

**ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
2023/2024**



## 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, IJDT 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



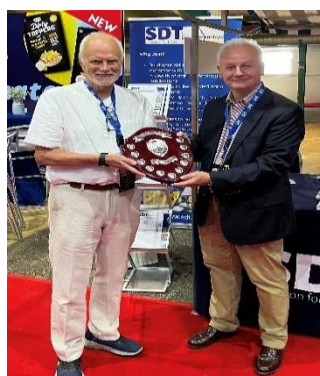
Trade Stand at the Spring Conference



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

<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>SheldonVan 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 citescore.

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	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
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

Name	Company
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
Yuanpu pu	Teagasc
Prashant Shelke	Teagasc
Poonam Rani	Teagasc
Le deng	Teagasc
Arlene Mcgrath	Teagasc
Anuya Mane	Teagasc
Muireann Egan	Teagasc
Sara Pacheco	Teagasc

Name	Company
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

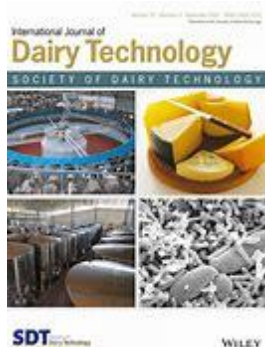
The Society has made strong financial progress this year. In fact, it is in the strongest financial position since my time as Treasurer. This is due to the continued success of the journal, along with excellent attendances at our major meetings and Annual Dinner. We have employed a bookkeeper/administrator 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	
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<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 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 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 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 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)

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.

# **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>		73,705	-	73,705	11,625	-	11,625
<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

	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>

# **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**

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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 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
	102,345	98,323
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	102,345	98,323

### 8 Support costs

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

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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

### 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

	2024 £
<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

	2024 £	2023 £
<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

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security		4,066	8,487
Deferred income	17	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

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

### 17 Deferred income

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

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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

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

# SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

## 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>	<b>At 1 July 2022</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Gains and losses</b>	<b>At 30 June 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
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>
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£
<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



# **SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY**

## **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.