

## **HPRG Accounts Financial Year 2022 – 2023**

This accounting year has seen a return to 'business as usual' as in the preceding 50 years leaving aside the Covid lock down years. Notably the sponsorship has increased by over a third compared to last year. This indicates the relevance and timeliness of the group's annual conferences. Some half a dozen early career scientists were given reduced attendance cost, this is to be encouraged and expanded. The finances of the group are sound having accumulated reserves of £161k, a considerable increase on last year's reserves. In the past there was some concern about the increase in reserves and the committee may wish to consider the means by which these reserves can be managed to the benefit of the group and future meetings. Annual expenditure is circa £63k and maintaining reserves of around £130k is sensible in case of need to cancel a meeting and have to pay cancellation costs to the venue (as indeed occurred during the lockdown years). However, more than this may be undesirable, but that is a decision that only the committee can take.

Randal W Richards 23rd February 2024

**Income****2021-22****General****2022-23**

		£		£	
29,520.00		Fees		63,208.68	Note 1
73.96		Deposit a/c		1,493.78	
8,163.40		Interest		11,167.27	
0.00		Sponsorship		2.37	Note 2
		Miscellaneous			
37,757.36				75,872.10	

37,757.36		Total General		75,872.10	
-64,833.25		Less General		-62,740.15	
-27,075.89		Expenditure		13,131.95	
175,195.62		Income over		148,119.73	
148,119.73		Opening Balance		161,251.68	
		Total General			
		funds			

Notes

- 1 Includes net fees via PayPal after Paypal transaction
- 2 PayPal payments by Cooke and Kaye as test of change

Signed

Dr A N Burgess, HPRG Secretary and Treasurer



Date

**Expenditure****2021-22****General****2022-23**

£			£
-60,135.50		Hotel	-57,477.55
-1,517.70		Wine	-1,765.50
-506.43		Website	-1,440.00
-391.70		Miscellaneous	0.00
-11.55		Bank charges	-26.60
0.00		photocopying,	0.00
-1,197.34		Secretarial	-130.50
0.00		Council meetings	0.00
-250.00		Audit 2021-22 FY	-250.00
0.00		Child Care	0.00
-500.00		contribution	0.00
-323.03		Refunded Fees	-1,200.00
-64,833.25		PayPal Fees	0
		Total General	-62,740.15
		Expenses	

	<b>at 31st August</b>		<b>Bank at 31st</b>
	5,396.06	RBS Current	5,000.00
	142,452.76	RBS Deposit	156,251.68
	270.91	PayPal	0.00
	148,119.73	Total	<b>161,251.68</b>

costs removed by PayPal; i.e. does not pass through HPRG accounts  
 ges to website

Prof R W Richards, Accounts Auditor

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
High Polymer Research Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/8/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

206902

Set out on pages

Attached

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:

Date: 23/02/2024

Name:

Randal W Richards OBE; DSc; PhD; FRSC; CChem

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**