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Arab Scientific Community Organisation
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2023

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Year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)
Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Arab Scientific Community Organisation
Charity registration number	1134734
Company registration number	07030880
Principal office and registered office	7 Redbridge Lane East Ilford Essex IG4 5ET

The trustees

	Dr M Al-Rabban Al Rabban Foundation for Studies(Retired 22 May 2023) & Research Prof R Rashed (Appointed 22 May 2023)
Company secretary	Dr M Al-Rabban
Independent examiner	R C Patel, FCA FCCA 7 Redbridge Lane East Redbridge, Ilford Essex IG4 5ET

Structure, governance and management

Arab Scientific Community Organisation is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 20 July 2009 and last amended on 30 October 2017. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

The charity is structured along the following lines:

- 1) A Board of Trustees comprising the Subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and other persons appointed as directors. A person ceasing to be a director shall cease to be a trustee.
- 2) Management and administration of the charity is under the control of the Director General and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Trustees

The Trustees are appointed for life. When the need arises, new trustees would be appointed by the current trustees.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and the decision making processes and recent and projected financial performance of the charity.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact they may have on its activities.

Objectives and activities

The objects for which the charity is established are to advance scientific knowledge for the benefit of the public within the Arab scientific community.

Achievements and performance

In 2023, ARSCO, in collaboration with the Arab scientific community, has not only made significant achievements and advancements in the field of scientific research but also directly impacted the community we are all a part of. Here are some key highlights of our collective work:

Events in 2023:

On January 30-31, 2023, ARSCO participated in the "Arab Forum for Scientific Research and Sustainable Development" in the Sultanate of Oman.

On February 26, 2023, ARSCO announced the ARSCO Prize for smart cities. On March 20, 2023, ARSCO organized a workshop on "Innovation in water treatment".

Thirteen online scientific webinars were conducted throughout the year. On April 10, 2023, ARSCO started an online program called "Window on Science". On April 26, 2023, ARSCO launched the "Nebras" website.

E-Publishing:

We have published two issues in ARSCO's scientific journal, "Arabian Journal for Scientific Research (AJSR)."

We have published a digital book titled, "Scientific Communication Skills" We have prepared and published numerous studies, research papers, articles, statistical studies, and videos for both scientific and general audiences.

General:

We regularly publish multiple newsletters each week, as well as for special occasions.

The ARSCO website continues to be a vital source of information for the scientific community. It features information and scientometric studies on recent scientific research in the Arab world every week, focusing on highlighting the contributors.

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Financial review

The results for the year are indicated on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 5.

Reserves

The charity is dependent upon the support of its well wishers. It is the trustees' intention to build up reserves to a level which will permit continuation of the charity's activities for a period of at least 9 to 12 months without seeking further contributions or donations.

Plans for future periods

ARSCO will continue its main activity of providing a platform for the advancement and exchange of scientific knowledge within the Arab scientific community.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on7/9/24..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Dr M Al-Rabban
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Arab Scientific Community Organisation

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Arab Scientific Community Organisation ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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:

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 accounts to be reached.



R C Patel, FCA FCCA
Independent Examiner

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12 September 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 December 2023

		2023		2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds \$	Total funds \$	Total funds \$
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	5	232,669	232,669	222,270
Total income		232,669	232,669	222,270
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	232,163	232,163	226,609
Total expenditure		232,163	232,163	226,609
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		506	506	(4,339)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		7,672	7,672	12,011
Total funds carried forward		8,178	8,178	7,672

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

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current assets			
Debtors	12	11,061	11,254
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>2,883</u>	<u>3,582</u>
Net current assets		<u>8,178</u>	<u>7,672</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>8,178</u>	<u>7,672</u>
Net assets		<u>8,178</u>	<u>7,672</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		<u>8,178</u>	<u>7,672</u>
Total charity funds	14	<u>8,178</u>	<u>7,672</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21/9/24, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Dr M Al-Rabban
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 7 Redbridge Lane East, Ilford, Essex IG4 5ET.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Currency designation

These accounts are presented in US dollars.

Exchange rate at 31 December 2023:

US\$1 = Qatari Riyal 3.62 (31 December 2022 - QR 3.62)

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in US dollar, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

4. Limited by guarantee

Members' liability is limited to UK £1 per member.

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5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2023 \$	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2022 \$
Donations				
Donations and contributions	232,669	<u>232,669</u>	222,270	<u>222,270</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2023 \$	Unrestricted Funds \$	Total Funds 2022 \$
Research activity	230,226	<u>230,226</u>	225,480	<u>225,480</u>
Support costs	1,937	<u>1,937</u>	1,129	<u>1,129</u>
	<u>232,163</u>	<u>232,163</u>	<u>226,609</u>	<u>226,609</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2023 \$	Total fund 2022 \$
Research activity	230,226	—	<u>230,226</u>	<u>225,480</u>
Governance costs	—	1,937	<u>1,937</u>	<u>1,129</u>
	<u>230,226</u>	<u>1,937</u>	<u>232,163</u>	<u>226,609</u>

8. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support activity	Total 2023 \$	Total 2022 \$
Governance costs	1,937	<u>1,937</u>	<u>1,129</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,937</u>	<u>1,129</u>

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10. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Wages and salaries	<u>136,077</u>	<u>119,401</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2022: 5). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
IT staff	2	2
Research assistants	3	2
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

12. Debtors

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>11,061</u>	<u>11,254</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,883</u>	<u>3,582</u>

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14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
General funds	<u>7,672</u>	<u>232,669</u>	<u>(232,163)</u>	<u>8,178</u>

	At 1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 December 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
General funds	<u>12,011</u>	<u>222,270</u>	<u>(226,609)</u>	<u>7,672</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	\$	\$
Current assets	11,061	11,061
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(2,883)</u>	<u>(2,883)</u>
Net assets	<u>8,178</u>	<u>8,178</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	\$	\$
Current assets	11,254	11,254
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(3,582)</u>	<u>(3,582)</u>
Net assets	<u>7,672</u>	<u>7,672</u>

16. Related parties

A donation of \$232,669 (2022 - \$222,270) was received from Dr M Al-Rabban, one of the trustees.