arla UK, Tetra Pak and for many years headed the Food Department at Reaseheath College. I continue to support the EDEN dairy training output.

As a result of the change in President, Nick Edwards of Holchem became Senior Vice President of the Society and Mike Pinches took on the Junior Vice President position.

A sad but inevitable cancellation of the International Cheese and Dairy Awards for the second year running was taken. The ICDA Committee have not stood still and major changes were announced about the event going forward. The awards will be moving to a new venue from 2021, Stafford Bingley Hall. This fantastic location is set in 70 acres of beautiful countryside and has the benefit of having an amazing weatherproof exhibition hall. No more muddy feet and cancellations due to the weather!



Our outgoing president, Paul Bouchier, proudly met with this year's President's Award recipient, Michael Hickey, to present him with the medal in recognition of his work with the Society and the dairy industry, particularly in Southern Ireland.



Gosia Bycio, Saputo, was also presented with the Brian Peacock Award in recognition of the fantastic progress in her career in the Dairy Industry since securing a position on the Eden Dairy Technology course in 2013 as an Arla student.

I remain proud that the industry, Reaseheath College and the SDT remain committed to developing Young Dairy professionals and so the judging of Cohort 9 Eden Dairy Technology student projects took place for the first time online, organised by Mike Bennett of Reaseheath College. This year there were 2 SDT Eden Students of the Year; Ross Halliday from Arla Foods Lockerbie and Gintare Jonuitiene from Muller Milk & Ingredients, Bridgwater. Both projects contributed major wastage savings to

their factories.

I was delighted to take part in a very informative webinar, in association with CAFRE, where we delivered our milk quality-themed webinar on 16th March. With global export markets, national regulatory standards and customers demanding the supply of milk and milk products to the highest legal, quality and safety standards a vast amount of research is being undertaken to support producers and processors to meet these requirements. The presentations delivered at this event included:



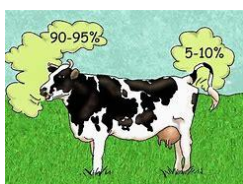
- Minimising chlorate levels in the dairy supply chain (Dr David Gleeson, Teagasc)
- Wanted: Rapid, sensitive & accurate diagnostic test to aid the control of Johne's disease in the dairy herd (Prof Irene Grant, Queens University Belfast)
- Antimicrobial residue and antimicrobial resistance testing, surveillance and control in the dairy sector (Dr Liberty Sibanda, Randox Food Diagnostic Ltd)

A resounding success with over 100 attending, virtually at least, guests and members from around the world.

In January 2021 we held a free to attend online breakfast seminar in conjunction with the BFBi. The seminar had a theme of 'Supporting & Safeguarding Resilient Processes and Practices Within Your Manufacturing Facility' and included short talks from three companies on developments to support with food safety practices.



We also held an extremely valuable and well attended webinar with over 150 global guests and members, entitled 'Achieving Dairy Process Optimisation' on 17th June. The webinar featured 3 presentations from companies that are well known suppliers to the dairy industry; QCL, Tetra Pak and Ytron-Quadro. The presentations provided an insight into how we can optimise our dairy processes to make them more cost effective, flexible and sustainable.



Throughout the year, John Sumner, our agriculture expert continued to provide some great articles on a whole variety of current issues: he provided a very thought provoking paper on how the UK dairy industry could provide the key to improving greenhouse gas emissions for the rest of the world by employing the practices followed in the UK to increase yield and productivity of our cows. In addition John produced an article on the success, in the UK, of the stabilising of antibiotic resistance in cattle, based on a survey by the Veterinary Medicine Directorate. More recently John has

written about the new UK Agriculture Bill and how it is placed to reform agricultural policy in the UK following the separation from Europe and then ‘The Story of Liverpool Cowkeepers’! Finally John has written an article regarding how Dairy Farmers are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit staff with some potentially being forced to quit.

**Truly the SDT shares and develops knowledge!**

I also want to recognise the passion for dairy coming from the whole of Ireland and in particular, Gary Andrews, who has taken over as Chair of the Northern Ireland Section of the SDT. Gary is the dairy specialist at CAFRE (Loughry campus) and is setting plans in motion to develop increased activity in the sector, following the restrictions, to encourage more networking of people with a shared interest in the dairy industry.

In the last 12 months we were alerted for members who have sadly left us: Raymond Bowl, on 16th March, Terry Tamplin, a former President of the Society (1986-88), in January 21; Brian Moffat, Former Chair of the NI section. Our thoughts are with their families at this very sad time.

In summary, I would like to thank all the officers and members of the Council for their commitment, zeal and energy over the past year. A special word of thanks to our Executive Director, Marian Pusey and to Michael Mullan our Publications Editor. Adapting to a changing market and dairy world has been ably met with our two principals. They both play a truly extraordinary role in the management of our organisation. It has been a great honour to serve you as President where, determinedly, I believe that the Society of Dairy Technology is all about people and it is our members who are the mainstay of the Society. I have every confidence that the members of our Society, who have a real passion for dairy, will ensure the long-term success of our organisation. I want to strengthen the understanding of the relevancy of the Society throughout the industry concentrating on focus, strategy and recruitment. I know that the Society needs to engage more young people with local and European networking being critical to move forward.

Our Society which has a very broad members base and a reach across the UK/Ireland and importantly, globally, as we have proven with more accessibility using online /expert seminars and webinars. We will continue to plan to have more events in the different Society sections going forward to enable ease of access for more of our members. As with Paul’s sentiments last year I would strongly encourage all our members to actively engage in these events as much as possible and continually encourage people who have a “Passion for Dairy” to join us on our journey whilst recognising change is amongst all the dairies today and for the future as we react to global trends, reports and ultimately the planet on which we all must strive to sustain and look after.

**Membership – Executive Director**

Membership of the Society was a little lower compared to the previous year with 370 members at the end of June 2021. Conferences tend to attract new membership so with the postponement of all face to face events due to the Covid pandemic coupled with no Eden recruitment, numbers have dipped slightly. The introduction of the E-learning modules has encouraged some new membership due to the attractive rates for members. The following 65 new members joined the Society in the last year; 15 of these became members as a result of publishing research in the International Journal of Dairy Technology for which they are eligible for one year’s free membership (marked \* in table below).

John Hunter	Teagasc
Simon Elkins	Chr Hansen
Bjarke Hammelsvang	Kold College
Fabiola Pena*	Author
Shashi Kumar*	Author
Puneet Parmar*	Author
Emm Morrow	Glanbia

Bhavesh Baria*	Author
Lynne Harte	Soft Trace
Chane Pretorius*	Author
Elna Buys*	Author
Millie Preece	PhD student HAU
Saima Rafiq*	Author
Said Ajlouni*	Author
Pinaki Ranjan*	Author
Muhammad Mizammil*	Author
Hanke Uluko*	Author
Joy O'Rourke	Neogen
David Koeniggreen	Consultant
Zachary Glover	Arla Food Consultant
Ajay Dahiwal*	Author
Evi Paximada	Lecturer Harper Adams University
Tadg Murphy	Water Technology Ltd Ireland
Artur Katura	BV Dairy
Graeme Slater	Dewlay
Martyn Goodman	Kerry
Celine O'Kennedy	Consultant
Kirsty Pourshahidi	University of Ulster
Adrian Murphy	Soft Trace
Jamie Lawton	Soft Trace
Stephen Crowley	Soft Trace
Kieran Quinn	Soft Trace
Bernard Corrigan	Teagasc
Julie O'Neill	Soft Trace
Denise O'Mahony	Soft Trace
Aaron Williams	Soft Trace
John Miller	Orkney Cheese
Dorota Cais-Sokolinska*	Author
Derek Thomas	Diversey
Neha Dixit	JK Tech (India)
Oisin O'Harte	Lakeland
Bronagh McAtamney	Loughry College
David Holton	Blackwoods Cheese Co
Junaid Mohammad	Muller
David Stockman	Dale Farm
Patricia Jackson	Winter Tarn Cheese
Jughua Yu*	Author
Mary McCarthy-Buckley	UCC
Amy-Jane Troy	UCC
Sally Cholmondeley	Cheesemaker
Stephen Mclean	Dale Farm
Lee Hartley	Volac
Roger Seeney	Diversey
Jindrex Rapacon	Pepsico
Mark Wright	Ecolab
Lily Mitchell	Dairygold
Julie Lynch	Kerry Foods (DPP)
Sophie Christensen	MSc Student Denmark

Jindrex Rapacon	Pepsi Oman
João Paulo Ferriera*	Author

### **Financial Position – Alan Stack, Honorary Treasurer**

I have looked back over the last four years' annual reports whilst preparing this financial statement. What do we see over the longer time period? Subscription income down, symposia activity down, Journal revenue substantially increased.

This year's accounts show a surplus of a further £15,000 due to the success of the Journal and its increasing impact rating. On the expenditure side we have given our tenants (Lloyds Chemists) a rent free quarter and have invested some £16,000 in our E learning programme, and the costs of managing our on-line webinars. This investment will continue at a similar level this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.

We are looking forward to the resumption of face to face meetings, exhibitions and symposia however this is unlikely to be shown fully in the accounts until 2022/2023.

My thanks to Marian for keeping good control of our finances on a day to day basis.

I commend these accounts to you.

### **Review of the Publications Committee activities – Dr Liz Whitley, Chairman**

In the year to July 2021, the Society continued to meet its major charitable objective – the provision of technical information. In this most unusual of years this was carried out by means of online webinars, online training courses and, of course, our wide range of publications.

The flagship publication, the International Journal of Dairy Technology met the target of 608 pages with 804 pages in 2020 for Volume 73. A member poll to determine the impact of moving to online only publication ran during the year and so volume 74 (2021) has moved to this method of publication. This has meant that the page budget is no longer applicable and so the Journal is able to grow without constraint on printing costs. The shift from paper-based to electronic subscriptions has continued, with satisfactory overall sales aided by group contracts.

Editor, Dr Michael Mullan, along with his team of Associate Editors, has continued to work extremely hard in the production of our high quality Journal. Prof Bhavbhuti Mehta, Prof Adriano Gomes da Cruz and Dr Nevidita Datta continue as Associate Editors and have been joined by Dr Diarmuid (JJ) Sheehan and Dr Giuseppe Aprea. The number of papers has continued at a high level and acceptance criteria have been further toughened, with a more formal preliminary screening process to reduce the load on our referees and the improvement of the impact factor has reflected this. The release of the latest Impact Factor, in June 2021, was testament to this work: 2020 impact factor: 4.374. This is an outstanding performance pushing the Journal into the top quartile for Food Science and Technology (2020 Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics): 36/144 (Food Science & Technology)). The importance of impact factor cannot be understated as it is this that drives high quality submissions to the Journal and makes it essential as an academic publication.

The fifteenth book in the Technical Series, on *Sensory Profiling of Dairy Products*, edited by Dr John Tuohy, is currently progressing well in its production and we look forward to its publication. This series of technical works is very well respected for its quality and the addition of this latest publication will add to the breadth of the series.

The third edition of the *Dairy Technology Handbook* is available online. This is a rolling programme; additions for the fourth edition are being collated and suggestions welcomed. Our electronic publications, available on the website, now total five in number and are a very useful resource.

Our fourth publication strand, the *Newsletter*, continues to be published electronically, by Marian Pusey, at monthly intervals and provides members with additional news and information. The addition of the Member Profile section has added further interest to the publication. Special thanks go to John Sumner, who has kept us informed about topics relating to milk production and to Mike Lewis for his technology related submissions. Member contributions to this publication are always welcomed and easy to submit to Marian at the usual email address, [execdirector@sdt.org](mailto:execdirector@sdt.org).

Reports from Andrew Wilbey continue to be published in *Dairy Industries International*, and cover events and summaries of the papers published in the IJDT, further helping to disseminate technical information and raise awareness of the Society's activities.

Overall, this has been another successful year and I would like to record my thanks to all those involved who have made our publications successful. This includes members of the Publications Committee, the Editor, Assistant Editors and Editorial Board of the Journal, authors and contributors to our publications, and, of course, our Executive Director, Marian.

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**SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Directors</b>	P Bouchier (President until 4.11.20) C Edwards OBE (President from 5.11.20) K J Burgess L Candido R Clarke M Cosgrove A Duckworth N Q Edwards I R Gordon I M McDougall (resigned 4.11.20) M Mullan M Pinches A Stack J Tuohy E Whitley P Winfield G Andrews
<b>Executive Director</b>	Marian Pusey
<b>Charity number</b>	1081615
<b>Company number</b>	3965383
<b>Registered office</b>	1 Anvil Close Tibberton Newport TF10 8PT
<b>Auditor</b>	Critchleys Audit LLP Beaver House 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street Oxford Oxon OX1 2EP
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank plc

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

#### Objectives and activities

The charity's objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association, are the advancement of education in dairy science and technology, food technology and management of resources in all branches of the industry by the dissemination and application of knowledge gained from experience and experiment.

The directors have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

#### Achievements and performance

Due to the pandemic there have been no face-to-face events during this year except for online webinars. The *International Journal of Dairy Technology*, published quarterly, has again yielded significantly increased revenue. The Editorial Board and Publications Committee have continued to strive to improve the impact factor for this publication for many years and this year it has increased by a massive 160% to 4.374. The Technical Series of books continues to be updated and improved and these continue to contribute to the income of the Society.

The Society constantly strives to raise its profile amongst the dairy industry and new members are attracted to the Society; our challenge is to ensure their continued membership. The Society makes regular contributions to the publication, *Dairy Industries International*, and we continue to exhibit at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards, where we can reach a wide audience of dairy technologists.

The Society continues to maintain links with Dairy UK; the International Dairy Federation; DairyCo; The Dairy Council; the Institute of Food Science and Technology; the Brewing Food and Beverage Suppliers Industry, the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers and the Nordic Dairy Technology Council where we have supported in the planning of the Nordic Dairy Congress taking place in Malmo, Sweden in 2022 (delayed from 2020 because of the pandemic).

#### Financial review

This year's accounts show a surplus of a further £15,000 due to the success of the Journal and its increasing impact rating. On the expenditure side we have given our tenants (Lloyds Chemists) a rent free quarter and have invested some £16,000 in our E learning programme, and the costs of managing our on-line webinars. This investment will continue at a similar level this coming year, clearly supporting the aims of the Society for the benefit of our members.

We are looking forward to the resumption of face to face meetings, exhibitions and symposia however this is unlikely to be shown fully in the accounts until 2022/2023.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to over six month's expenditure. The directors consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The former office at Huntingdon provides an income for the Society and a reserve against major unforeseen costs. On 14 July 2015 the property was valued at £120,000 by Carter Jonas, Property Consultants.

As at 30 June 2021 the unrestricted free reserves of the charity (excluding those held by the Southern Ireland Branch) were £82,760 (2020: £66,645)

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is governed in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

P Bouchier (President until 4.11.20)

C Edwards OBE (President from 5.11.20)

K J Burgess

L Candido

R Clarke

M Cosgrove

A Duckworth

C Edwards OBE

N Q Edwards

I R Gordon

I M McDougall (resigned 4.11.20)

M Mullan

M Pinches

A Stack

J Tuohy

E Whitley

P Winfield

G Andrews

All directors must be members of the Society. Directors are initially appointed by an election amongst the members. In addition, certain directors are appointed/co-opted by the existing directors.

### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of the Society, are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021*

### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors.

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**K J Burgess**  
Director  
Dated: .....

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Society of Dairy Technology (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the directors' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
  - the directors' report included within the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.
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# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with directors and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the client's sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind any significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.;

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE DIRECTORS OF SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

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#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Colin Mills (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

**For and on behalf of Critchleys Audit LLP**

**Chartered Accountants**

**Statutory Auditor**

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes						
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>							
Charitable activities	2	71,586	-	71,586	68,312	-	68,312
Investments	3	7,704	-	7,704	10,394	-	10,394
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total income</b>		79,290	-	79,290	78,706	-	78,706
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Charitable activities	4	63,843	-	63,843	67,589	929	68,518
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		15,447	-	15,447	11,117	(929)	10,188
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Fund balances at 1 July 2020		199,570	380	199,950	188,453	1,309	189,762
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Fund balances at 30 June 2021</b>		215,017	380	215,397	199,570	380	199,950
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investment properties	8		120,000		120,000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	9	981		200	
Cash at bank and in hand		122,117		96,331	
		<u>123,098</u>		<u>96,531</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(26,917)</u>		<u>(15,692)</u>	
Net current assets			96,181		80,839
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			216,181		200,839
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11		(784)		(889)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>215,397</u>		<u>199,950</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	13		380		380
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	14	12,257		12,925	
General unrestricted funds		202,760		186,645	
		<u>215,017</u>		<u>199,570</u>	
			<u>215,397</u>		<u>199,950</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on .....

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K J Burgess  
Trustee

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A Stack  
Trustee

Company Registration No. 3965383

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021*

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Society of Dairy Technology is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Anvil Close, Tibberton, Newport, TF10 8PT.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

In common with many charities of our size and nature we use auditors to assist with the preparation of the statutory accounts.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recorded on a receivable basis (net of Value Added Tax where applicable) with any amount being received in advance included in deferred income. Subscription income represents the amounts in respect of the year. Life subscriptions are written off by equal instalments over a 12 year period from the date of commencement of life membership.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Costs directly attributable to managing investments and governance of the charity are included in costs of raising funds and governance costs. All other costs relate to the charity's sole activity and hence are included in charitable activities.

#### 1.6 Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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**1 Accounting policies** **(Continued)**

**1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

**1.8 Foreign exchange**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date

**2 Charitable activities**

	<b>Dairy Science and Technology 2021 £</b>	<b>Dairy Science and Technology 2020 £</b>
Subscriptions	12,973	12,945
Symposium and events	5,705	12,929
Journal royalties	51,658	40,438
Sponsorship	1,250	2,000
	<u>71,586</u>	<u>68,312</u>

**3 Investments**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</b>
Rental income	7,500	10,000
Interest	204	394
	<u>7,704</u>	<u>10,394</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

### 4 Charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology 2021	Dairy Science and Technology 2020
	£	£
Support for the advancement of Dairy Science and Technology	61,713	66,488
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	2,130	2,030
	<u>63,843</u>	<u>68,518</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	63,843	67,589
Restricted funds	-	929
	<u>63,843</u>	<u>68,518</u>

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	2,130	2,130	-	2,030	2,030
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,030</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	2,130	2,130	-	2,030	2,030
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,030</u>	<u>2,030</u>

### 6 Directors

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred of £nil (2020: £2,146) were, however, reimbursed to nil (2020: seven) Trustees in respect of their attendance at Council meetings.

### 7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

### 8 Investment property

2021  
£

#### Fair value

At 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021

120,000

This property had been valued by the Trustees on the basis of its open market value. On the 14 July 2015, the property was valued at £120,000 by Carter Jonas, Property Consultants and having taken professional advice the Trustees do not believe there has been any material change in value since then.

There is a lease on the property until 2026 with rental income of £10,000 per annum.

### 9 Debtors

2021  
£

2020  
£

#### Amounts falling due within one year:

Prepayments and accrued income

981

200

### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2021  
£

2020  
£

Notes

Other taxation and social security

8,041

1,495

Deferred income

12

4,317

5,262

Trade creditors

3,789

3,520

Other creditors

2,840

3,385

Accruals and deferred income

7,930

2,030

26,917

15,692

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

2021  
£

2020  
£

Notes

Deferred income

12

784

889

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

### 12 Deferred income

	2021 £	2020 £
Other deferred income	5,101	6,151

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Current liabilities	4,317	5,262
Non-current liabilities	784	889
	<u>5,101</u>	<u>6,151</u>

### 13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Expenditure £	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Movement in funds Income £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Memorial Fund	1,309	(929)	380	-	380

The Memorial Fund represents a fund set up in memory of deceased members. This is to be used to make awards for travelling to international symposia.

### 14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Expenditure £	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Southern Ireland Branch Funds	13,461	(536)	12,925	(668)	12,257
	<u>13,461</u>	<u>(536)</u>	<u>12,925</u>	<u>(668)</u>	<u>12,257</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 30 June 2021 are represented by:						
Investment properties	120,000	-	120,000	120,000	-	120,000
Current assets/ (liabilities)	95,801	380	96,181	80,459	380	80,839
Long term liabilities	(784)	-	(784)	(889)	-	(889)
	<u>215,017</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>215,397</u>	<u>199,570</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>199,950</u>

### 16 Related party transactions

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2021 £	2020 £
Aggregate compensation	<u>40,700</u>	<u>35,310</u>

M Pusey is the Executive Director of the Society, and is classed as key management personnel. She is a director and 100% shareholder of Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd. This company charged the Society the amounts above for services provided and £1,379 (2020: £2,434) for reimbursed expenses in the year. At 30 June 2021 the Society owed Food and Dairy Enterprises Ltd £3,789 (2020: £3,520).

#### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Dr Ken Burgess (Director) was paid £4,000 (2020:nil) for his work developing 5 e-learning modules.