

## The Joseph Conrad Society (UK)

( An unincorporated association Registered with The Charity Commission in the UK

**Charity Number** 270586.

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### Trustees' Report 2024

#### ***Objectives***

In 2024, the Joseph Conrad Society UK conducted its business as usual, with due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance as set out in document PB1, and in accordance with the objects identified in Society's Constitution as 'to advance the education of students, scholars and the general public in the life and work of Joseph Conrad'.

#### ***Activities***

We hosted our AGM in February and held a further Committee Meeting in November. To facilitate the attendance at the AGM of the Society's international membership it was decided that this meeting be held on Zoom.

In early July we held our 51st Annual Conference at the Polish Cultural Centre (POSK), Hammersmith, London, and The University Women's Club, Mayfair, London. In accordance with our mission, the Society assisted in making this a truly international gathering of Conrad scholars by assisting with travel grants to younger scholars and subsidizing their meals at the conference. In keeping with the spirit of the bequest made to the Society by the McLauchlan Estate in the late 1990s, the travel grants are made in the name of our former Chair, Juliet McLauchlan. The annual Juliet McLauchlan Essay Prize was not awarded in 2024 due to a lack of submissions.

As usual, during 2024 we published two issues of our journal, *The Conradian*, one of which was a 'special issue' devoted to essays on Conrad and World Literature.

2024 marked the centenary of the death of Joseph Conrad, and the Joseph Conrad Society commemorated this in a number of ways, including subsidizing the licence for screening *African Apocalypse* at University of Kent (Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness' remains a core literary text in the West's construction of Africa) and renovating the Conrad family graves in Canterbury Cemetery. To observe the event, members of the Committee visited the graves on the day and laid a wreath.

The Society continues its support for The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Joseph Conrad. A contribution towards running costs of this ongoing project (21 volumes of a projected 26 are now in print) is also made by the Joseph Conrad Society of America. This financial assistance is acknowledged in each of the volumes in the edition.

***The structure, governance and management*** of the Society continues to be undertaken by a small but active committee including the Trustees.

#### ***Finances***

The Treasurer presented an Interim Statement of Accounts at the November 2024 Meeting and the Statement of Accounts at the AGM in February 2025. During 2024, £10,000 was transferred from the Society's current account into one of our investment accounts. The Society now has three investment accounts, at separate institutions: COIF, Scottish Widows and Redwood Bank.

## JOSEPH CONRAD SOCIETY (UK)

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

TOTAL 31.12.2023	TOTAL 31.12.2024	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS
<b>INCOME</b>			
2,644 Subscriptions	3,737	3,737	
0 Donations and grants	162	162	
8,738 Interest and dividends	9,323		9,323
9,198 Conference receipts	9,227	9,227	
0 Other Conrad publications & lectures	181	181	
2,737 Contribution to Conradian	2,679	2,679	
Website			
296 Sundry book, journal and postcard sales	171	171	
<b>23,612 TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>25,479</b>	<b>16,156</b>	<b>9,323</b>

**TOTAL**  
**31.12.2023**

**EXPENDITURE**

4,462 The Conradian

276 Other Conrad publications & lectures

172 Printing, stationery and postage

500 Prizes & other grants

1,700 Travel Grants

350 Audit Fee

1,483 Donations

249 Web site & Computer expense

15 Subscription

6,458 Conference Cost

Other Expenses

0 Committee expenses

**15,665 TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

**7,947 EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE**

**TOTAL**  
**31.12.2024**

4,435

1,285

330

0

900

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1,403

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TOTAL 31.12.2023		TOTAL 31.12.2024		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS
<b>BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2024</b>					
<b>EXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT</b>					
248,362 Juliet McLauchlan Fund at 1.1.2024		248,362			248,362
0 Bequest during the year		<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>
248,362 Fund at 31.12.2024		248,362			248,362
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
Excess of income over expenditure to date at 1.1.2024	10,535		4,368	14,114	
<u>18,481</u> for the year to 31.12.2024	<u>7,243</u>	<u>17,777</u>	<u>-2,080</u>	<u>2,287</u>	<u>23,437</u>
<b><u>266,844</u> TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b><u>266,139</u></b>		<b><u>2,287</u></b>	<b><u>271,799</u></b>
<i>Represented by</i>					
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
11,420 Cartoon and prints		11,420		3,650	7,770
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Investments: COIF Income units	95,000			95,000	
117,956 Market value	120,621				
Accrued interest	2,535			2,684	
Short term deposits	135,000			145,000	
Current account	<u>23,293</u>		<u>-959</u>	<u>21,345</u>	
	255,828		<u>-959</u>	264,029	
less					
SHORT TERM LIABILITIES	-350		-350		
DEFERRED INCOME	<u>-54</u>	<u>-404</u>	<u>-54</u>		
<u>255,424</u>		<u>255,424</u>		<u>-1,363</u>	<u>264,029</u>
<b><u>266,844</u> TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>266,844</u></b>		<b><u>2,287</u></b>	<b><u>271,799</u></b>

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Charity and in my opinion proper records have been kept and the accounts are in accordance therewith.

M G Macdonald.  
25th August 2025

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I have examined the books and vouchers of the Charity; in my opinion proper records have been kept and the accounts are in accordance therewith and properly disclose its charitable activities.

M G Macdonald September 16<sup>th</sup> 2025