

**ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
2022/2023**





## 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:	Micheál 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, 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 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.*

*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.*

## **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 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 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 Dalfsen</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.

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.

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**SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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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**

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Notes							
<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

	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>

# 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

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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 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

### 6 Charitable activities

	Dairy Science and Technology	Dairy Science and Technology
	2023	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
	98,323	82,667

### 7 Support costs

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

### 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

	2023 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
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

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
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:

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Movement in funds Income £	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Movement in funds 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).