

Phytochemical Society of Europe

Annual report 2022-23

Charity number: 264348

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Structure

Small committee

President:	Prof. Francisco Macias (Cadiz)
Vice-President (outgoing)	Prof. Franz Bucar (Graz)
Vice-President (incoming)	Prof. Maria Ferreira (Lisbon)
Treasurer:	Dr. Kenneth Ritchie (Liverpool)
General Secretary:	Dr. Simon Luc (Germany)
Meetings Secretary:	Dr. Celine Riviere (Lille)
Membership Secretary:	Prof. Pinarosa Avato (Bari)
Web Editor:	Prof. Randolph Arroo (Leicester)

Regional Representatives:

Iberia	Prof. Paula Castillo (Madeira)
France	Prof. Christophe Hano
Eastern Europe	Prof. Lucie Cahlikova
Middle Europe	Prof. Thomas Efferth (Mainz)
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Romania, Bulgaria & Moldova	Prof. Ilina Krasteva (Sofia)
Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania,	Vacant
Ukraine Italy	Prof. Francesco Epifano

The charity is managed through regular committee meetings and an annual general meeting.

Trustees are recruited by members of the committee proposing potential trustees to the committee meetings and the annual general meeting. All members of the small committee may be trustees.

Objectives of the charity

To promote the advancement of the knowledge of the constituents of plants in respect of their chemistry, function, biosynthesis, effect on plant and animal physiology and pathology, and the application of such knowledge in agriculture and industry. To publish papers delivered at meetings of the society with a view to the dissemination of the knowledge so gained for the benefit of the public generally.

Names of Trustees

Prof Miroslav Strnad, Prof Pinarosa Avato, Dr Angela Stafford, Prof Randolph Arroo, Dr Richard John Robins, Dr Veronique Seidel, Dr Kenneth Ritchie, Prof Simon Gibbons, Prof Franz Bucar, Prof Virginia Lanzotti, Prof Francisco Macias.

Activities 2022-2023

Being postponed in 2020 and then once again in 2021, the ***PSE Young Scientists Meeting Trends in Natural Product Research*** took place in person in **Kolymbari, Crete**, between **May 23rd – 26th, 2022**. It was the first face-to-face meeting after a long absence of onsite meetings due to COVID-19. The conference was organized by Prof. Efstathia Ioannou and Prof. Vassilios Roussis from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens on behalf of the PSE and gathered more than 160 delegates from 24 countries. There were 12 plenary lectures, 54 oral presentations, and 71 posters. During the meeting, the PSE medal was awarded to Professor Simon Gibbons for his outstanding contribution to the Phytochemical Society of Europe and the furtherance of Natural Product Sciences. Additionally, the Dra. Mariola Macias Award for the best scientific contribution in the field of natural products science carried out by a young researcher was awarded to Dr. Simon Vlad Luca. The Jeffrey Harborne Award and two more prizes supported by the Czech company OlChemIm s.r.o. were given for the best oral presentations, while four prizes were provided by the journals eFood and Food Frontiers for the best poster presentations. In addition, fourteen PSE travel bursaries were given to young researchers attending the conference to support their participation.

The **6th International Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food (6-ISMF)** was organized between **August 5th – 13th, 2022 (online)** and August 7th – 9th in Hangzhou, China (onsite). The meeting was sponsored by the International Association of Dietetic Nutrition and Safety (IADNS) and supported by PSE and the Phytochemical Society of Asia (PSA). 6-ISPMF explored the recent advances in the area of phytochemicals in medicine and food, bringing together over 1200 scientists from 65 countries. There were 22 plenary lectures, 59 keynote lectures (on site), 72 invited lectures, 69 oral presentations, two student forums comprising 205 short lectures, and more than 50 posters.

A joint symposium of the PSE and the HMPPA (Herbal Medicinal Products Platform Austria) on *Lifestyle-related diseases: from traditional medicine to molecular targets* was planned to take place from August 7th – 11th, 2022 in the magnificent surrounding of the Tyrol Alps at the University Centre in Obergurgl (Ötztal) close to Innsbruck, Austria. However, due to the low number of registered participants, the symposium was canceled in the mid of June. The Committee Members approved that the cancellation was a good

idea to avoid a financial loss for the organizing parties. Franz Bucar specified that there were no costs due to cancellation.

The **1st European Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food (1-EuSPMF)** occurred from **September 7th – 9th, 2022**, in **Belgrade, Serbia**. The meeting was organized by the International Association of Dietetic Nutrition and Safety (IADNS) and the Institute of Food Technology and Biochemistry of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade, and supported by the Serbian Chemical Society and PSE. The 1-EuSPMF aimed into the recent progress in the area of phytochemicals and their implementation in medicine and food. The demand for high-quality food products, which have beneficial effects on human health, encourages researchers to study natural products intensively. In light of these principles, scientists in various fields were welcome to present their latest research and provide an excellent platform for exchanging ideas, discussing challenges, and setting up new research collaborations. There were 9 plenary lectures, 16 invited lectures, 9 oral presentations, and 53 posters.

The ***PSE Natural Products in Drug Discovery and Development - Advances and Perspectives*** was held in **Iasi, Romania**, from **September 19th – 22nd, 2022**. The conference was organized by Anca Miron on behalf of PSE. The event brought together renowned scientists, young researchers, and industry experts working in the field of natural products. The scientific program covered recent achievements and future trends in natural product research, mainly related to chemistry, bioactivity, biotechnology, quality control, and formulation. There were 150 delegates from 21 countries, 19 plenary lectures, 21 invited lectures, 33 oral presentations, and 100 e-posters. PSE offered three travel bursaries, MDPI offered one award for an e-poster, IADNS offered three awards for oral/e-posters, and Prof. Milen Georgiev contributed with 3 prizes for oral/e-posters for young Ph.D. scholars

The ***PSE Natural Compounds as Regulators of Molecular Mechanisms in Health and Disease meeting*** took place between **May 19th and 21st, 2023**, in **Seoul, South Korea**. Marc Diederich and Dong-Chan Oh organized it in collaboration with PSE, the Natural Products Institute of the College of Pharmacy of Seoul National University, and the support of the International Association of Dietetic Nutrition and Safety (IADNS). The meeting brought together a diverse group of researchers, scientists, and experts in the field of natural products of terrestrial and marine origins. It facilitated knowledge exchange, fostered collaborations, and discussed recent advancements in discovering and applying natural products. There were three keynote lectures, eighteen oral presentations, three short presentations, and one poster session. In particular, the poster presentations provided a platform for young researchers to share their findings and receive feedback from experienced scientists, fostering an atmosphere of collaboration and mentorship. Furthermore, Springer - Phytochemistry Reviews offered one award for the best poster presentation to Mrs. Haeun Yang.

The ***PSE Young Scientists Meeting Trends in Natural Product Research*** took place between **June 28th and 30th, 2023**, in the center of **Paris, France**. The meeting was

organized by Marina Kritsanida and Raimundo G. Oliveira Junior from University of Paris City on behalf of PSE and had the support of the Franco-Brazilian Network on Natural Products (FB2NP).. More than 100 researchers from 17 different countries were present. There were 17 plenary and keynote lectures, 22 oral presentations, and 60 posters. During the meeting, the PSE Silver Medal was awarded to Prof. Giovanni Appendino; the Pierre Fabre Award was awarded to Dr. Emerson Queiroz, whereas the Dra. Mariola Macías Award was offered to Dr. Hammad Ullah. Distinguished young scientists received 13 travel bursaries, the Jeffrey Harborne Award for the best oral presentation, and the Springer – Phytochemistry Reviews Award for the best poster presentation. In addition, PeerJ Chemistry offered one award for the best oral presentation and two prizes for the best posters.

Achievements and performance

The PSE has continued to be at the forefront of providing a mechanism by which the chemistry of plants may be discussed academically and as such has provided public benefit by ensuring that this important natural resource continues to be investigated for potential benefit to humanity.

Financial review


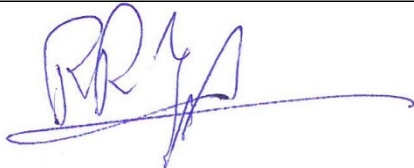
The charity remains in good financial health and has no debts. No funds are held with a custodian trustee.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Dr Kenneth Ritchie	Prof Randolph Arroo
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer and Trustee	Trustee
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Date

10/11/23	16 Feb 2024
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Financial statement 16 Jan 2022 - 15 Jan 2023**Current account**

Balance on 15 Jan 2023	79,241.43
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Income

Subscriptions	£4,192.21
Interest COIF and Dividend COIF	£5,149.91
Journal Royalties	£18,856.14

Total Income	£28,198.26
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Previous Balance on 16 Jan 2022	£62,640.48
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Expenditure

zoom	£287.76
Reimbursements	£5,424.81
Evergreen website hosting costs	£1,405.80
travel awards	£4,478.94

Total expenditure	£11,597.31
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Balance on 16 Jan 2022	£62,640.48
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Income	£28,198.26
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Total of Balance on 16 Jan 2022 and Income	£90,838.74
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Expenditure	£11,597.31
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Balance on 15 Jan 2023	£79,241.43
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Savings accounts

Balance on 31 Dec 2022	£97,500.00
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Deposit

Total COIF Charities deposit fund as of 31 Dec 2022	£132,320.92
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Investment

COIF Charities Investment fund*	7290.69 units @ 1814.93p per unit as of 31 Dec 2022
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*this is an investment in shares and therefore the value fluctuates with the stock market

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Independent examiner's report

2022-2023

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Independent examiner's name: **Richard John Robins**

Address: 18 rue de Saint Antoine, 44190 Clisson, France

This report relates to the financial accounts of 2022-2023

This report relates to an independent examination carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and that the examination has been conducted in accordance with the Directions given by the Commission

No matter has come to my attention, in connection with the examination, which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

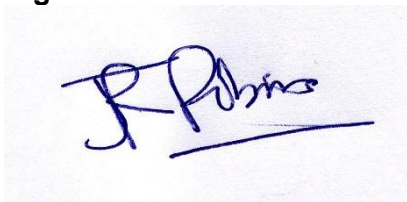
1. Accounting records for non-company charities have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2. That the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

No matters of concern have come to my attention in connection with this examination to prevent a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Declarations

I declare that I have carried-out the independent examination of the accounts according to the rule and regulations as set-out by the Charity commission of England and Wales.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R J Robins', with a horizontal line underneath.

Printed Name: Richard John Robins, MA(Oxon), DPhil

Date: 13 November 2023