

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY

England & Wales · Charity number 265816

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1975-11-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE SCIENCE OF CELL BIOLOGY AND RELATED SUBJECTS.B) TO FURTHER PUBLIC EDUCATION THEREIN.C) TO PROMOTE STUDY AND RESEARCH WORK IN CELL BIOLOGY AND RELATED SUBJECTS AND PUBLISH THE RESULTS OF ALL SUCH STUDY AND RESEARCH.

Activities: Promote the advancement of research in relation to all branches of cell biology and to encourage the interchange of information. By organizing conferences each year on relevant cell biology topics ; promoting school education; providing support for local meetings, young scientists to attend conferences and undergraduate vacation projects; issuing a newsletter and maintaining a website

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£126,023	£130,890	-	-
2023-12-31	£103,580	£130,890	-	-
2022-12-31	£68,469	£135,786	-	-
2021-12-31	£61,389	£57,993	-	-
2020-12-31	£131,991	£54,444	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Laura Machesky	Chair	2022-11-21
Dr Giampietro Schiavo		2020-11-17
Dr Helen Katherine Matthews		2024-11-22
Dr Nathalie Yvonne Micheline Signoret		2024-11-22
Dr Simon John Allison		2024-11-22
Dr Tobias Zech		2024-11-22
Dr Viji Mythily Draviam		2024-11-22

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity number: 265816

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees/Officers:	Laura Machesky Giampietro Schiavo Simon Allison Nathalie Signoret Viji Draviam Helen Matthews Ciaran Morrison Tom Nightingale	President Treasurer Secretary Membership Secretary Meetings Secretary Web and social media Officer Newsletter Secretary Newsletter Secretary
Trustees/Officers Elect:	Tobias Zech (from 22.11.24) Mattea Finelli (from 22.11.24) James Brown (from 22.11.24)	Treasurer elect Newsletter Secretary elect Newsletter Secretary elect
Trustees ending their term in 2024:	Carine de Marcos (22.11.24) Susana Godinho (22.11.24) Jason King (22.11.24) Stephen Robinson (22.11.24)	Secretary Meetings Secretary Membership Secretary Web and social media Officer
Other Executive Committee Members:	Daniel Booth Tom McVicar (from 22.11.24) Victoria Cowling (end 22.11.24) Liz Miller (from 22.11.24) Darius Koester Aymen al-Rawi Emily Lucas (end 22.11.24) Harriet Smith (from 22.11.24) David Archer (end 15.04.24) Ye Dee Tay (from 22.11.24)	Honor Fell Secretary/Childcare Officer Honor Fell Secretary/Childcare Officer Summer studentships Summer studentships Science advocacy Officer Postdoc representative PhD student representative PhD student representative Education Strategy Officer Education Strategy Officer
Key Management Personnel:	Prof L Machesky Prof G Schiavo Dr S Allison	President Treasurer Secretary
Bankers:	HSBC Bank plc Arlington Business Centre Millshaw Park Lane Leeds LS11 0PA Virgin Money 7 Gold Street Northampton NN1 1EN	
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**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Officers (who are the trustees of the Society for the purposes of charity law) have pleasure in presenting their report and the independently examined accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2024. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102); and the constitution of the Society.

Structure, Governance and Management

Officers and committee

Under the constitution of the Society, the Officers of the Society are a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Meetings Convenor, a Membership Secretary, a Newsletter Editor and a Website Co-ordinator. There is also an Executive Committee of the Society consisting of the Officers and thirteen other elected members.

The Executive Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the Officers being elected by the Executive Committee and the President being nominated by the Executive Committee.

The trustees are trained by having an at least 1-year transition period in which case the new trustee shadows the previous trustee, thus ensuring they know how to fill the role.

The Executive Committee prepares the Agenda for meetings of the Society, and between meetings acts as necessary on behalf of the Society; reporting on any such actions to the next meeting of the Society.

The individuals who served as Officers and Executive Committee members during the year, and since the year-end, were as follows:

Prof C Morrison	(Joined 2019)
Dr T Nightingale	(Joined 2020)
Prof G Schiavo	(Joined 2020)
Prof V Draviam	(Joined 2021)
Dr D Koester	(Joined 2021)
Prof L Machesky	(Joined 2022)
Prof N Signoret	(Joined 2022)
Dr S Allison	(Joined 2022)
Dr D Booth	(Joined 2022)
Dr A al-Rawi	(Joined 2023)
Dr H Matthews	(Joined 2023)
Dr T McVicar	(Joined 2023)
Dr L Miller	(Joined 2023)
Dr James Brown	(Joined 2024)
Dr Mattea Finelli	(Joined 2024)
Ms Harriet Smith	(Joined 2024)
Dr Ye Dee Tay	(Joined 2024)
Prof Tobias Zech	(Joined 2024)

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The Executive Committee members in office at the date of this report are detailed on the previous page. The Key Management Personnel of the charity as listed on page 1 are in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. No remuneration is paid to any of the Key Management Personnel or the other trustees.

Constitution

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965 and amended in 2014 and 2022. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816.

Risk assessment

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, as identified by the Executive Committee, have been reviewed in the year and systems are in place to mitigate those.

As we are a society, one major risk is a drop in numbers of members. To mitigate this risk, we have introduced easier ways of maintaining membership via direct debit, and introductory packages for PhD students that include 3 years membership at reduced rate. We hope that once students see the benefit of membership they will continue once they graduate.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society are to promote the advancement of research in relation to all branches of cell biology and to encourage the interchange of information and support career development. The Society generally aims to fulfil these objects by organising and sponsoring meetings each year on topics relevant to cell biology; funding travel grants to PhD students, postdoctoral scientists and group leaders; Funding training courses in Cell Biology for early career scientists; Funding summer studentships; Issuing a yearly newsletter and maintaining a website (www.bscb.org). The Executive Committee confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Company of Biologists (CoB) awarded the BSCB with a Block Grant of £35,000 and an Operational Grant of £62,500 in 2024, and kindly allowed the BSCB to transfer over funding for PI Support Grants and Practical Courses to the Operational Grant Fund. The support provided by the CoB is vitally important for the BSCB and enables it to promote Cell Biology within the UK across schools, universities and to support the research community. After the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the BSCB has experienced sustained demands for travel grants and summer fellowships. In contrast, the requests for PI support and courses remain lower than before the pandemic.

Membership

At the end of 2024, the BSCB had 765 paid members. The total membership is lower than last year and this is due to a new reporting method implemented by our new Membership Secretary (Prof N Signoret) with the help of our management company (HG3 Ltd). This reporting system allows us to monitor active subscriptions rather than total membership numbers (1,112), which also include "awaiting renewal" memberships. The BSCB is continuing to promote new membership initiatives to secure new members.

Scientific Networking

The BSCB has fully resumed its well-established function of organising scientific meetings for the Cell Biology community. In 2024, we co-organised the **Cell Migration 90th Harden Conference** jointly organised by BSCB and Biochemical Society in Birmingham. The conference was very successful with 150 participants and 103 abstracts submitted, which resulted in 66 on-site posters.

In addition, we provided support for one-day national meetings via £1,500 grants. Due to increasing demand, the BSCB voted to increase the annual budget for these meetings from £6,000 to £9,000 in November 2024. Selected reports from these smaller meetings will be published in the BCSB Magazine where they are widely accessible to all our members.

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Career development

BSCB postdoc and PhD representatives have established two prizes to recognize excellence at their career stages. At our last meeting, they have helped to select talks for the conference and organised an ECR 'Scientific Speed Dating' event that ran on the first day of the meeting, where people networked and had fun.

Summer Internships

These awards aim to encourage the very best undergraduate students to consider research careers in cell biology. Awards were based on competitive applications scored by eight members of the BSCB committee. In 2024, we received 43 applications, matching the record level of applications of 2023 and chose 11 for funding. These research projects were designed to be carried out in the laboratory, but several proposals had contingency plans for been carried out remotely, if necessary, with a clear description of how remote supervision would be conducted. We confirmed the level of funding to £340/week (to be in line with the minimum wage for under 23s, which is £9.18/h for a 36.5 h week and increased living costs). Most projects (9 in total) were for 8 weeks. Once completed, each student generated a report that was published in our BSCB newsletter.

Scientific Awards

We continued to promote Cell Biology by awarding prestigious scientific prizes at multiple career levels.

The **Hooke medal** is awarded to an outstanding cell biologist who started their own laboratory within the last 14 years. In 2024, we awarded the Hooke Medal to **Emmanuel Derivery**, a group leader at the MRC Lab of Molecular Biology (MRC LMB) in Cambridge. His research focus is asymmetric cell division, which his group studies combining state-of-the-art, quantitative imaging in developing flies and mammalian cells with an emphasis on technology development. The other BSCB senior award is the **Women in Cell Biology (WICB) Early Career Medal**, which was established in 2015 to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BSCB. It is an annual honour awarded to an outstanding female cell biologist who has started her own research group in the UK within the last seven years. In 2024, the WICB award went **Alexis Barr**, a Cancer Research UK Career Development Fellow and MRC Investigator at Imperial College London. Alexis' research programme focusses on understanding the regulatory mechanisms controlling cell cycle entry and exit in human cells and use that information to manipulate cancer cell proliferation for better cancer treatment. We hope that this BSCB award contributes to recognising women's success and provides role models for future generations.

Two junior prizes, which are awarded by ad-hoc committee, led by the BSCB postdoc and PhD representatives, are associated with two additional medals. The **BSCB postdoc award** is given to the next generation of inspirational scientific leaders, who have already made a major contribution to UK/Ireland Cell Biology during their postdoctoral training. The BSCB Postdoctoral Researcher Medal Winner 2024 is **Carlos Pardo-Pastor**, a postdoctoral fellow in Jody Rosenblatt's group at the Randall Centre for Cell & Molecular Biophysics at King's College London and the Francis Crick Institute. For his postdoctoral work sponsored by a Human Frontiers and Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship, Carlos has focused on the role of Piezo1 in epithelial cell turnover. Carlos regularly participates in outreach activities like Shadow a Scientist or K+ days, aimed at secondary school students to foster the next generation of UK-based scientists.

Saranne Mitchell is the recipient of the **2024 Raff Medal BSCB PhD Award**. Saranne's PhD project in the laboratory of Jody Rosenblatt focused on a conserved mechanism of epithelial cell homeostasis, known as extrusion. As the epithelia cells are essential to organ function, misregulation of epithelial cell extrusion can lead to tumour formation, or if in excess, can lead to inflammation. Saranne discovered that low cellular energy mechanically triggers water-based cell shrinkage, which in turn induces extrusion. Saranne is passionate about inspiring and fostering women in science. She has organized an annual outreach program called Women in science scholar day, for which she actively recruits women with diverse science backgrounds to give them an integrative learning experience.

The four winners were awarded their medals during the Cell Migration 90th Harden Conference. Further details of their work can be found on the BSCB website.

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We run two additional competitions each year which are open to junior scientists: the **BSCB Science Writing Prize** and **Image Competition**. The winning image was submitted by **Alan Prescott** (University of Dundee) with honourable mentions for **Irene Aspalter** (The Francis Crick Institute) and **Jishizhan Chen** (University College London). The winning essay entitled *No mushroom for error – deadly fungi and the search for antidote* was submitted by **Monika Myszczyńska**, a post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Sheffield.

The winners were awarded their prizes during the 2024 90th Harden Conference. Further details of their work could be found on our website and will be reported on the next edition of the BSCB newsletter.

Supporting attendance at scientific meetings

The **Honor Fell Travel Awards** have been extremely popular, enabling students and postdocs to attend meetings worldwide. These have been administered by Daniel Booth and Thomas McVicar. Because attending national and international meetings is a crucial aspect of early career scientist training, we attempt to fund most of all eligible applications providing they are presenting a poster. As mentioned before, we experienced an overwhelming interest for this scheme, with a total expenditure of £40,000 in 2024 (100% of allocated budget).

Our **PI Support scheme** is also very important. It enables PIs with limited or no funding to attend meetings to support their development. However, applications to this scheme as well as to the **Practical Courses** continue to be below pre-pandemic levels. We continue to advertise widely these sources of funding to members.

Details of the application process for these CoB Award Schemes are provided on the website and in our BSCB Magazine.

Outreach Activities

Committee member Darius Koester from the University of Warwick is our Science Advocacy and Outreach Officer. Darius uses the email list of engaged BSCB members to coordinate our society's responses to various governmental calls for consultation flagged up by the Royal Society of Biology. Key science policy information is shared with our membership via the website and magazine. Planned activities include the formulation of an official BSCB position towards supporting the value of preprints and their role in the scientific community, encouraging all members to adhere to the DORA guidelines and support open access models.

We published a new edition of the BSCB magazine in April 2024 to publicize the BSCB and our work. This edition, which is slightly longer than the previous (42 pages instead of 36), has been printed in more than 1,000 copies distributed to all members. It was also available at the 90th Harden Conference in Birmingham for attendees to pick up and take away. Tom Nightingale and Ciaran Morrison are the committee members responsible for the content of the latest BSCB magazine.

Website and Social Media

The BSCB website (www.bscb.org) also allows members and the wider cell biology community to keep informed about our activities. We have almost completed the revamping of the BSCB website, a process coordinated by committee member Stephen Robinson and Helen Matthews with the external support of the company Blue2/Altar. The new BSCB website will be directly linked to social media and will be more accessible to members with disabilities. The website will be much easier to maintain and update, a major shortcoming of the current BSCB website.

The BSCB committee has recently decided to enhance and broaden the BSCB presence on social media by establishing a presence on new platforms and using scheduling software to put out social media posts across multiple platforms. To this end, the BSCB has created a working subgroup led by Helen Matthews, who has started to implement these changes at the end of 2024.

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Financial Review

Reserves

The Executive Committee regularly reviews the reserves of the charity to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available for the Society to meet its ongoing obligations. The trustees require a level of unrestricted reserves of £125,000 to meet existing and committed expenditure in case income is not received. Total funds on 31 December 2024 were £225,932 (2023: 236,264 and 2022: £263,574).

Of these, £126,203 are currently deposited in a 95-day notice savings account whilst the remaining £114,181 are in current accounts. The Company of Biology has granted in 2024 to the BSCB the freedom to vire funds across funding schemes, allowing maximum flexibility to BSCB activities.

Investment Policy

The Executive Committee's policy at present is to invest in low-risk and reasonably liquid assets, so that funds are available to meet any unforeseen needs that arise because of meeting activities.

Future Plans

We are currently planning in person meetings for 2025-2027. The main 2025 Meeting will be the Commemorative CoB 100-year Anniversary Conference (in the UK) with BSCB, SEB and BSDB, which has taken place at the end of March 2025 in Liverpool. The goal is to bring the three societies together in a larger conference covering the three interest areas. Several one-day BSCB-sponsored meetings will also take place in 2025 (e.g., Scottish Cell Biology meeting (Dundee), UK Microtubule meeting (Edinburgh); Inaugural Cell Motility Club Symposium (Cambridge). In 2026, we are planning to organize the Dynamic Cell VI meeting jointly with the Biochemical Society, the Chinese Society for Cell Biology and Royal Microscopy Society.

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Executive Committee's Responsibilities

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Committee have:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Society has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. It is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee



Date: 27/05/2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of 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 the 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.

Miriam Hickson CTA FCA
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Date: 4 June 2025

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Grants	2	35,000	62,500	97,500	35,000	40,000	75,000
Investments		2,413	-	2,413	255	-	255
Charitable activities							
Subscriptions		26,110	-	26,110	26,610	-	26,610
Other income		-	-	-	1,715	-	1,715
Total income		<u>63,523</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>126,023</u>	<u>63,580</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>103,580</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Grants payable:							
CoB	4	-	48,486	48,486	-	47,500	47,500
Other grants		6,244	-	6,244	871	-	871
Studentships		30,107	-	30,107	34,320	-	34,320
Medals		4,732	-	4,732	-	-	-
Costs of meetings		9,596	-	9,596	2,707	-	2,707
Website expenses		539	-	539	1,873	-	1,873
Newsletter costs		4,845	-	4,845	4,734	-	4,734
Membership fulfilment services		26,924	-	26,924	34,198	-	34,198
Examiner's remuneration		3,522	-	3,522	3,516	-	3,516
Miscellaneous		492	-	492	354	-	354
Subscriptions		773	-	773	242	-	242
Insurance		95	-	95	575	-	575
Total expenditure		<u>87,869</u>	<u>48,486</u>	<u>136,355</u>	<u>83,390</u>	<u>47,500</u>	<u>130,890</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(24,346)	14,014	(10,332)	(19,810)	(7,500)	(27,310)
Transfer between funds	4	<u>1,324</u>	<u>(1,324)</u>	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(23,022)	12,690	(10,332)	(19,810)	(7,500)	(27,310)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		<u>208,242</u>	<u>28,022</u>	<u>236,264</u>	<u>228,052</u>	<u>35,522</u>	<u>263,574</u>
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2024		<u>185,220</u>	<u>40,712</u>	<u>225,932</u>	<u>208,242</u>	<u>28,022</u>	<u>236,264</u>

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		2024	2023
		£	£
Current assets:			
Debtors	5	700	699
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>240,386</u>	<u>249,524</u>
		241,086	250,223
Liabilities:			
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</i>	6	<u>(15,154)</u>	<u>(13,959)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	7	<u>225,932</u>	<u>236,264</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	4	40,712	28,022
Unrestricted funds		<u>185,220</u>	<u>208,242</u>
Total funds		<u>225,932</u>	<u>236,264</u>

Approved by the Trustees 27/05/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Laura Machesky
Trustee



Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. Accounting Policies

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965, and amended in 2014 and in 2022. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816. It's registered office is C/O Prof G Schiavo, Queen Square Institute of Neurology, University College London, Queen Square, London WC2N 3BG. The Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees have prepared detailed forecasts and cashflow projections which they believe are based upon reasonable assumptions. The forecasts show that the charity should be able to operate for the foreseeable future and thus the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

b) Funds

General unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Society that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Society.

Restricted funds are those subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority. The restricted funds of the Society are restricted income funds given for specific purposes, which are expendable at the discretion of the Executive Committee in accordance with particular activities of the Society.

c) Income

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Subscriptions and mailing list sales represent amounts receivable during the year. Meetings income is recognised in the period when the meeting takes place and investment income (which represents interest on National Savings deposits and bank accounts) are the amounts receivable for the year.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Support and governance costs attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across categories based on an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

Grants and awards are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the charity.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Joint arrangements

Where applicable the share of income and expenditure from joint arrangements to put on meetings in the year is accounted for under the appropriate heading in the Statement of Financial Activities.

f) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

h) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

i) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

j) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the year-end, with the gain or loss on retranslation going through the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

2. Grants received

Grants of £97,500 (2023: £75,000) were received from The Company of Biologists during the year. £62,500 (2023: £40,000) of this was restricted as set out in Note 4 below, and £35,000 (2023: £35,000) was unrestricted.

3. Trustees/Officers and employees

No Trustees or any person connected with them, received, or is due to receive, any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Society's funds.

There were eleven Trustees paid in 2024 totalling £6,106 (2023: 5 trustees paid £2,289) in respect of reimbursed travel, subsistence, subscriptions, meetings, website expenses, membership and other expenses during the year. There were Nil third parties paid in 2024 (2023: nil) of costs for the Trustees to attend the Annual Spring Meeting. 1 (2023: nil) Trustee received Travel Grants of £977 (2023: nil).

The Society has no employees.

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4. Restricted funds

2024	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Company of Biologists					
Operational Grant	-	62,500	(48,486)	26,698	40,712
CoB - PI Travel Fund	21,055	-	-	(21,055)	-
CoB - Training Course Fund	5,643	-	-	(5,643)	-
Abercrombie Conference Fund	<u>1,324</u>	-	-	<u>(1,324)</u>	-
	<u>28,022</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>(48,486)</u>	<u>(1,324)</u>	<u>40,712</u>
2023	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,324	-	-	-	1,324
CoB - Honor Fell Travel Fund	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
CoB - PI Travel Fund	28,555	-	(7,500)	-	21,055
CoB - Training Course Fund	<u>5,643</u>	-	-	-	<u>5,643</u>
	<u>35,522</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(47,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,022</u>

The Company of Biologists Operational Grant are funds to be used for 3 grant types : Honor Fell Travel, PI Travel and Training Course grants. They also permitted previously unspent funds for these type of grants to be transferred into this fund.

The CoB - Honor Fell Travel Fund relates to funds granted specifically to enable the making of grants to BSCB delegates to cover the costs of travel to meetings of the Society.

The CoB - PI Travel Fund relates to grants made to BSCB Principal Investigators to enable them to travel to cell biology meetings – not just BSCB meetings, but also other meetings where cell biology is covered. The unspent funds on this fund were transferred to the Operational grant Fund.

The CoB - Training Course Fund relates to grants made to members to attend training courses. The unspent funds on this fund were transferred to the Operational grant Fund.

The Abercrombie Conference Fund was money held on behalf of the Trustees of the Abercrombie Conference Fund which will be used to sponsor meetings on cell motility. The transfer in 2024 reflects past expenditure which should have been allocated to this fund.

Further details of the awards made in the year are given in the Executive Committee's Report.

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5. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>700</u>	<u>699</u>

6. Creditors due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>15,154</u>	<u>13,959</u>

7. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	200,374	40,712	241,086
Current liabilities	<u>(15,154)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,154)</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>185,220</u>	<u>40,712</u>	<u>225,932</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	222,201	28,022	250,223
Current liabilities	<u>(13,959)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,959)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>208,242</u>	<u>28,022</u>	<u>236,264</u>

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Trustees/Officers:	Laura Machesky Giampietro Schiavo Carine De Marcos Lousa Jason King Susana Godinho Stephen Robinson Ciaran Morrison Tom Nightingale	President Treasurer Secretary Membership Secretary Meetings Secretary Web and social media Officer Newsletter Secretary Newsletter Secretary
Trustees/Officers Elect:	Simon Allison Nathalie Signoret Viji Draviam	Secretary Elect Membership Secretary Elect Meetings Secretary Elect
Other Executive Committee Members:	Sharon Tooze until 8.11.23 Folma Buss until 8.11.23 Daniel Booth from 8.11.23 Victoria Cowling Darius Koester Alex Fellows until 8.11.23 Aymen al-Rawi from 8.11.23 Emily Lucas Liz Miller from 8.11.23 Tom McVicar from 8.11.23 Helen Matthews from 8.11.23	Honor Fell Secretary Honor Fell Secretary Honor Fell Secretary/Childcare Officer Summer studentships Science advocacy Officer Postdoc representative Postdoc representative Elect PhD student representative
Co-opted Committee Members:	David Archer (Schools Liaison) until 15.04.24	
Key Management Personnel:	Prof L Machesky Prof G Schiavo Dr Carine De Marcos Lousa	President Treasurer Secretary
Bankers:	HSBC Bank plc Arlington Business Centre Millshaw Park Lane Leeds LS11 0PA Virgin Money 7 Gold Street Northampton NN1 1EN	
Independent Examiner:	Miriam Hickson CTA FCA 5 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW	
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**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Officers (who are the trustees of the Society for the purposes of charity law) have pleasure in presenting their report and the independently examined accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2023. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102); and the constitution of the Society.

Structure, Governance and Management

Officers and committee

Under the constitution of the Society, the Officers of the Society are a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Meetings Convenor, a Membership Secretary, a Newsletter Editor and a Website Co-ordinator. There is also an Executive Committee of the Society consisting of the Officers and twelve other elected members.

The Executive Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the Officers being elected by the Executive Committee and the President being nominated by the Executive Committee.

The trustees are trained by having an at least 1-year transition period in which case the new trustee shadows the previous trustee, thus ensuring they know how to fill the role.

The Executive Committee prepares the Agenda for meetings of the Society, and between meetings acts as necessary on behalf of the Society; reporting on any such actions to the next meeting of the Society.

The individuals who served as Officers and Executive Committee members during the year, and since the year-end, were as follows:

Dr D Archer	(Joined 1998)	Dr A al-Rawi	(Joined 2023)
		Dr H Matthews	(Joined 2023)
Dr S Godinho	(Joined 2017)	Dr T McVicar	(Joined 2023)
Dr S Robinson	(Joined 2017)	Dr L Miller	(Joined 2023)
Dr J King	(Joined 2018)		
Dr C de Marcos Lousa	(Joined 2018)		
Prof C Morrison	(Joined 2019)		
Prof V Cowling	(Joined 2020)		
Dr T Nightingale	(Joined 2020)		
Prof G Schiavo	(Joined 2020)		
Dr D Koester	(Joined 2022)		
Prof V Draviam	(Joined 2022)		
Prof L Machesky	(Joined 2022)		
Prof N Signoret	(Joined 2022)		
Ms E Lucas	(Joined 2022)		
Dr S Allison	(Joined 2022)		
Dr D Booth	(Joined 2022)		

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The Executive Committee members in office at the date of this report are detailed on the previous page. The Key Management Personnel of the charity as listed on page 1 are in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. No remuneration is paid to any of the Key Management Personnel or the other trustees.

Constitution

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965 and amended in 2014. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816.

Risk assessment

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, as identified by the Executive Committee, have been reviewed in the year and systems are in place to mitigate those.

As we are a society, one major risk is a drop in numbers of members. To mitigate this risk, we have introduced easier ways of maintaining membership via direct debit, and introductory packages for PhD students that include 3 years membership at reduced rate. We hope that once students see the benefit of membership they will continue once they graduate.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society are to promote the advancement of research in relation to all branches of cell biology and to encourage the interchange of information and support career development. The Society generally aims to fulfil these objects by organising and sponsoring meetings each year on topics relevant to cell biology; funding travel grants to PhD students, postdoctoral scientists and group leaders; Funding training courses in Cell Biology for early career scientists; Issuing a yearly newsletter and maintaining a website (www.bscc.org).

The Executive Committee confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Company of Biologists (CoB) awarded the BSCB with a Block Grant of £35,000 and a Travel Grant of £40,000 in 2023, and kindly allowed the BSCB to carry over funding for PI Support Grants and Practical Courses. The support provided by the CoB is vitally important for the BSCB and enables it to promote Cell Biology within the UK across schools, universities and to support the research community. Despite the continuing threat represented by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, hybrid and in person conferences and meetings, as well as summer placements, have been resumed in 2023. As a result, the BSCB has experienced sustained demands for travel grants and summer fellowships. In contrast, the requests for PI support and courses remain lower than before the pandemic.

Membership

At the end of 2023, the BSCB had 1018 members, of which 345 are students. The total membership is slightly higher than last year, with numbers continuing to slowly recover towards pre-pandemic levels. Nevertheless, the BSCB is continuing to promote new membership initiatives to secure new members. Our membership fulfilment services are provided by HG3 Ltd.

Scientific Networking

The BSCB has fully resumed its well-established function of organising scientific meetings for the Cell Biology community. In 2023, we co-organised the Dynamic Cell V Meeting in partnership with the Biochemical Society. The conference was very successful with 159 participants and 94 abstracts submitted, which resulted in 64 on-site posters.

In addition, we provided support for several annual short meetings, such as the UK Microbiology Network and the UK Microtubule meeting. Selected reports from these smaller meetings will be published in the BCSB Magazine where they are widely accessible to all our members.

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Career development

BSCB postdoc and PhD representatives have established two prizes to recognize excellence at their career stages. At our last meeting, they have helped to select talks for the conference and organised an Early Career Researcher (ECR) social event (pub quiz) that took place on the first night, where people networked and had fun. A "meet the speaker" lunch time event has also been organised.

Summer Internships

These awards aim to encourage the very best undergraduate students to consider research careers in cell biology. Awards were based on competitive applications scored by eight members of the BSCB committee. In 2023, we received 43 applications, and chose 13 for funding. These research projects were designed to be carried out in the laboratory, but several proposals had contingency plans for been carried out remotely, if necessary, e.g., using bioinformatics approaches, with a clear description of how remote supervision would be conducted. We confirmed our increased level of funding to £340/week (to be in line with the minimum wage for under 23s, which is £9.18/h for a 36.5 h week and increased living costs). Most projects were for 8 weeks. Once completed, each student generated a report that was published in our BSCB newsletter.

Scientific Awards

We continued to promote Cell Biology by awarding prestigious scientific prizes at multiple career levels.

The **Hooke medal** is awarded to an outstanding cell biologist who started their own laboratory within the last 14 years. In 2023, we awarded the Hooke Medal to **Andrew Carter**, a group leader at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge. Andrew fosters a research environment where cell biology, biochemistry and structural biology are integrated and has widely contributed to our understanding of how molecular motors work. The other BSCB senior award is the **Women in Cell Biology (WICB) Early Career Medal**, which was established in 2015 to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BSCB. It is an annual honour awarded to an outstanding female cell biologist who has started her own research group in the UK within the last seven years. In 2023, the WICB award went to **Anjali Kusumbe**, a group leader at the MRC Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Oxford. Anjali made fundamental contributions to the understanding of vascular regulation of bone ageing and vascular control of age-associated diseases, such as arthritis and bone metastases. We hope that this BSCB award contributes to recognizing women's success and provides role models for future generations.

Two junior prizes, which are awarded by ad-hoc committee, led by the BSCB postdoc and PhD representatives, are associated with two additional medals. The **BSCB postdoc award** is given to the next generation of inspirational scientific leaders, who have already made a major contribution to UK/Ireland Cell Biology during their postdoctoral training. The BSCB Postdoctoral Researcher Medal Winner 2023 is **Tom Williams**, a postdoctoral fellow at the MRC Protein Phosphorylation and Ubiquitylation Unit (MRC PPU), University of Dundee. During his PhD at the MRC LMB, University of Cambridge, he investigated the regulatory mechanisms of micropinocytosis, whereas for his postdoc at the MRC PPU, he transitioned to studying how proteasome assembly is induced upon stress. Tom is also a champion of outreach activities, designing several cell biology-based games and activities for young kids.

Luka Smalinskaitė is the recipient of the 2023 **Raff Medal BSCB PhD Award**. Luka's PhD project in the laboratory of Ramanujan Hegde at the MRC LMB in Cambridge aims to explain how membrane proteins are correctly inserted into the lipid membrane in the endoplasmic reticulum, and how alterations of this process cause diseases, such as cystic fibrosis and retinitis pigmentosa. In addition to her research, Luka is helping to organise the annual international MRC LMB student symposium and is a trained mental health first-aider.

The four winners were awarded their medals during the 2023 Dynamic Cell V meeting. Further details of their work can be found on the BSCB website.

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We run two additional competitions each year which are open to junior scientists: the **BSCB Science Writing Prize** and **Image Competition**. The winning image was submitted by **Liam Hill** (Cardiff University) with honorable mentions for **Nikki Paul** (Beatson Institute for Cancer Research) and **Hoang Anh** (University College London). The winning essay was submitted by **Aleksandra Pluta**, a PhD student with Shona Murphy at the University of Oxford. These awards have been presented during the 2023 Dynamic Cell V meeting and published on our website and in the next edition of the BSCB newsletter.

Supporting attendance at scientific meetings

The **Honor Fell Travel Awards** have been extremely popular, enabling students and postdocs to attend meetings worldwide. These have been administered by Folma Buss and Sharon Tooze until November 2023, when their role has been taken by Daniel Booth and Thomas McVicar. Because attending national and international meetings is a crucial aspect of early career scientist training, we attempt to fund all eligible applications providing they are presenting a poster. As mentioned before, we experienced an overwhelming interest for this scheme, with 61 awards made in 2023.

Our **PI Support scheme** is also very important. It enables PIs with limited or no funding to attend meetings to support their development. Despite the relaxation of the COVID-19 rules, applications for this scheme have not yet recovered to pre-pandemic levels, or to the same level of other funding initiatives (e.g., Honor Fell Travel Awards). Similarly, the **Practical Courses** fund has tended to be slightly undersubscribed. However, we anticipate that this trend will revert soon, and in fact courses were identified in our member survey as something people want more of. We aim to advertise more this possible source of funding to members.

Details of the application process for these CoB Award Schemes are provided on the website and in our BSCB Magazine.

Outreach Activities

Committee member Darius Koester from the University of Warwick is our "Science Advocacy and Outreach Officer". Darius continues to use the email list of interested BSCB members to coordinate our society's responses to various governmental calls for consultation flagged up by the Royal Society of Biology. Key science policy information is shared with our membership via the website and Magazine.

We also published our 2023 BSCB magazine to publicize the BSCB and our work. The BSCB magazine is in colour, the last edition has been printed in 1,000 copies and distributed to all members. It was also available at the Dynamic Cell V meeting at Loughborough University for attendees to pick up and take away. Tom Nightingale and Ciaran Morrison are the committee members responsible for this task and have finalised an editorial topic on sustainability in cell biology in the last edition, which also features a special interview with the BSCB President Laura Machesky.

Website and Social Media

The BSCB website (www.bscb.org) also allows members and the wider cell biology community to keep informed about our activities. The process of revamping the BSCB website has continued in 2023 under the coordination of committee member Stephen Robinson with the external support of the company Blue2. The new BSCB website will be directly linked to social media, such as X (formerly known as Twitter) and YouTube, and will be more accessible to members with disabilities.

The CoB logo is placed in a prominent position on the top of the sidebar and on every page, and the CoB's very generous support is acknowledged on the main landing page text and at various places throughout the site. We also promote CoB events and journals on our website and Magazine, and through re-tweeting.

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The BSCB committee has recently decided to enhance the BSCB presence on social media, mostly X. To this end, the BSCB has adopted the creation of a X subgroup (Viji Draviam, Susana Godinho, Stephen Robinson) who will share the BSCB X login details and will regularly tweet about cell biology from the @official_BSCB account, inviting ambassadors and students to retweet.

Financial Review

Reserves

The Executive Committee regularly reviews the reserves of the charity to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available for the Society to meet its ongoing obligations. The trustees require a level of unrestricted free reserves of £125,000 to meet existing and committed expenditure in case income is not received. Total funds at 31 December 2023 were £236,264 (2022 funds: £263,574, and 2021: £330,891).

Of these, £28,022 (2022: £35,522) were restricted unspent COB grants. Unrestricted funds, which constitute free reserves were £208,242 (2022: £228,052). The current level of free reserves is therefore more than sufficient to cover all the existing and committed expenditure.

Investment Policy

The Executive Committee's policy at present is to invest in low-risk and reasonably liquid assets, so that funds are available to meet any unforeseen needs that arise because of meeting activities.

Future Plans

We are currently planning in person meetings for 2024-2026. The BSCB will co-organise the European Cytoskeleton Forum meeting with the Biochemical Society, which will be focused on cell migration and mechanical forces and will include a specific session of early career researchers. The 2025 Meeting will be the Commemorative CoB 100-year Anniversary Conference (in the UK) with BSCB, SEB and BSDB, likely to take place in April 2025. The goal is to bring the three societies together in a larger conference covering the three interest areas. In 2026, we are discussing with the Biochemical Society and the BSDB for a new edition of the Dynamic Cell joint meeting.

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Executive Committee's Responsibilities

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Committee have:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Society has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. It is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee



Date: 13/06/2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY**

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of 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 the 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.



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Date: 1 July 2024

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Grants	2	35,000	40,000	75,000	35,000	-	35,000
Investments		255	-	255	453	-	453
Charitable activities							
Subscriptions		26,610	-	26,610	33,016	-	33,016
Other income		<u>1,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total income		<u>63,580</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>103,580</u>	<u>68,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,469</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Grants payable:							
CoB	4	-	47,500	47,500	7,964	42,854	50,818
Other grants		871	-	871	5,723	-	5,723
Studentships		34,320	-	34,320	35,055	-	35,055
Costs of meetings		2,707	-	2,707	2,899	-	2,899
Website expenses		1,873	-	1,873	5,816	-	5,816
Newsletter costs		4,734	-	4,734	4,033	-	4,033
Membership fulfilment services		34,198	-	34,198	25,654	-	25,654
Examiner's remuneration		3,516	-	3,516	3,119	-	3,119
Miscellaneous		354	-	354	323	-	323
Subscriptions		242	-	242	705	-	705
Insurance		<u>575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>575</u>	<u>1,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,641</u>
Total expenditure		<u>83,390</u>	<u>47,500</u>	<u>130,890</u>	<u>92,932</u>	<u>42,854</u>	<u>135,786</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(19,810)	(7,500)	(27,310)	(24,463)	(42,854)	(67,317)
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(19,810)	(7,500)	(27,310)	(24,463)	(42,854)	(67,317)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		<u>228,052</u>	<u>35,522</u>	<u>263,574</u>	<u>252,515</u>	<u>78,376</u>	<u>330,891</u>
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2023		<u>208,242</u>	<u>28,022</u>	<u>236,264</u>	<u>228,052</u>	<u>35,522</u>	<u>263,574</u>

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023	2022
		£	£
Current assets:			
Debtors	5	699	1,119
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>249,524</u>	<u>265,525</u>
		250,223	266,644
Liabilities:			
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</i>	6	<u>(13,959)</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	7	<u>236,264</u>	<u>263,574</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	4	28,022	35,522
Unrestricted funds		<u>208,242</u>	<u>228,052</u>
Total funds		<u>236,264</u>	<u>263,574</u>

Approved by the Trustees 13/06/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Laura Machesky
Trustee



Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1. Accounting Policies

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965, and amended in 2014 and in 2022. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816. It's registered office is C/O Prof G Schiavo, Queen Square Institute of Neurology, University College London, Queen Square, London WC2N 3BG. The Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees have prepared detailed forecasts and cashflow projections which they believe are based upon reasonable assumptions. The forecasts show that the charity should be able to operate for the foreseeable future and thus the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

b) Funds

General unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Society that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Society.

Restricted funds are those subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority. The restricted funds of the Society are restricted income funds given for specific purposes, which are expendable at the discretion of the Executive Committee in accordance with particular activities of the Society.

c) Income

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Subscriptions and mailing list sales represent amounts receivable during the year. Meetings income is recognised in the period when the meeting takes place and investment income (which represents interest on National Savings deposits and bank accounts) are the amounts receivable for the year.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Support and governance costs attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across categories based on an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

Grants and awards are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the charity.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Joint arrangements

Where applicable the share of income and expenditure from joint arrangements to put on meetings in the year is accounted for under the appropriate heading in the Statement of Financial Activities.

f) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

h) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

i) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

j) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the year-end, with the gain or loss on retranslation going through the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

2. Grants received

Grants of £75,000 (2022: £35,000) were received from The Company of Biologists during the year. £40,000 (2022: £nil) of this was restricted as set out in Note 4 below, and £35,000 (2022: £35,000) was unrestricted.

3. Trustees/Officers and employees

No Trustees or any person connected with them, received, or is due to receive, any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Society's funds.

There were five Trustees paid in 2023 totalling £2,289 (2022: 6 trustees paid £2,005) in respect of reimbursed travel, subsistence, subscriptions, meetings, website expenses, membership and other expenses during the year. There were Nil third parties paid in 2023 (2022: nil) of costs for the Trustees to attend the Annual Spring Meeting. Nil (2022: nil) Trustees received Travel Grants of £Nil (2022: nil).

The Society has no employees.

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4. Restricted funds

2023	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,324	-	-	-	1,324
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	-	40,000	40,000	-	-
CoB/PI Travel Fund	28,555	-	7,500	-	21,055
CoB/Training Course Fund	<u>5,643</u>	-	-	-	<u>5,643</u>
	<u>35,522</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>47,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,022</u>

2022	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,324	-	-	-	1,324
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	37,987	-	37,987	-	-
CoB/PI Travel Fund	33,422	-	4,867	-	28,555
CoB/Training Course Fund	<u>5,643</u>	-	-	-	<u>5,643</u>
	<u>78,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,522</u>

The Abercrombie Conference Fund is money held on behalf of the Trustees of the Abercrombie Conference Fund which will be used to sponsor meetings on cell motility.

The CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund relates to funds granted specifically to enable the making of grants to student delegates to cover the costs of travel to meetings of the Society.

The CoB/PI Travel Fund relates to grants made to members and principal Investigators to enable them to travel to cell biology meetings – not just BSCB meetings, but also other meetings where cell biology is covered.

The CoB/Training Course Fund relates to grants made to members to attend training courses.

Further details of the awards made in the year are given in the Executive Committee's Report.

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5. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>699</u>	<u>1,119</u>

6. Creditors due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>13,959</u>	<u>3,070</u>

7. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	222,201	28,022	250,223
Current liabilities	<u>(13,959)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,959)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>208,242</u>	<u>28,022</u>	<u>236,264</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	231,122	35,522	266,644
Current liabilities	<u>(3,070)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>228,052</u>	<u>35,522</u>	<u>263,574</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 265816

Accounts

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Reference of Administrative Details

Trustees/Officers:	<p>Anne Ridley (President resigned 21.11.22) Laura Machesky (President appointed 21.11.22) Carine De Marcos Lousa (Secretary) David Elliott (Treasurer resigned 03.04.22) Giampietro Schiavo (Treasurer appointed 03.04.22) Susana Godinho (Meetings Convenor) Jason King (Membership Secretary) Ann Wheeler (Newsletter Editor resigned 21.11.22) Ciaran Morrison (Newsletter Editor appointed 21.11.22) Tom Nightingale (Newsletter Editor appointed 21.11.22) Stephen Robinson (Website Co-ordinator)</p>
Other Executive Committee Members:	<p>Sharon Tooze (Honor Fell secretary) Folma Buss (Honor Fell secretary) Maria Balda (Summer studentships resigned 21.11.22) Victoria Cowling (Summer studentships appointed 21.11.22) Jenny Rohn (Science advocacy officer resigned 21.11.22) Darius Koester (Science advocacy officer appointed 21.11.22) Viji Draviam (appointed 21.11.22) Nathalie Signoret (appointed 21.11.22) Simon Allison (appointed 21.11.22) David Booth (appointed 21.11.22) Alex Fellows (Postdoc representative) Emily Lucas (PhD student representative appointed 21.11.22) Rowan Taylor (PhD student representative resigned 21.11.22)</p>
Co-opted Committee Members:	<p>David Archer (Schools Liaison)</p>
Key Management Personnel:	<p>Prof A Ridley (President) Prof G Schiavo (Treasurer) Carine De Marcos Lousa (Secretary)</p>
Bankers:	<p>HSBC Bank plc Arlington Business Centre Millshaw Park Lane Leeds LS11 0PA</p> <p>National Savings & Investment Glasgow G58 1SB</p> <p>Virgin Money, Jubilee House, Gosforth Newcastle NE3 4PL</p>
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**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Officers (who are the trustees of the Society for the purposes of charity law) have pleasure in presenting their report and the independently examined accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2022. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102); and the constitution of the Society.

Structure, Governance and Management

Officers and committee

Under the constitution of the Society, the Officers of the Society are a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Meetings Convenor, a Membership Secretary, a Newsletter Editor and a Website Co-ordinator. There is also an Executive Committee of the Society consisting of the Officers and twelve other elected members.

The Executive Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the Officers being elected by the Executive Committee and the President being nominated by the Executive Committee.

The trustees are trained by having an at least 1 year transition period in which case the new trustee shadows the previous trustee, thus ensuring they know how to fill the role.

The Executive Committee prepares the Agenda for meetings of the Society, and between meetings acts as necessary on behalf of the Society; reporting on any such actions to the next meeting of the Society.

The individuals who served as Officers and Executive Committee members during the year, and since the year-end, were as follows:

Dr D Archer	(Joined 1998)	Dr C de Marcos Lousa	(Joined 2018)
		Dr J King	(Joined 2018)
		Prof C Morrison	(Joined 2019)
		Ms R Taylor	(Joined 2020)
		Prof V Cowling	(Joined 2020)
Prof M Balda	(Joined 2016)	Dr T Nightingale	(Joined 2020)
Prof D Elliott	(Joined 2016)	Prof G Schiavo	(Joined 2020)
Dr A Wheeler	(Joined 2016)	Dr A Fellows	(Joined 2020)
		Dr David Booth	(Joined 2022)
Dr S Godinho	(Joined 2017)	Dr D Koester	(Joined 2022)
Dr F Buss	(Joined 2017)	Prof V Draviam	(Joined 2022)
Dr S Tooze	(Joined 2017)	Prof L Machesky	(Joined 2022)
Prof A Ridley	(Joined 2017)	Prof N Signoret	(Joined 2022)
Dr S Robinson	(Joined 2017)	Ms E Lucas	(Joined 2022)
Dr J Rohn	(Joined 2017)	Dr S Allison	(Joined 2022)

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The Executive Committee members in office at the date of this report are detailed on the previous page. The Key Management Personnel of the charity as listed on page 1 are in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. No remuneration is paid to any of the Key Management Personnel or the other trustees.

Constitution

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965 and amended in 2014. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816.

Risk assessment

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, as identified by the Executive Committee, have been reviewed in the year and systems are in place to mitigate those.

As we are a society, one major risk is a drop in numbers of members. To mitigate this risk, we have introduced easier ways of maintaining membership via direct debit, and introductory packages for PhD students that include 3 years membership at reduced rate. We hope that once students see the benefit of membership they will continue once they graduate.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society are to promote the advancement of research in relation to all branches of cell biology and to encourage the interchange of information and support career development. The Society generally aims to fulfil these objects by organising and sponsoring meetings each year on topics relevant to cell biology; funding travel grants to PhD students, postdoctoral scientists and group leaders; Funding training courses in Cell Biology for early career scientists; Issuing a yearly newsletter and maintaining a website (www.bsrb.org).

The Executive Committee confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Company of Biologists (CoB) awarded the BSCB with a Block Grant of £35,000 in 2022, and kindly allowed the BSCB to carry over funding for the Hon Fell Travel Grants, and grants for PI Support Grants and Practical Courses. The support provided by the CoB is vitally important for the BSCB and enables it to promote Cell Biology within the UK across schools, universities and to support the research community. Despite the continuing threat represented by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, hybrid and all in person conferences and meetings have been resumed in 2022. Similarly, other activities, such as summer placements, have resumed this year after the pandemic. As a result of this reopening, the BSCB has experienced a huge increment in funding demands for travel grants and summer fellowships. In contrast, the BSCB did not receive the same increase of requests for PI support and for courses.

Membership

The BSCB currently have 985 members, of which 334 are students. The total membership is at the same level of last year, nevertheless, the BSCB is going to launch new membership initiatives in the autumn to secure new members. Our membership fulfilment services are provided by HG3 Ltd.

Scientific Networking

After two years focused on the organization of virtual meetings (e.g., Dynamic Cell IV in partnership with the Biochemical Society in spring 2021; joint virtual meeting with the French Society for Cell Biology in September 2021), the BSCB has resumed its well-established function of organising scientific meetings for the Cell Biology community. We co-organised a joint BSCB/BSDB hybrid meeting at Warwick University (April 3-6, 2022). The conference was very successful with over 500 participants on site, and 278 posters submitted. The hybrid format helped to broadcast lectures from the very few speakers who could not travel. However, we had surprisingly only a limited number of online registrations (21).

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Given the high cost of the hybrid option (about £30k), the BSCB plans to consider at the next committee meeting in November cost vs inclusivity opportunity for next events. In addition, we provided support for several annual short meetings: Motors in Quarantine (virtual only), UK Cilia Network (virtual only), North of England Cell Biology, UK Microbiology Network, the British Microtubule meeting, the North of England Cell Biology, Membrane Traffic Meeting, Extracellular vesicles in Inter-organismal communication meeting, and the Actin theme meeting. All applications asked for the maximum of £1,200. Selected reports from these smaller meetings will be published in the BCSB Magazine where they are widely accessible to all members. We also supported the UK RNA splicing workshop, and the Molecular motors conference.

Career development

BSCB postdoc and PhD representatives have pioneered two new prizes (see below) to recognize excellence at their career stages. At the joint BSCB/BSDB meeting, they ran a very successful career workshop, in which various sessions took place, including a 30 min career talk, a "scientific speed dating" session with 130 people in person and live streaming, pub quiz e a meet the speakers event. Emily Lucas has been recruited as the new BSCB PhD representative replacing Rowan Taylor, who has recently graduated.

Summer Internships

These awards aim to encourage the very best undergraduate students to consider research careers in cell biology. Awards were based on competitive applications scored by six members of the BSCB committee. In 2022, we received 43 applications (a 34% increase from 2021) and chose 12 for funding. These research projects were designed to be carried out in the laboratory, but several had contingency plans for been carried out remotely, if necessary, e.g., using bioinformatics approaches, with a description of how remote supervision would be conducted. We also increased our stipend to £340/week (to be in line with the minimum wage for under 23s, which is £9.18 for a 36.5 h week and increased living costs). Most projects were for 8 weeks. Each of the students will produce a report that will be published in the BSCB newsletter.

Scientific Awards

We continued to promote Cell Biology by awarding prestigious scientific prizes at multiple career levels. The **Hooke medal** is awarded to an outstanding cell biologist who started their own laboratory within the last 14 years. In 2022, we awarded the Hooke Medal to **Jeremy Carlton** of the School of Cancer and Pharmaceutical Sciences at King's College London. Jeremy is currently seconded to the Francis Crick Institute and his research group investigate organelle remodelling during cell division, membrane and organellar repair and organelle remodelling during cell migration. The other BSCB senior award is the **Women in Cell Biology (WICB) Early Career Medal**, which was established in 2015 to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BSCB. It is an annual honour awarded to an outstanding female cell biologist who has started her own research group in the UK within the last seven years. In 2022, the WICB award went to **Laura Greaves**, a group leader in the Wellcome Centre for Mitochondrial Research at Newcastle University. Laura made fundamental contributions to the understanding of metabolic remodelling in intestinal cell metabolism in response to age-associated mitochondrial DNA mutations, opening up a unique research niche at the interface of ageing and cancer. This BSCB award contributes to recognising women's success and in providing role models for future generations.

Two recently established junior prizes, which are awarded by ad-hoc committee led by the BSCB postdoc and PhD representatives, are associated with 2 new medals. The **BSCB postdoc award** is given to the next generation of inspirational scientific leaders, who have already made a major contribution to UK/Ireland Cell Biology during their postdoctoral training. The BSCB Postdoctoral Researcher Medal Winner 2022 is **Adam Shellard**, a postdoctoral fellow at University College London (UCL). After a PhD at UCL dedicated to clarifying how neural crest cells undergo chemotaxis in *Xenopus* and zebrafish embryos, Adam transitioned to mechanobiology, investigating the role of stiffness and mechanical interplay between tissues for collective cell migration. He discovered that cells can generate

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and follow their own stiffness gradients in vivo to enable directional movement. He also established a cell migration seminar series that has been running virtually since the start of the pandemic. **Florence Young** won the **2022 Raff Medal for PhD student research**. Florence's PhD project in the lab of Simon Bullock at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge investigated links between neurodegenerative disease and impairment of microtubule-related processes. Her project focused on the most common inherited form of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and frontotemporal dementia (FTD). By combining single-molecule imaging in vitro with genetic and imaging-based analyses in vivo, Florence's work revealed that disease-associated peptides bind the unstructured tails of microtubules, thereby impeding motility of microtubule motors and dysregulating microtubule nucleation and growth. In addition to her research, Florence also ran two international student symposia and careers events through her role as president of the LMB Graduate Student Association. She also undertook a three-month UKRI Research Policy Internship. The four winners were awarded their medals during the 2022 joint BSCB/BSDB meeting. Further details of their work could be found on the BSCB website.

Two additional BSCB competitions are opened each year to junior scientists: the **BSCB Science Writing Prize** and **Image Competition**. The winning image was submitted by **Felix Mikus** (EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany) with honourable mentions for Sam Dunkley (QMUL) and Tom Mitchell (University of Bristol). The winning essay entitled "In Search of the Holy Grail" and focussed on ageing was submitted by **Amy Stainthorp** from the University of Leeds. These awards have been presented during the 2022 joint BSCB/BSDB meeting and published on the BSCB website and magazine.

Supporting attendance at scientific meetings

The Company of Biologists/Honor Fell Travel Awards (HFTA) have been extremely popular, enabling students and postdocs to attend meetings worldwide. These are administered by Folma Buss and Sharon Tooze. Because attending international meetings is a crucial aspect of early career scientist training, we attempt to fund all eligible applications providing they are presenting a poster. As mentioned before, we experienced an overwhelming interest for this scheme, with 63 awards made in the first eight months of 2022 for a total of £33,863.81.

The BSCB PI Support scheme is also very important. Normally this enables PIs with limited or no funding to attend meetings to support their development. Despite the relaxation of the COVID-19 rules, applications for this scheme have not been at the same level of other funding initiatives (e.g., HFTA). Similarly, the Practical Courses fund has been undersubscribed. We aim to advertise more this possible source of funding to members. Details of the application process for these CoB Award Schemes are provided on the BSCB website (www.bsdb.org) and BSCB Magazine.

Outreach Activities

Jenny Rohn is our "Science Advocacy and Outreach Officer and continues to use the email list of interested BSCB members to coordinate our society's responses to various governmental calls for consultation flagged up by the Royal Society of Biology. This year, these have included an all-party parliamentary group seeking to update the government's Biological Security strategy, including pandemics and antimicrobial resistance; and a specific call to look at ways to increase inclusion of minority groups in science and mathematics, including women, people with disabilities and other marginalised groups. Key science policy information is shared with our membership via the website and Magazine.

We also published our 2022 BSCB magazine to publicize the BSCB and our work, and maintained a twitter feed. The BSCB magazine is in colour, the last edition has been printed in 1,000 copies and posted to all members. It was also available at the joint BSCB/BSDB meeting in Warwick for people to pick up and take away. Tom Nightingale and Ciaran Morrison are the committee members responsible for this task and are finalising the new editorial topic on sustainability in cell biology.

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We also continue to support public engagement via education, through e-learning pages 'softCELL and 'CELLpics' on our website, which are coordinated by David Archer, the Schools Liaison officer. 'SoftCELL' is a reliable, authoritative and unique source. However, we observed that its impact is diminished because young people in school tend to turn to popular platforms, such as YouTube, for information, which however contain information of variable quality, both in terms of content and presentation.

Website and Social Media

The BSCB website also allows members and the wider cell biology community to keep informed about our activities. We are in the process of revamping the BSCB website, a process coordinated by committee member Stephen Robinson with the external support of the company Blue2. The new BSCB website will be directly linked to social media, such as Twitter and YouTube, and will be more accessible to members with disabilities. The CoB logo is placed in a prominent position on the top of the sidebar and on every page, and the CoB's very generous support is acknowledged on the main landing page text and at various places throughout the site.

The BSCB committee has recently decided to enhance the BSCB presence on social media, mostly Twitter. To this end, the BSCB has adopted the creation of a twitter subgroup (Viji Draviam, Susana Godinho, Jennifer Rohn, Stephen Robinson) who will share the BSCB twitter login details and will regularly tweet about cell biology from the @official_BSCB account, inviting ambassadors and students to retweet.

Financial Review

Reserves

The Executive Committee regularly reviews the reserves of the charity to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available for the Society to meet its ongoing obligations. The trustees require a level of unrestricted free reserves of £125,000 to meet existing and committed expenditure in case income is not received. Total funds at 31 December 2022 were £263,574 (2021 funds: £330,891, and 2020: £327,495). Of these, £35,522 (2021: £78,376) were restricted unspent COB grants. Unrestricted funds, which constitute free reserves were £228,052 (2021: £252,515). The current level of free reserves is therefore higher than is needed to cover all the existing and committed expenditure.

We introduced a vacation studentship scheme in 2011 to provide training opportunities for undergraduate students. These will utilise some of the reserves in a controlled manner over several years.

Investment Policy

The Executive Committee's policy at present is to invest in low-risk and reasonably liquid assets, so that funds are available to meet any unforeseen needs that arise because of meeting activities.

Future Plans

We are currently planning in person meetings for 2023-2025. In particular, the Dynamic Cell V, jointly organised with Biochemical Society, has taken place in the Spring 2023. The BSCB will also co-organise the European Cytoskeleton Forum meeting with the Biochemical Society, which will be focused on cell migration and mechanical forces and will include a specific session of early career researchers. The 2025 Meeting will be the Commemorative CoB 100-year Anniversary Conference (in the UK) with BSCB, SEB and BSDB, likely to take place in April 2025. The goal is to bring the three societies together in a larger conference covering the three interest areas.

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Executive Committee's Responsibilities

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Committee have:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Society has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. It is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee



16 May 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of 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 the 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.



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Date: 16 May 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Grants	2	35,000	-	35,000	35,000	-	35,000
Investments		453	-	453	36	-	36
Charitable activities							
Subscriptions		33,016	-	33,016	26,353	-	26,353
Other income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total income		<u>68,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,469</u>	<u>61,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,389</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Grants payable:							
CoB	4	7,964	42,854	50,818	-	3,109	3,109
Other grants		5,723	-	5,723	148	-	148
Studentships		35,055	-	35,055	29,719	-	29,719
Costs of meetings		2,899	-	2,899	2,537	-	2,537
Website expenses		5,816	-	5,816	728	-	728
Newsletter costs		4,033	-	4,033	4,049	-	4,049
Membership fulfilment services		25,654	-	25,654	11,609	-	11,609
Examiner's remuneration		3,119	-	3,119	2,950	-	2,950
Miscellaneous		323	-	323	163	-	163
Subscriptions		705	-	705	1,558	-	1,558
Insurance		1,641	-	1,641	1,423	-	1,423
Total expenditure		<u>92,932</u>	<u>42,854</u>	<u>135,786</u>	<u>54,884</u>	<u>3,109</u>	<u>57,993</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(24,463)	(42,854)	(67,317)	6,505	(3,109)	3,396
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(24,463)	(42,854)	(67,317)	6,505	(3,109)	3,396
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		<u>252,515</u>	<u>78,376</u>	<u>330,891</u>	<u>246,010</u>	<u>81,485</u>	<u>327,495</u>
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2022		<u>228,052</u>	<u>35,522</u>	<u>263,574</u>	<u>252,515</u>	<u>78,376</u>	<u>330,891</u>

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		2022	2021
		£	£
Current assets:			
Debtors	5	1,119	1,213
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>265,525</u>	<u>341,815</u>
		266,644	343,028
Liabilities:			
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</i>	6	<u>3,070</u>	<u>12,137</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	7	<u>263,574</u>	<u>330,891</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	4	35,522	78,376
Unrestricted funds		<u>228,052</u>	<u>252,515</u>
Total funds		<u>263,574</u>	<u>330,891</u>

Approved by the Trustees 16 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. Accounting Policies

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965, and amended in 2014. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816. Its registered office is C/O Prof G Schiavo, Queen Square Institute of Neurology, University College London, Queen Square, London WC2N 3BG. The Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees have prepared detailed forecasts and cashflow projections which they believe are based upon reasonable assumptions. The forecasts show that the charity should be able to operate for the foreseeable future and thus the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

b) Funds

General unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Society that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Society.

Restricted funds are those subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority. The restricted funds of the Society are restricted income funds given for specific purposes, which are expendable at the discretion of the Executive Committee in accordance with particular activities of the Society.

c) Income

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Subscriptions and mailing list sales represent amounts receivable during the year. Meetings income is recognised in the period when the meeting takes place and investment income (which represents interest on National Savings deposits and bank accounts) are the amounts receivable for the year.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Support and governance costs attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across categories based on an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

Grants and awards are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the charity.

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(continued)**

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Joint arrangements

Where applicable the share of income and expenditure from joint arrangements to put on meetings in the year is accounted for under the appropriate heading in the Statement of Financial Activities.

f) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

h) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

i) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

j) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the year-end, with the gain or loss on retranslation going through the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

2. Grants received

Grants of £35,000 (2021: £35,000) were received from The Company of Biologists during the year. £nil (2021: £nil) of this was restricted as set out in Note 4 below, and £35,000 (2021: £35,000) was unrestricted.

3. Executive Committee members and employees

No Executive Committee member or any person connected with them, nor any of the Key Management Personnel received, or is due to receive, any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Society's funds.

There were Nil Executive Committee members paid in 2022 (2021: nil) in respect of reimbursed travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses during the year. There were Nil third parties paid in 2022 (2021: nil) of costs for the Executive Committee to attend the Annual Spring Meeting. Nil (2021: nil) Executive Committee Members received Travel Grants of Nil (2021: £nil).

The Society has no employees.

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4. Restricted funds

2022

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,324	-	-	-	1,324
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	37,987	-	37,987	-	-
CoB/PI Travel Fund	33,422	-	4,867	-	28,555
CoB/Training Course Fund	<u>5,643</u>	-	-	-	<u>5,643</u>
	<u>78,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,522</u>

2021

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,324	-	-	-	1,324
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	41,096	-	3,109	-	37,987
CoB/PI Travel Fund	33,422	-	-	-	33,422
CoB/Training Course Fund	<u>5,643</u>	-	-	-	<u>5,643</u>
	<u>81,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,376</u>

The Abercrombie Conference Fund is money held on behalf of the Trustees of the Abercrombie Conference Fund which will be used to sponsor meetings on cell motility.

The CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund relates to funds granted specifically to enable the making of grants to student delegates to cover the costs of travel to meetings of the Society.

The CoB/PI Travel Fund relates to grants made to members and principal Investigators to enable them to travel to cell biology meetings – not just BSCB meetings, but also other meetings where cell biology is covered.

The CoB/Training Course Fund relates to grants made to members to attend training courses.

Further details of the awards made in the year are given in the Executive Committee's Report.

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5. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,119</u>	<u>1,213</u>

6. Creditors due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,070</u>	<u>12,137</u>

7. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	231,122	35,522	266,644
Current liabilities	<u>(3,070)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,070)</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>228,052</u>	<u>35,522</u>	<u>263,574</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	264,652	78,376	343,028
Current liabilities	<u>(12,137)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,137)</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>252,515</u>	<u>78,376</u>	<u>330,891</u>

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY

England & Wales - Charity number 265816

Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
Registered Charity number: 265816

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
Reference of Administrative Details

Trustees/Officers: Anne Ridley (President)
 Giampietro Schiavo (Treasurer appointed 03.04.2022)
 David Elliott (Treasurer resigned 03.04.2022)
 Carine De Marcos Lousa (Secretary)
 Jason King (Membership secretary)
 Anne Straube (Meetings secretary resigned 01.11.21)
 Susana Godinho (Meetings secretary appointed 01.11.21)
 Sharon Tooze (Honor Fell secretary)
 Folma Buss (Honor Fell secretary)
 Ann Wheeler (Newsletter secretary)
 Stephen Robinson

Other Executive Committee Members: Maria Balda (Summer studentships)
 Alex Fellows Victoria Cowling
 Viji Draviam Jenny Rohn
 Darius Koester Ciaran Morrison
 Tom Nightingale Rowan Taylor

Co-opted Committee Members: David Archer (Schools Liaison)

Key Management Personnel: Prof A Ridley (**President**)
 Prof G Schiavo (**Treasurer**)
 Carine De Marcos Lousa (**Secretary**)

Bankers:

HSBC Bank plc
 Arlington Business Centre
 Millshaw Park Lane
 Leeds LS11 0PA

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**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Officers (who are the trustees of the Society for the purposes of charity law) have pleasure in presenting their report and the independently examined accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2021. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102); and the constitution of the Society.

Structure, Governance and Management

Officers and committee

Under the constitution of the Society, the Officers of the Society are a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Meetings Convenor, a Membership Secretary, a Newsletter Editor and a Website Co-ordinator. There is also an Executive Committee of the Society consisting of the Officers and twelve other elected members.

The Executive Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the Officers being elected by the Executive Committee and the President being nominated by the Executive Committee.

The trustees are trained by having an at least 1 year transition period in which case the new trustee shadows the previous trustee, thus ensuring they know how to fill the role.

The Executive Committee prepares the Agenda for meetings of the Society, and between meetings acts as necessary on behalf of the Society; reporting on any such actions to the next meeting of the Society.

The individuals who served as Officers and Executive Committee members during the year, and since the year-end, were as follows:

Dr D Archer 2018)	(Joined 1998)	Dr C de Marcos Lousa	(Joined
		Dr J King	(Joined 2018)
		Prof C Morrison	(Joined 2019)
Dr A Straube	(Joined 2015)	Ms R Taylor	(Joined 2020)
Dr V Ponnambalam	(Joined 2015)	Prof V Cowling	(Joined
2020)			
Prof M Balda	(Joined 2016)	Dr T Nightingale	(Joined 2020)
Prof D Elliott	(Joined 2016)	Prof G Schiavo	(Joined
2020)			
Dr A Wheeler	(Joined 2016)	Dr A Fellows	(Joined 2020)
Dr S Godinho	(Joined 2017)	Dr D Koester	(Joined 2021)
Dr F Buss	(Joined 2017)	Prof V Draviam	(Joined
2021)			
Dr S Tooze	(Joined 2017)		
Prof A Ridley	(Joined 2017)		
Dr S Robinson	(Joined 2017)		
Dr J Rohn	(Joined 2017)		

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The Executive Committee members in office at the date of this report are detailed on the previous page. The Key Management Personnel of the charity as listed on page 1 are in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. No remuneration is paid to any of the Key Management Personnel or the other trustees.

Constitution

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965 and amended in 2014. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816.

Risk assessment

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, as identified by the Executive Committee, have been reviewed in the year and systems are in place to mitigate those.

As we are a society, one major risk is a drop in numbers of members. To mitigate this risk, we have introduced easier ways of maintaining membership via direct debit, and introductory packages for PhD students that include 3 years membership at reduced rate. We hope that once students see the benefit of membership they will continue once they graduate.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society are to promote the advancement of research in relation to all branches of cell biology and to encourage the interchange of information and support career development. The Society generally aims to fulfil these objects by organising and sponsoring meetings each year on topics relevant to cell biology; funding travel grants to PhD students, postdoctoral scientists and group leaders; Funding training courses in Cell Biology for early career scientists; Issuing a yearly newsletter and maintaining a website (www.bscb.org).

The Executive Committee confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Company of Biologists awarded the BSCB with a Block Grant of £35,000 in 2020, and also kindly allowed us to carry over funding for our HF Travel Grants, and grants for PI travel and Practical Courses. The support provided by the Company of Biologists (COB) is vitally important for the BSCB and enables it to promote Cell Biology within the UK across schools, universities and to support the research community. Given the continuing worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, all in person conferences and meetings planned for this year have been cancelled. As a result of this we have not spent much of the Travel grants. We have been supporting science in other ways for which we have used our block grant.

Membership: We currently have 961 members, of which 352 are students. We recruited 122 new members this year, and are going to have new membership initiatives in the autumn to catch new students. Our membership fulfilment services are provided by HG3 Ltd.

Scientific Networking: Normally much of the activity of the BSCB is centered around organising world-class scientific meetings for the Cell Biology community. Unfortunately, in person meetings have been affected by the pandemic. In Spring 2021 we held a joint meeting with the Biochemical Society (Dynamic Cell IV), that was held

virtually. This event was successful - with 236 participants, national and international speakers, BSCB-funded poster prizes for PhD students and postdocs (1st, 2nd, and 3rd), and special sessions, including on grant writing, that were well attended and interactive.

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Career development. At our Dynamic Cell IV Meeting our postdoc and PhD representatives (1) ran a student/postdoc symposium, choosing 10 speakers from 70 submitted abstracts; (2) a careers event; (3) an interactive discussion about social media in science; and (4) organized the pub quiz and a “meet the medal winners” event. The BSCB committee also launched a brand-new scheme for supporting regional meetings run by PhD students and postdocs on careers and networking. This is advertised now on our website. Given the current COVID-19 situation we have not had many applications, but we hope this will pick up when in-person meetings are possible again. We are encouraging these events to include more than one institution, and to be open to members from across the UK.

Summer Internships: These awards are to encourage the very best undergraduate students to consider research careers in the field of Cell Biology. Awards were based on competitive application, scored by 6 members of the BSCB committee. We received 32 applications and chose 12 for funding in 2021. These research projects were asked to be designed so that they could be carried out remotely, if necessary, e.g., using bioinformatics approaches, with a description of how remote supervision would be conducted. We also increased our stipend to £300/week (to be in line with the minimum wage for under 23s, which is £8.20 for a 36.5-hour week), and most projects are for 8 weeks. Each of the students will produce a report, some of which will be published in our annual BSCB newsletter Magazine.

Scientific Awards: We continued to promote Cell Biology in the UK by awarding prestigious scientific prizes at multiple career levels. The Hooke medal is awarded to an outstanding cell biologist who started their own lab within the last 14 years. This year we awarded our **Hooke Medal** to Stephen Royle of the University of Warwick for his work on membrane trafficking and mitosis in human cells. Another senior award is the Women in Cell Biology (WICB) Early Career Medal, which was established in 2015 to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BSCB. It is an annual honour awarded to an outstanding female cell biologist who has started her own research group in the UK within the last seven years. In 2021, the WICB award went to Vivian Li of the Francis Crick Institute in London for her work on the regulation of intestinal homeostasis and cancer. This BSCB award contributes to recognising women's success and provides role models

for future generations. These prize winners are displayed on our website. Both Stephen and Vivian were awarded their prizes by our president Anne Ridley, at a virtual joint meeting between the BSCB and the French Society for Cell Biology, originally planned in Cell La Vie (F), in September 2021.

This year we also introduced two new prizes. These prizes were conceived and developed by our previous and current BSCB committee postdoc (Gautam Dey, UCL; Alex Fellows, MRC LMB) and PhD (Joyce Yu, Crick Institute; Rowan Taylor, University of Leeds) representatives. This involved the design and manufacture of 2 new medals, with bespoke designs from Beata Science Art being chosen by the BSCB committee.

In the **BSCB postdoc award** we are looking for the next generation of inspirational scientific leaders. The awardee receives free registration, accommodation, and UK/Ireland travel for the next BSCB annual meeting at which they will be presented with a medal and give a short talk. **Agathe Chaigne** won our first ever Postdoc award. Agathe is a Sir Henry Wellcome postdoctoral fellow at the MRC Laboratory for Molecular Cell Biology, University College London, and discovered a key role for the last step of division, abscission, in regulating exit from naive pluripotency.

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Flora Paldi won our inaugural **Raff Medal** for PhD student research. Flora's PhD project (University of Edinburgh) focused on the role of pericentromeric chromosome structure in mitotic chromosome segregation. Flora communicated her findings to national and international conferences. Her work was recently published in Nature, and demonstrated a direct, causal relationship between the three-dimensional organisation of a specific domain with cellular function. Flora was also an active member of the PhD scientific community, and is currently a postdoctoral researcher in Montpellier, France. Both Agatha and Flora were awarded their medals virtually this year at our Dynamic Cell meeting (March 2021), and received their medals by post. Details of their work are on our website.

We run two additional competitions each year which are open to junior scientists: the **BSCB Science Writing Prize** and **Image Competition** with deadlines in July 2021. The winning essay and images will be presented on our website and in our magazine.

Supporting attendance at scientific meetings. Because attending international meetings is a crucial aspect of early career scientist training, we attempt to fund all eligible applications. This year has been a bit slower because of the worldwide pandemic.

Outreach Activities: Committee member Jenny Rohn from University College London (UCL) is our "Science Advocacy and Outreach Officer". Again, there has been less on this year because of the pandemic. Jenny has used the email list of interested BSCB members to coordinate our society's responses to various calls for consultation issued by the Royal Society of Biology (of which we are a Member Organisation). These have included an all-party parliamentary group investigating diversity and inclusion in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to promote a diverse and inclusive environment; and a DEFRA (Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) consultation on non-human genome editing and genetically modified organisms. Key science policy information is shared with our membership via the website and Magazine

We recently published our 2021 BSCB Magazine to publicize the BSCB and our work, and we maintain an active twitter feed. The BSCB magazine is in colour, and posted to all members as well as being available on our website. Tom Nightingale and Ciaran Morrison are taking over as committee members responsible for the Magazine from Ann Wheeler.

We continue to support public engagement via education, through e-learning pages 'softCELL and 'CELLpics' on our website. David Archer, our Schools Liaison officer, is updating sections on cancer at the moment, and these are going to be uploaded on our website. David also wrote a piece about the effect that Covid-19 was having on children's education for our Magazine.

Website and Social Media: The BSCB website allows members and the wider cell biology community to keep informed about our activities. The Company of Biologists logo is placed in a prominent position on the top of the sidebar and on every page, and the Company of Biologists' very generous support is acknowledged on the main landing page text and at various places throughout the site. We also promote the Company of Biologists events and journals on our website and in our Magazine, and through re-tweeting. This year we have a new website officer, Stephen Robinson, who has taken over from Judith Sleeman. Stephen is working to revamp our website this year.

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
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Financial Review

Reserves

The Executive Committee regularly reviews the reserves of the charity to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available for the Society to meet its ongoing obligations. The trustees require a level of unrestricted free reserves of £125,000 to meet existing and committed expenditure in case income is not received. Total funds at 31 December 2021 were £330,891 (2020 funds: £327,495, and 2019: £249,948). Of these, £78,376 (2020: £81,485) were restricted unspent COB grants. Unrestricted funds, which constitute free reserves were £252,515 (2020: £246,010). The current level of free reserves is therefore higher than is needed to cover all the existing and committed expenditure.

We introduced a vacation studentship scheme in 2011 to provide training opportunities for undergraduate students. These will utilise some of the reserves in a controlled manner over several years.

Investment Policy

The Executive Committee's policy at present is to invest in low-risk and reasonably liquid assets, so that funds are available to meet any unforeseen needs that arise because of meeting activities.

Future Plans

We have an exciting joint meeting planned with the French Society for Cell Biology. We will also support a number of other cell biology meetings in response to funding applications. Planning for future meetings has commenced. We will continue to support

1 day focused meetings, summer studentships and more generally Cell Biology in the UK.

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
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Executive Committee's Responsibilities

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Committee have:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Society has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. It is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society. It is also responsible for safeguarding the

assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee

24/06/2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of 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 the 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.

Miriam Hickson CTA FCA
Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
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Date:

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Not e	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Total 2021	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Grants	2	35,000	-	35,000	35,000	62,500	97,500
Investments		36	-	36	887	-	887
Charitable activities							
Subscriptions		26,353	-	26,353	30,057	-	30,057
Other income		-	-	-	3,547	-	3,547
Total income		<u>61,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,389</u>	<u>69,491</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>131,991</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Grants payable:							
CoB	4	-	3,109	3,109	-	4,650	4,650
Other grants		148	-	148	1,030	500	1,530
Studentships		29,719	-	29,719	20,865	-	20,865
Costs of meetings		2,537	-	2,537	3,374	-	3,374
Website expenses		728	-	728	588	-	588
Newsletter costs		4,049	-	4,049	4,075	-	4,075
Membership fulfilment services		11,609	-	11,609	13,724	-	13,724
Examiner's remuneration		2,950	-	2,950	2,760	-	2,760
Miscellaneous		163	-	163	219	-	219
Subscriptions		1,558	-	1,558	1,542	-	1,542
Insurance		<u>1,423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,423</u>	<u>1,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,117</u>
Total expenditure		<u>54,884</u>	<u>3,109</u>	<u>57,993</u>	<u>49,294</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>54,444</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		6,505	(3,109)	3,396	20,197	57,350	77,547
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		6,505	(3,109)	3,396	20,197	57,350	77,547
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		<u>246,010</u>	<u>81,485</u>	<u>327,495</u>	<u>225,813</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>249,948</u>

**Funds carried
forward at 31
December 2021**

252,515

78,376

330,891

246,010

81,485

327,495

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

		2021	2020
		£	£
Current assets:			
Debtors	5	1,213	2,859
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>341,815</u>	<u>337,304</u>
		343,028	340,163
Liabilities:			
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</i>	6	<u>12,137</u>	<u>12,668</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	7	<u>330,891</u>	<u>327,495</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	4	78,376	81,485
Unrestricted funds		<u>252,515</u>	<u>246,010</u>
Total funds		<u>330,891</u>	<u>327,495</u>

Approved by the Trustees 24/06/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Carine Marcos de Lousa
Trustee

Giampietro Schiavo
Trustee

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1. Accounting Policies

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965, and amended in 2014. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816. It's registered office is C/O Prof G Schiavo, Queen Square Institute of Neurology, University College London, Queen Square, London WC2N 3BG. The Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees have prepared detailed forecasts and cashflow projections which they believe are based upon reasonable assumptions. The forecasts show that the charity should be able to operate for the foreseeable future and thus the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

b) Funds

General unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Society that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Society.

Restricted funds are those subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority. The restricted funds of the Society are restricted income funds given for specific purposes, which are expendable at the discretion of the Executive Committee in accordance with particular activities of the Society.

c) Income

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Subscriptions and mailing list sales represent amounts receivable during the year. Meetings income is recognised in the period when the meeting takes place and investment income (which represents interest on National Savings deposits and bank accounts) are the amounts receivable for the year.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Support and governance costs attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across categories based on an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

Grants and awards are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the charity.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Joint arrangements

Where applicable the share of income and expenditure from joint arrangements to put on meetings in the year is accounted for under the appropriate heading in the Statement of Financial Activities.

f) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

h) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

i) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

j) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the year-end, with the gain or loss on retranslation going through the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

2. Grants received

Grants of £35,000 (2020: £97,500) were received from The Company of Biologists during the year. £nil (2020: £62,500) of this was restricted as set out in Note 4 below, and £35,000 (2020: £35,000) was unrestricted.

3. Executive Committee members and employees

No Executive Committee member or any person connected with them, nor any of the Key Management Personnel received, or is due to receive, any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Society's funds.

There were Nil Executive Committee members paid in 2021 (2020: nil) in respect of reimbursed travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses during the year. There were Nil third parties paid in 2021 (2020: nil) of costs for the Executive Committee to attend the Annual Spring Meeting. Nil (2020: nil) Executive Committee Members received Travel Grants of Nil (2020: £nil).

The Society has no employees.

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4. Restricted funds

2021

	Balance b/f	Incom	Expenditur	Transfer	Balance
	£	e	e	s	c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,324	-	-	-	1,324
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	41,096	-	3,109	-	37,987
CoB/PI Travel Fund	33,422	-	-	-	33,422
CoB/Training Course Fund	<u>5,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,643</u>
	<u>81,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,376</u>

2020

	Balance b/f	Incom	Expenditur	Transfe	Balance
	£	e	e	rs	c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,824	-	500	-	1,324
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	8,246	37,500	4,650	-	41,096
CoB/PI Travel Fund	13,422	20,000	-	-	33,422
CoB/Training Course Fund	<u>643</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,643</u>
	<u>24,135</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,485</u>

The Abercrombie Conference Fund is money held on behalf of the Trustees of the Abercrombie Conference Fund which will be used to sponsor meetings on cell motility.

The CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund relates to funds granted specifically to enable the making of grants to student delegates to cover the costs of travel to meetings of the Society.

The CoB/PI Travel Fund relates to grants made to members and principal Investigators to enable them to travel to cell biology meetings - not just BSCB meetings, but also other meetings where cell biology is covered.

The CoB/Training Course Fund relates to grants made to members to attend training courses.

Further details of the awards made in the year are given in the Executive Committee's Report.

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5. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,213</u>	<u>2,859</u>

6. Creditors due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>12,137</u>	<u>12,668</u>

7**. Analysis of net assets by fund**

	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	264,652	78,376	343,028
Current liabilities	<u>(12,137)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,137)</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>252,515</u>	<u>78,376</u>	<u>330,891</u>
	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	258,678	81,485	340,163
Current liabilities	<u>(12,668)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,668)</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>246,010</u>	<u>81,485</u>	<u>327,495</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Registered Charity number: 265816

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THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
Reference of Administrative Details

Trustees/Officers: Anne Ridley (President)
David Elliott (Treasurer)
Vas Ponnambalam (Secretary resigned 14.5.2020)
Carine De Marcos Lousa (Secretary appointed 14.5.20)
Andrew Carter (Membership secretary resigned 14.5.20)
Jason King (Membership secretary appointed 14.5.20)
Anne Straube (Meetings secretary)
Sharon Tooze (Honor Fell secretary)
Folma Buss (Honor Fell secretary)
Ann Wheeler (Newsletter secretary)
Judith Sleeman (Web secretary resigned 14.5.2020)
Stephen Robinson (Web secretary appointed 14.5.20)

Other Executive Committee Members: Maria Balda (Summer studentships)
Guatam Dey - Alex Fellows
Susana Godinho - Jenny Rohn
Julie Welburn - Ciaran Morrison
Giampietro Schiavo - Victoria Cowling
Tom Nightingale - Joyce Yu

Co-opted Committee Members: David Archer (Schools Liaison)

Key Management Personnel: Prof A Ridley (**President**)
Prof D Elliott (**Treasurer**)
Carine De Marcos Lousa (**Secretary**)

Bankers: HSBC Bank plc
Arlington Business Centre
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**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Officers (who are the trustees of the Society for the purposes of charity law) have pleasure in presenting their report and the independently examined accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2020. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS102)), Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102); and the constitution of the Society.

Structure, Governance and Management

Officers and committee

Under the constitution of the Society, the Officers of the Society are a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Meetings Convenor, a Membership Secretary, a Newsletter Editor and a Website Co-ordinator. There is also an Executive Committee of the Society consisting of the Officers and twelve other elected members.

The Executive Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the Officers being elected by the Executive Committee and the President being nominated by the Executive Committee.

The trustees are trained by having an at least 1 year transition period in which case the new trustee shadows the previous trustee, thus ensuring they know how to fill the role.

The Executive Committee prepares the Agenda for meetings of the Society, and between meetings acts as necessary on behalf of the Society; reporting on any such actions to the next meeting of the Society.

The individuals who served as Officers and Executive Committee members during the year, and since the year-end, were as follows:

Dr D Archer (Joined 1998)	Dr S Robinson (Joined April 2017)
Dr J Welburn (Joined April 2014)	Dr J Rohn (Joined 2017)
Dr J Sleeman (Joined April 2015)	Dr S Tooze (Joined April 2017)
Dr A Straube (Joined 2015)	Dr F Boss (Joined April 2017)
Dr A Carter (Joined April 2016)	Dr C de Marcos Lousa (Joined 2018)
Prof M Balda (Joined April 2016)	Dr J King (Joined 2018)
Prof D Elliott (Joined April 2016)	Prof C Morrison (Joined 2019)
Dr V Ponnambalam (Joined April 2016)	Ms R Taylor (Joined 2020)
Dr A Wheeler (Joined April 2016)	Dr A Fellows (Joined 2020)
Dr G Dey (Joined 2017)	Prof G Schiavo (Joined 2020)
Dr S Godinho (Joined April 2017)	Prof V Cowling (Joined 2020)
Prof A Ridley (Joined April 2017)	Dr T Nightingale (Joined 2020)

The Executive Committee members in office at the date of this report are detailed on the previous page. The Key Management Personnel of the charity as listed on page 1 are in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. No remuneration is paid to any of the Key Management Personnel or the other trustees.

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Constitution

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965 and amended in 2014. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816.

Risk assessment

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, as identified by the Executive Committee, have been reviewed in the year and systems are in place to mitigate those.

As we are a society, one major risk is a drop in numbers of members. To mitigate this risk, we have introduced easier ways of maintaining membership via direct debit, and introductory packages for PhD students that include 3 years membership at reduced rate. We hope that once students see the benefit of membership they will continue once they graduate.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Society are to promote the advancement of research in relation to all branches of cell biology and to encourage the interchange of information and support career development. The Society generally aims to fulfil these objects by organising and sponsoring meetings each year on topics relevant to cell biology; funding travel grants to PhD students, postdoctoral scientists and group leaders; Funding training courses in Cell Biology for early career scientists; Issuing a yearly newsletter and maintaining a website (www.bsbc.org).

The Executive Committee confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

In early 2020 the CoB awarded a Block Grant of £35,000, a Travel Grant of £37,500, plus a generous additional £25,000 for PI travel and Practical Courses Grant. We are using these funds for organising meetings, funding smaller meetings on specific topics, career events, funding scientists to attend meetings, maintaining a functional good quality website (www.bsbc.org), an annual newsletter, prestigious medal awards based on scientific excellence, annual essay and image competitions, and internships for undergraduates. The support provided by the Company of Biologists (COB) is vitally important for the BSCB and enables it to promote Cell Biology within the UK across schools, universities and to support the research community.

Membership: We recorded 909 fully paid-up members as at 25 February 2021 of the BSCB, of whom 620 are full members, 271 are student members, 15 are retired members and 3 are school teachers. Our membership fulfilment services are now provided by HG3 Ltd.

Scientific Networking: Normally much of the activity of the BSCB is centered around organising world-class scientific meetings for the Cell Biology community. We have put a lot of effort into organizing during 2020, but unfortunately the resulting meetings have been affected by the pandemic. For 2020 we organised a joint meeting "Building the Cell" with Société de Biologie Cellulaire de France (SBCF) in Paris at the Institute Pasteur on 23-25 September 2020. This has now been postponed until when we hope it will be able to go ahead in person.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Scientific Networking (continued):

It will include sessions on cytoskeleton dynamics, cell polarity, membrane trafficking, cellular microbiology, mechanobiology, nuclear organisation, cell division and cell cycle, new methods for cell biology, and synthetic biology. In spring 2021 we planned a joint meeting with Biochemical Society (Dynamic Cell IV), and this ran virtually. In addition, we provided support for a number of annual short meetings including a Host-bacterial interface meeting, the British Microtubule meeting (postponed to May 2021), the UK Membrane Trafficking meeting in London, the North of England Cell Biology meeting in Leeds, A Cilia meeting (held virtually over 3 days, with the in-person meeting to be held in May 2021), and the Actin meeting (a regular one day meeting attracting 160 scientists every year). Selected meeting reports from these smaller meetings will be published in the BCSB Magazine where they are widely accessible to all our members. Next year we will continue to support meetings on request from our members.

Career Development: Our postdoc and PhD representatives have developed a new prize to recognize excellence at this earlier career stage. We have also initiated a new scheme for regional meeting run by PhD students and postdocs dedicated to careers and networking. This is advertised now on our website. At the moment we have not had many applications, but we hope this will pick up. We are encouraging these events to include more than one institution, and to be open to members from across the UK.

Summer Internships: These are aimed at encouraging the very best undergraduate students to consider research careers in the field of Cell Biology. Summer projects have been a challenge this year, and a lot of summer research schemes have been cancelled. However, we very much wanted this current year of students not to miss out on being able to participate in a summer project, so we kept ours open. We received 28 applications and chose 12 for funding. These projects were designed so that they could be carried out remotely if necessary, e.g., using bioinformatics approaches. We also increased our stipend to £250/week (to be in line with the Wellcome Trust, and in consultation with the Royal Society of Biology), and most projects are for 8 weeks. Each of the students will produce a report that we publish in our newsletter. We wish to continue this very popular scheme next year, when we hope that it will be possible to do lab based projects as normal.

Scientific awards: We continued to promote Cell Biology by making prestigious scientific awards at multiple career levels. **One of the senior awards is the WICB Early Career Medal**, which was established in 2015 to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BSCB. It is an annual honour awarded to an outstanding female cell biologist who has started her own research group in the UK within the last seven years. In 2020 this award went to Yanlan Mao, who is a Group Leader at the MRC Laboratory for Molecular Cell Biology, University College London, for her work on biomechanics. We hope that this BSCB award contributes to recognising women's success and in providing role models for future generations. We awarded our **Hooke Medal** to Ian Chambers of Edinburgh University for his work on stem cell biology.

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Scientific awards (continued):

The Hooke medal is awarded to an outstanding cell biologist of either gender who started their own lab within the last 14 years. At the moment these prize winners are displayed on our website. We plan for Yanlan Mao and Ian Chambers to receive their medals at our virtual meeting planned for next year –along with next year's winners of these prizes as well. We will then add their associated talks onto our website as well. Both of the above competitions were extremely competitive, with many top quality applications. We run two additional competitions each year which are open to less senior scientists. The **BSCB Science Writing Prize** was awarded to Alexandra Bisia, a second year of doctoral studies at the University of Oxford in the Chromosome and Developmental Biology Wellcome Trust programme. Her essay was "One for all, all for one, or – what does it take to be multicellular?" Comments from the selection panel were that "This year's winning entry is a tour de force of writing — nuanced, humorous and highly original". The **image competition** was won by Hope Isobel Needs, a PhD student at Bristol University, who submitted a beautiful Structured Illumination Microscopy (SIM) image of a HeLa cell. The runners up prizes went to Karl Norris (a postdoc at Leeds University, who submitted an image of spermatogenesis in the fruit fly); and Drinalda Cela (a PhD student at Bristol University for her images of neutrophils). The winning essay and all these images are on our website.

In addition to our existing scientific prizes, this year we introduced a new award, the **BSCB Postdoctoral Researcher Medal** to recognise early career researchers who have made a major contribution to UK/Ireland Cell Biology during their postdoctoral training (<https://bscb.org/competitions-awardsgrants/bscb-postdoctoral-researcher-medal/>). In the BSCB postdoc award we are looking for the next generation of inspirational scientific leaders. The awardee will receive free registration, accommodation, and UK/Ireland travel for the upcoming BSCB annual meeting at which they will be presented with a medal and give a short talk.

Supporting attendance at scientific meetings. Because attending international meetings is a crucial aspect of early career scientist training, we attempt to fund all eligible applications. This year has been a bit slower because of the worldwide pandemic. There were 11 applications between January and March, but 5 of these meetings were cancelled so we are recovering the funds.

Outreach Activities: Committee member Jennifer Rohn from University College London (UCL) is our "Science Advocacy and Outreach officer". Jennifer has used the email list of interested BSCB members to coordinate our society's responses to various calls for consultation issued by the Royal Society of biology. These have included UKRI Open Access (OA) Review Consultation (April 2020), The WHO Expert Advisory Committee on Developing Global Standards for Governance and Oversight of Human Genome Editing (January 2020); and the UKRI Plan S policy development (December 2019). Jennifer also wrote an article in the BSCB Magazine about her Science Advocacy role, explaining why embracing science policy is good for our community and encouraging people to get involved when calls for consultation come up. Key science policy information will be shared with our membership via the website and Magazine.

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Outreach Activities (continued):

We also support public engagement via education, through e-learning pages 'softCELL' and 'CELLpics' on our website. The e-learning softCELL section of the BSCB website and 'CELLpics' information delivery is targeted at students studying for 'A-level' biology or equivalent. Website statistics show these pages were accessed more than 170,000 times last year. Our schools' officer, David Archer, is currently working on an online resource on Cancer Biology in collaboration with Professor Mel Greaves at the Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) in London. The cancer education charity 'ecancer', provides educational material on an open access worldwide basis for both oncologists and patients. Ecancer would like a slimmed-down edition, and therefore somewhat altered version, of the material produced by David Archer for the BSCB website.

Website and Social Media: Last year we updated our website to make applications to our various funding schemes easier. The BSCB website also allows members to keep informed. The Company of Biologists logo is placed in a prominent position on the top of the sidebar and on every page, and the CoB's very generous support is acknowledged on the main landing page text and at various places throughout the site. We also promote CoB events and journals on our website and Magazine, and through re-tweeting.

Financial Review**Reserves**

The Executive Committee regularly reviews the reserves of the charity to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available for the Society to meet its ongoing obligations. The trustees require a level of unrestricted free reserves of £125,000 to meet existing and committed expenditure in case income is not received. Total funds at 31 December 2020 were £327,495 (2019: £249,948). Of these, £81,485 (2019: £24,135) were restricted unspent COB grants. Unrestricted funds, which constitute free reserves were £246,010 (2019: £225,813). The current level of free reserves is therefore higher than is needed to cover all the existing and committed expenditure.

We introduced a vacation studentship scheme in 2011 to provide training opportunities for undergraduate students. These will utilise some of the reserves in a controlled manner over several years.

Investment Policy

The Executive Committee's policy at present is to invest in low-risk and reasonably liquid assets, so that funds are available to meet any unforeseen needs that arise because of meeting activities.

Future Plans

We have an exciting joint meeting planned with the French Society for Cell Biology. We will also support a number of other cell biology meetings in response to funding applications. Planning for future meetings has commenced. We will continue to support 1 day focused meetings, summer studentships and more generally Cell Biology in the UK.

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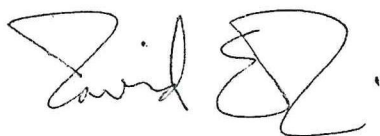
Executive Committee's Responsibilities

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Committee have:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Society has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. It is also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



David Elliott
Trustee

7 June 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Report) 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of 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 the 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.



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Date: 14 June 2021

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
Income from:							
Grants	2	35,000	62,500	97,500	35,000	62,500	97,500
Investments		887	-	887	1,287	-	1,287
Charitable activities							
Meetings		-	-	-	759	-	759
Subscriptions		30,057	-	30,057	32,389	-	32,389
Other income		<u>3,547</u>	-	<u>3,547</u>	<u>1,102</u>	-	<u>1,102</u>
Total income		<u>69,491</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>131,991</u>	<u>70,537</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>133,037</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Grants payable:							
CoB	4	-	4,650	4,650	-	63,663	63,663
Other grants		1,030	500	1,530	-	-	-
Studentships		20,865	-	20,865	17,600	-	17,600
Costs of meetings		3,374	-	3,374	18,697	-	18,697
Website expenses		588	-	588	690	-	690
Newsletter costs		4,075	-	4,075	3,493	-	3,493
Membership fulfilment services		13,724	-	13,724	14,933	-	14,933
Executive Committee expenses		-	-	-	1,923	-	1,923
Examiner's remuneration		2,760	-	2,760	2,707	-	2,707
Miscellaneous		219	-	219	2,286	-	2,286
Subscriptions		1,542	-	1,542	2,896	-	2,896
Insurance		<u>1,117</u>	-	<u>1,117</u>	<u>1,114</u>	-	<u>1,114</u>
Total expenditure		<u>49,294</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>54,444</u>	<u>66,339</u>	<u>63,663</u>	<u>130,002</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		20,197	57,350	77,547	4,198	(1,163)	3,035
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,197	57,350	77,547	4,198	(1,163)	3,035
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		<u>225,813</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>249,948</u>	<u>221,615</u>	<u>25,298</u>	<u>246,913</u>
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2020		<u>246,010</u>	<u>81,485</u>	<u>327,495</u>	<u>225,813</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>249,948</u>

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

		2020	2019
		£	£
Current assets:			
Debtors	5	2,859	1,595
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>337,304</u>	<u>260,780</u>
		340,163	262,375
Liabilities:			
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due in one year</i>	6	<u>12,668</u>	<u>12,427</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	7	<u>327,495</u>	<u>249,948</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	4	81,485	24,135
Unrestricted funds		<u>246,010</u>	<u>225,813</u>
Total funds		<u>327,495</u>	<u>249,948</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 7 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Carine de Marcos Lousa
Trustee

David Elliott
Trustee

Carine de Marcos Lousa



**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities (see below)	75,637	(1,379)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	<u>887</u>	<u>1,287</u>
Cash from investing activities	<u>887</u>	<u>1,287</u>
Net cash inflow/(outflow)	76,524	(92)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020	<u>260,780</u>	<u>260,872</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2020	<u><u>337,304</u></u>	<u><u>260,780</u></u>
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		
Net income	77,547	3,035
Interest received shown in investing activities	(887)	(1,287)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(1,264)	(372)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>241</u>	<u>(2,755)</u>
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u><u>75,637</u></u>	<u><u>(1,379)</u></u>

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1. Accounting Policies

The Society is constituted under a constitution executed in 1965, and amended in 2014. The Society is a registered charity, number 265816. Its registered office is C/O Prof D Elliott, Institute for Cell and Molecular Biosciences, The Medical School, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4HH. The Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees have prepared detailed forecasts and cashflow projections which they believe are based upon reasonable assumptions. The forecasts show that the charity should be able to operate for the foreseeable future and thus the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

b) Funds

General unrestricted funds represent the funds of the Society that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Society.

Restricted funds are those subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor or with their authority. The restricted funds of the Society are restricted income funds given for specific purposes, which are expendable at the discretion of the Executive Committee in accordance with particular activities of the Society.

c) Income

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Subscriptions and mailing list sales represent amounts receivable during the year. Meetings income is recognised in the period when the meeting takes place and investment income (which represents interest on National Savings deposits and bank accounts) are the amounts receivable for the year.

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(continued)**

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Support and governance costs attributable to more than one activity are apportioned across categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

Grants and awards are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the charity.

e) Joint arrangements

Where applicable the share of income and expenditure from joint arrangements to put on meetings in the year is accounted for under the appropriate heading in the Statement of Financial Activities.

f) Debtors

Grants receivable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

g) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

h) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

i) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

j) Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the year-end, with the gain or loss on retranslation going through the Statement of Financial Activities for the year.

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2. Grants received

Grants of £97,500 (2019: £97,500) were received from The Company of Biologists during the year. £62,500 (2019: £62,500) of this was restricted as set out in Note 4 below, and £35,000 (2019: £35,000) was unrestricted.

3. Executive Committee members and employees

No Executive Committee member or any person connected with them, nor any of the Key Management Personnel received, or is due to receive, any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Society's funds.

There were Nil (2019: 16) Executive Committee members paid in 2020 (2019: £2,112) in respect of reimbursed travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses during the year. There were Nil third parties paid in 2020 (2019: £730) of costs for the Executive Committee to attend the Annual Spring Meeting. Nil (2019: 5) Executive Committee Members received Travel Grants of Nil (2019: £4,252).

The Society has no employees.

4. Restricted funds

2020

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,824	-	500	-	1,324
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	8,246	37,500	4,650	-	41,096
CoB/PI Travel Fund	13,422	20,000	-	-	33,422
CoB/Training Course Fund	643	5,000	-	-	5,643
	<u>24,135</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,485</u>

2019

	Balance b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Abercrombie Conference Fund	1,824	-	-	-	1,824
CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund	11,917	37,500	41,171	-	8,246
CoB/PI Travel Fund	9,029	20,000	15,607	-	13,422
CoB/Training Course Fund	2,528	5,000	6,885	-	643
	<u>25,298</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>63,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,135</u>

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
(continued)**

4. Restricted funds (continued)

The Abercrombie Conference Fund is money held on behalf of the Trustees of the Abercrombie Conference Fund which will be used to sponsor meetings on cell motility.

The CoB/Honor Fell Travel Fund relates to funds granted specifically to enable the making of grants to student delegates to cover the costs of travel to meetings of the Society.

The CoB/PI Travel Fund relates to grants made to members and principal Investigators to enable them to travel to cell biology meetings – not just BSCB meetings, but also other meetings where cell biology is covered.

The CoB/Training Course Fund relates to grants made to members to attend training courses.

Further details of the awards made in the year are given in the Executive Committee's Report.

5. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,859</u>	<u>1,595</u>

6. Creditors due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>12,668</u>	<u>12,427</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
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7. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	258,678	81,485	340,163
Current liabilities	(12,668)	-	(12,668)
At 31 December 2020	<u>246,010</u>	<u>81,485</u>	<u>327,495</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	238,240	24,135	262,375
Current liabilities	(12,427)	-	(12,427)
At 31 December 2019	<u>225,813</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>249,948</u>