

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Registered Charity No.289297

Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors

There are three officers of the Association: The Chairman, The Honorary Secretary and The Honorary Treasurer. The Chairman is an ordinary member who is elected to office annually for a maximum three-year term by the ordinary members at an Annual General Meeting; The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are both ordinary members, elected by the ordinary members present at the Annual General Meeting; both serve until the next Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election up to a maximum term of five years. There is a one-year overlap between the final year of the current officer's term of office, and the first year of the newly appointed officer (termed officer-elect for this period). This overlap period facilitates smooth transition between officer posts and their successors. The Association's Executive Committee consists of the three Officers of the Association (plus any officer-elects), plus nine ordinary members elected as described in the Rules. Provision is also made to co-opt member(s) where specific expertise is required. The President holds a non-executive position, is not a trustee and is elected for a four-year term.

For the accounting period the BACR executive comprised of: Professor Karen Vousden (President), Professor Julian Downward (Chair), Professor Ingunn Holen (Chair Elect), Professor Valerie Speirs (Honorary Secretary), Dr Amanda Harvey (Honorary Treasurer), Craig Murdoch, Joanne Edwards, Richard Grose, Xin Lu, Alan Melcher, Ian Hickson, Iain Hagan, Sarah Holt, Martin Miller, Lesley Stark, Isabel Pires (co-opted member), and Demi Wiskerke (Student Representative).

Newly elected trustees are supplied with documentation, obtained from the Charity Commission, outlining their responsibilities as trustees of the Charity. They, along with pre-existing trustees, are also regularly updated with Charity Commission News and Charity Matters e-magazine. The association is also a member of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) that keeps it informed of relevant voluntary sector and charity information.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Association is constituted as an unincorporated association, and its governing document is its constitution. The BACR has a charitable registration number (289297) and its principal address during this reporting period was BACR Secretariat, c/o Leeds Institute of Molecular Medicine, Clinical Sciences Building, St. James's University Hospital, Beckett Street, Leeds, LS9 7TF.

The Association maintains its own Secretariat: Mrs Janet Alexander (now based within the Leeds Institute of Medical Research at St James) who was appointed as the BACR Administrative Secretary on 1st January 2010.

Applicable law requires the trustees to prepare for each financial year accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and the surplus or deficit of the Association for that period. In preparing those accounts the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the accounts on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act, 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The BACR accounts are scrutinized annually by Independent Examiners; their report is appended to this trustees' report. A resolution to appoint Independent Examiners ahead of the next financial year will be put forward to the membership by the Honorary Treasurer, at the 2021 AGM.

Objectives and Activities

Under its Constitution, the Association's objects are for the promotion of the advance of research in relation to all aspects of cancer by encouraging the exchange of information. The policies adopted in furtherance of these are (i) the organising of meetings and workshops and (ii) the provision of funds to support BACR members in attending these and other such meetings. There has been no change in the remit of the BACR with respect to its activities during the reporting period with the caveat that the COVID19 pandemic has limited travel opportunities for its members.

Achievements and Performance

During the reporting period the Association organised a virtual Student Conference which was planned for December 2020 but was in fact held online in February 2021 and well received by the doctoral research community.

The COVID19 pandemic impacted the travel awards with no applications being received during 2020-21.

Impact of COVID19 and Brexit

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted on the association's activities quite markedly. Our planned events in summer 2020 and early 2021 have been postponed. Unsurprisingly there has been a decrease in the applications for travel awards; however, throughout the financial year, awards have been made out of the award cycle to support researchers wishing to 'attend' virtual conferences and this is expected to continue into early 2021-22.

Market uncertainty due to COVID19 and Brexit will also have some impact on Associations investments, although at the time of writing, it is clear that investor confidence is growing and that the portfolio is recovering.

The long-term impact of both COVID19 and Brexit on the broader cancer research community remains a concern to BACR. Whilst investments might be predicted to dip but recover, anecdotal evidence still suggests that some early career researchers are seeking alternative careers at higher rates than normal. If funding for cancer research in the UK decreases, because charitable organisations have been unable to raise their usual funds during 2020-21, the association may struggle to maintain its membership.

Financial Review

The principal funding source for the association is its capital investment and membership subscriptions. The investment portfolio is managed with an ethical concern that prohibits funds being invested in any tobacco or tobacco-related companies. The portfolio management company delivers an annual report to trustees with additional advice being delivered, also in the form of an annual report, by an independent financial advisor. The Association does not currently have any social or programme related investments. The investment portfolio which decreased in value during the 2019-20 financial year due to uncertainty over Brexit and the coronavirus pandemic has continued to recover and, at March 2021, had a market value of £893,591 (an increase of £123,258). During the year, the Association received donations and legacies in the sum of £46,023 which is an increase on the previous financial year. In the course of its normal activities, the BACR recorded an operating surplus for the year of £37,662.

As reported last year, the long association of BACR with Cancer Research UK has ended and 2019-20 was the final year that both charities will co-fund the BACR/CRUK Student Travel Awards. A new sponsor has been found for 2022.

Plans for the Future

Two meetings are planned for 2021-22. One is the Response and Resistance in Cancer Therapy meeting, (originally planned for September 2020 at the University of Kent) which will be held in early September 2021 and the second is a joint event with the Royal Chemical Society titled 'Bringing Chemical Biology to Cancer Research' in December 2021. Both of these are online meetings.

Beyond 2021-22 the BACR 60th Anniversary Meeting (held at the University of Nottingham) will now take place in June 2022 as an in-person meeting.

BACR will continue to support researchers to 'attend' on virtual events and although the award rounds will continue as planned, applications that are 'out of cycle' for virtual conferences will be considered on a case by case basis.

As part of the investment in the association BACR intends to appoint at part-time fixed-term communications officer to support the secretariat in developing strategies towards increasing the profile and membership of the BACR.



By order of the Executive Committee

Dr Amanda Harvey, Honorary Treasurer, BACR

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH (CHARITY NO. 289297)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- to examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 30 November 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Period Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
From generated funds;					
Voluntary income		-	46,023	46,023	8,074
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	104,097
Investment income		-	15,852	15,852	21,578
From charitable activities		-	41,861	41,861	67,514
Total incoming resources		<u>-</u>	<u>103,736</u>	<u>103,736</u>	<u>201,263</u>
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds;					
Costs of generating funds		-	36,372	36,372	154,369
Charitable activities		-	27,662	27,662	47,016
Governance costs	2	-	2,040	2,040	5,579
Total resources expended		<u>-</u>	<u>66,074</u>	<u>66,074</u>	<u>206,964</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		-	37,662	37,662	(5,701)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before holding gains and losses		-	37,662	37,662	(5,701)
Transfers between funds					
Holding gains/(losses)-(realised and unrealised)					
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		-	123,258	123,258	(69,330)
Net movements in funds		-	160,920	160,920	(75,031)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		32,374	1,105,098	1,137,472	1,212,503
Total funds carried forward		<u>32,374</u>	<u>1,266,018</u>	<u>1,298,392</u>	<u>1,137,472</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS	3		
Investments		893,591	770,333
Intangible assets		-	-
Tangible assets		<u>346</u>	<u>408</u>
		<u>893,937</u>	<u>770,741</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	6,759	12,922
Cash at bank and in hand	5	<u>431,778</u>	<u>379,571</u>
		<u>438,537</u>	<u>392,493</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>34,082</u>	<u>25,762</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)		<u>404,455</u>	<u>366,731</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,298,392</u>	<u>1,137,472</u>
INCOME FUNDS			
Restricted funds	7	32,374	32,374
Unrestricted funds		<u>1,266,018</u>	<u>1,105,098</u>
		<u>1,298,392</u>	<u>1,137,472</u>

The accounts were approved by the Honorary Treasurer on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Amanda Harvey - Honorary Treasurer
Date: 29 November 2021



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission.

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. The accounts include the results of the associations operations which are described in the Trustees' Report, all of which are continuing.

Fixed assets investments

Investments are included at market value.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixtures and fittings are written off on a 15% reducing balance basis.

Intangible assets and amortisation

The website development cost has been amortised in full.

Restricted funds

The association has the following restricted fund;

The AstraZeneca Fund, which combines the Tom Connors AstraZeneca Fund with the Frank Rose Fund. This fund provides support for both annual BACR AstraZeneca Young Scientist Frank Rose Award Lecture.

Movements in this funds are detailed in Note 7 to the accounts.

Future meetings

Payments made and income received in respect of meetings to be held in a future year are carried forward to be brought into account in the year in which the meetings are held.

Deficit and surpluses on joint meetings

The association makes provision for the receipt, from third party organisers of meetings held during the year, and for payments to third party organisers for the Association's share of any deficits arising on such meetings, only when the sums involved can be accurately quantified, or have been either received or paid, as appropriate.

2. SUPPORT COSTS

	Allocation	2021 £	2020 £
Committee travel expenses	} Governance	-	3,539
Accountancy	} Costs	2,040	2,040
University of Leeds - Employee costs	} 50% Charitable activities	54,312	50,836
Bank and PayPal charges		624	332
		<u>56,976</u>	<u>56,747</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021, continued

	2021	2020
	£	£
3. FIXED ASSETS		
Investments		
Market Value at 1st April 2020	770,333	839,663
Acquisitions at cost	183,940	114,393
Disposals at cost	(210,465)	(49,189)
Gains/(losses) in the period	10,084	10,625
Unrealised gains/(losses) in the period	104,726	(162,866)
Market Value at 31st March 2021	858,618	752,626
Cash holding at 31st March 2021	34,973	17,707
	<u>893,591</u>	<u>770,333</u>
 Historical cost at 31st March 2021	 <u>610,064</u>	 <u>626,405</u>
 The Association's investments are managed by Quilter Cheviot Limited.		
 Intangible Assets - Website		
Cost at 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021	<u>20,304</u>	<u>20,304</u>
 Depreciation at 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021	<u>20,304</u>	<u>20,304</u>
 Net Book Value at 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Tangible Assets		
Cost at 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021	<u>1,971</u>	<u>1,971</u>
 Depreciation at 1st April 2020	1,564	1,492
Charge for period	<u>61</u>	<u>71</u>
 Accumulated depreciation at 31st March 2021	<u>1,625</u>	<u>1,563</u>
 Net Book Value at 31st March 2021	<u>346</u>	<u>408</u>
 4. DEBTORS		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>6,759</u>	<u>12,922</u>
 5. CASH AT BANK		
Current account	100	100
Reserve account	414,820	362,613
Astra - Zeneca	13,602	13,602
Hamilton - Fairley	781	781
Translational Award	<u>2,475</u>	<u>2,475</u>
	<u>431,778</u>	<u>379,571</u>
 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
6. Creditors and accrued expenditure	<u>34,082</u>	<u>25,762</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021, continued

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Astra - Zeneca	Total
Balance at 1st April 2020	32,374	32,374
Awards and costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31st March 2021	<u><u>32,374</u></u>	<u><u>32,374</u></u>

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Charity is controlled by its Trustees.

There have not been any material transactions with any related party during the year.

9 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The market value of Investments stated in note 3 as at 29 November 2021 was in the sum of £954,435 including cash holdings of £34,299.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Prior Year Total Funds £
Income				
Voluntary income				
Donations and Legacies	-	46,023	46,023	8,074
Activities for generating funds				
Response & Resistance	-	-	-	-
3D Model Workshop	-	-	-	-
Student Conference	-	-	-	-
Challenges preventing cancer cure	-	-	-	15,148
Tumour microenvironment	-	-	-	47,142.00
New developments in breast cancer research	-	-	-	41,807.00
Investment income				
Interest and dividends receivable	-	15,852	15,852	21,578
From charitable activities				
Subscriptions	-	46,672	46,672	51,191
Cancer UK contribution to travel awards	-	(5,995)	(5,995)	16,323
Provisions no longer required	-	1,183	1,183	-
Total income	<u>-</u>	<u>103,736</u>	<u>103,736</u>	<u>201,263</u>
Expenditure				
Costs of generating funds				
BACR conferences	-	560	560	118,594
Recharged employee costs	-	27,156	27,156	25,418
EACR Membership	-	7,332	7,332	7,766
Printing, postage, stationery, advertising and publications	-	981	981	2,389
Bank and PayPal charges	-	312	312	166
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	-	31	31	36
Charitable activities				
Travel awards and bursaries	-	-	-	21,237
Travel awards and bursaries (over provided for in 2018)	-	-	-	-
National Council for Volunteer Organisations	-	163	163	159
Recharged employee costs	-	27,156	27,156	25,418
Bank and PayPal charges	-	312	312	166
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	-	31	31	36
Governance costs				
Committee and Secretariat travel and other expenses	-	-	-	3,539
Accountancy	-	2,040	2,040	2,040
	<u>-</u>	<u>66,074</u>	<u>66,074</u>	<u>206,964</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>37,662</u>	<u>37,662</u>	<u>(5,701)</u>