

# WORLD'S POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 803616

## Details

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Other names	WPSA, WPSA UK BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1990-07-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE AGRICULTURAL USE OF THE AVIAN SPECIES, CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD'S POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

**Activities:** Organises scientific meetings on poultry production including nutrition, welfare, disease and environmental issues; supports undergraduate and research students with travel awards and research grants.

## Classification

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- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Northern Ireland
- Scotland

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,344	£32,077	-	-
2023-12-31	£44,859	£30,866	-	-
2022-12-31	£66,231	£63,325	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,183	£13,812	-	-
2020-12-31	£7,997	£4,125	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr Laura Faller</b>	Chair	2026-04-21
DR ADEKUNLE ADEBIYI PhD		2018-04-11
Dr Antonija Simic		2025-10-09
Dr Cormac OShea PhD		2020-10-19
Dr Eloise Lawlor		2021-04-25
Dr Emma Lund		2024-04-11
Dr Farina Khattak		2018-08-04
Dr Farina Malik Khattak PhD		2018-08-21
Dr Fiona Jane Short BSC PhD		2023-03-30
Dr Muhammad Rizwan Azhar		2024-04-11
Dr Saad Gillani		2025-03-11
Dr Salvatore Galgano PhD		2021-09-14
Dr Sarah Lambton		2025-03-12
Dr Sarah Struthers PhD		2023-03-30
Dr victoria Sandilands		2023-04-04
Rita Goncalves		2024-04-10

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# Accounts

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# WPSA UK BRANCH

## Annual Report 2024

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### WPSA UK Branch Annual Report 2024


The primary activities of WPSA UK Branch continue to be the advancement of scientific knowledge education and training in the agricultural use of avian species. This is primarily achieved by staging our annual Spring Scientific Meeting to which all members are encouraged to attend. Presentations continue to be a combination of offered and invited papers covering broad topics of interest to and education of members. Presentations from early career researchers are a highlight of these meetings, disseminating information and helping to develop successful careers in applied poultry research. The structure of the meeting is determined by a dedicated Programme Committee overseen by members of the elected Council of the Association. The Council continues to be made up of up to 12 elected Council members and 5 Office holders responsible for the governance of the Association. One AGM is held at the annual Spring Meeting each year with two further formal Council meetings through the year.

In 2024 our Spring Meeting was held in Belfast in combination with BSAS and in 2025 in collaboration with BVPA. Membership of the Association varies from 160 to 180 members in recent years and around 50% of active members attended the scientific meetings each.

The main annual expenditure of the Association continues to be in support of various research awards, scholarships and travel grants. In the year ended December 2024 over £19,000 was spent in this area in support of our aims and objectives. This is funded through members subscriptions and income from investments.

In 2024 our website ([www.wpsa-uk.com](http://www.wpsa-uk.com)) was overhauled and updated offering members a valuable resource of information and advice.

With these activities as a yardstick for the ongoing achievement of our aims and objectives it can be demonstrated that 2024 was a successful year for knowledge exchange and education by the Association. 2025 is extending that success to disseminate knowledge of benefit to the development of innovative and practical research supporting the UK poultry industry and those working in it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

***Stephen Lister, President, WPSA UK Branch***

**WPSA UK BRANCH**  
**AGM Minutes**  
**2024**  
[www.wpsa-uk.com](http://www.wpsa-uk.com)



**Minutes of the 58th WPSA UK Branch Annual General Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Minor Hall, Assembly Rooms, Belfast**

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Maureen Bain, Ahmed Hussain Jackie Linden, Cliff Nixey  
25 members attended the AGM – thus we met quorate (n=24)

**2. Minutes of 2023 AGM**

Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were circulated on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.  
These were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Emily Burton

Seconded: Farina Khattak

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

No points were raised from the minutes of the previous AGM.

**4. President's report (SL)**

I am pleased to report another good year for our Association. Following a very successful Spring Meeting in Birmingham last year, including the annual Gordon Memorial Lecture by Prof Ian Brown on the very topical disease of Avian Influenza, its impact and control, we are embarking on an equally important meeting across the water in Belfast.

Our Association remains in a very good place thanks to the participation and interest of members and your hardworking and enthusiastic Council. Vicky Sandilands, our Secretary, keeps us on the straight and narrow and has revamped and reintroduced our newsletter which, together with an updated website (ably supported by Richard Harris, for whom I give many thanks on our behalf), has improved our routes of communication. Farina Khattak, our Treasurer, keeps us afloat and ensures our accounts are accurate and up to date. This hard work means the smooth running of the Association and enables us to support our awards, including travel awards to attend our Spring Meeting, Summer scholarships, our Research Award and the new G D Rosen Award, supported by Gordons widow, Vanda Rosen. We are also supported by our elected Council members and I make special mention and thanks to our two outgoing members, Maureen Bain and Caroline Donaldson, who have served for their two full 4 year terms!

And that is not all, we have a very active Programme Committee who receive submissions for papers at our Spring Meeting, manage our invited speakers and arrange the time-consuming administration of our conference venue and attendance at those meetings.

I remain blown away by the quality of the presentations made and posters submitted for the Spring meeting, the research and science behind it, especially those delivered by early career individuals. Our young age demographic gives me great confidence for the future of your Association. But there is no room for complacency – with an estimated 180 members there is always natural wastage as individuals move on and we always need to encourage and support new members to maintain our critical mass. I call on all members to spread the word in bringing in new members from across all the areas associated with our industry from research institutes, allied commercial companies and those working at the coal face of our industry. Our future is bright if we can keep up our momentum and remain this broad church of interest.

#### **5. Proposed changes to the constitution (VS)**

None

#### **6. Secretary/Assistant Treasurer's report (VS)**

VS reported on the awards given in 2023

- a. Travel grants
  - a. Karen Adam
  - b. Endre Putyora
  - c. Sarah Struthers
  
- b. President prizes (best oral, best poster)
  - a. Hyungwook Kang (poster)
  - b. Endre Putyora (oral)
  
- c. Summer Vacation Scholarships
  - a. Clare Sims
  - b. Yuhui Yang
  
- d. Research Award
  - a. None given

#### **7. Treasurer/Assistant Secretary's report (FK)**

- a. Membership  
Currently stands at 180 members, the same as last year. This is mostly made of individual members (n=138). There have been challenges in timing between membership fees being due and our spring meeting (where some people renew or start their membership).
  
- b. Account balances (as of 31 December 2023, the end of our branch financial year) were at
  - £33,248 (branch account)
  - £26,632 (symposium account)
  - £259,309 (Charifund investments)
  - Plus equipment (£135), giving us total assets of £319,324
  
- c. Income

WPSA-UK income comes from interest on our investments (£19,900), membership fees (£5,029), interest on 'regular' bank accounts (£252), royalties from our symposium books (£74), and income from other grants (£296) totalling £25,551.

d. Expenditure

Awards and scholarships make up most of our spending. In 2023 we allocated £10,375 to: travel awards to support student attending the spring meeting (£512), student helpers at the spring meeting (£189), president's prizes at the spring meeting (£200), research awards (£2500), and summer vacation scholarships (£7,000).

Other expenditure (£14,482) included paying our dues to the world branch (£3,108), fees for the spring 2023 branch meeting (£3,540), production of the spring meeting abstracts in British Poultry Abstracts (£2,000), honoraria to the secretaries (outgoing and incoming), treasurer and web master (£4,725). Total expenditure was £24,891 leaving us with a branch surplus of £660.

WORLD'S POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION - UK BRANCH ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023			
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	2023	2022	
Interest	252	43	
Membership	5,029	6,109	
Dividends	19,900	19,318	
Royalties	74	56	
Grant	296	2,000	
Other Income	-	-	
	<b>25,551</b>	<b>27,526</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
WPSA Levies	3,108	2,765	
Travel Expenses- Council	-	-	
Secretary, Treasurer & Webmaster	4,725	4,725	
Accountancy Fee	413	394	
Postages, Stationery & Sundries	70	70	
BPS Publication Costs	2,000	2,000	
Spring Meeting	3,540	108	
Prizes & Awards	10,375	15,213	
Depreciation	15	20	
Website Charges	645	641	
	<b>24,891</b>	<b>25,936</b>	
<b>BRANCH SURPLUS 2023</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1,590</b>	
<b>SYMPOSIUM ACCOUNT</b>			
	2023	2022	
Income	19,308	38,705	
Expenditure	5,975	37,389	
<b>NET SURPLUS 2023</b>	<b>13,333</b>	<b>1,316</b>	
<b>Balance Sheet at 31st December, 2023</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Equipment	135	150	
Charifund -at cost ( 23,275 Income Units & 468 Accum.) (Market Value £474,356 )	259,309	259,309	
Royal Bank of Scotland	33,248	19,648	
Branch Symposium	26,632	26,205	
	<b>319,324</b>	<b>305,312</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors	394	375	
Reserves-			
Brought Forward	304,937		
Add: Increase in Year	13,993		
	<b>318,930</b>	<b>304,937</b>	
	<b>319,324</b>	<b>305,312</b>	

NOTES: As a registered Charity, the UK Branch of the Association is not liable to taxation on Surplus.

### 8. Appointment of the auditor (VS)

There were no objections to John Little continuing as the Auditor of the Branch accounts.

Proposed: Jos Houdijk

Seconded: Stephen Lister

### 9. Report on 2024 Spring Meeting (EL)

Total of 52 people registered for the meeting: 35 were members, 4 non-members, 11 students , plus a further 2 people registered at the meeting.

### 10. UK Branch Council 2024/25 (VS)

Stepping down this year (with thanks for their contributions over the years) are Maureen Bain and Caroline Donaldson, which gives us 6 vacancies (12 councillor positions total). Nominations have been received from Antonija Šimić, Rizwan Azhar, Rita Goncalves, Emma Lund. They were accepted as new councillors to the branch.

Proposed Emily Burton

Seconded Ian Dunn

The new councillors were thanked and welcomed. The UK branch council is as follows (April 2024):

Role	Name	Term date
President	Stephen Lister	2025 <sup>1</sup>
Vice President	Jessica Martin	2025 <sup>1</sup>
Vice President	Laura Faller	2027*
Secretary	Vicky Sandilands	2028
Treasurer	Farina Khattak	2026*
Elected Councillors	Cormac O'Shea	2024
	Ade Adebisi	2025*
	Eloise Lawler	2025
	Salvatore Galgano	2025
	Fiona Short	2027
	Sarah Struthers	2027
	Rizwan Azhar	2028
	Rita Goncalves	2028
	Emma Lund	2028
	Antonija Šimić	2028

<sup>1</sup> interim post, 3 years instead of 4 years

\* ineligible for re-election

#### 11. Any Other Business

None

The AGM closed at 09:03

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**APPROVED at the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



Signed:

(Mr S A Lister, Branch President)

**WORLD'S POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION - UK BRANCH**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

| INCOME                           | 2024          | 2023          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Interest                         | 456           | 252           |
| Membership                       | 6,067         | 5,029         |
| Dividends                        | 20,948        | 19,900        |
| Royalties                        | 102           | 74            |
| Grant                            | -             | 296           |
| Research Award Refunded          | 2,500         | -             |
| Spring Meeting                   | 271           | -             |
|                                  | <b>30,344</b> | <b>25,551</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>               |               |               |
| WPSA Levies                      | 2,846         | 3,108         |
| Travel Expenses- Council         | -             | -             |
| Secretary, Treasurer & Webmaster | 5,030         | 4,725         |
| Accountancy Fee                  | 444           | 413           |
| Postages, Stationery & Sundries  | 70            | 70            |
| BPS Publication Costs            | 2,000         | 2,000         |
| Spring Meeting                   | 1,189         | 3,540         |
| Prizes & Awards                  | 19,175        | 10,375        |
| Depreciation                     | 10            | 15            |
| Website Charges                  | 1,256         | 645           |
| Marketing                        | 57            | 0             |
|                                  | <b>32,077</b> | <b>24,891</b> |
| <b>BRANCH DEFICIT 2024</b>       | <b>1,733</b>  | <b>660</b>    |

Surplus

**SYMPOSIUM ACCOUNT**

|                                        | 2024          | 2023          |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>                          | <b>286</b>    | <b>19,308</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                     | <b>14,894</b> | <b>5,975</b>  |
| <b>NET DEFICIT 2024 (2023 SURPLUS)</b> | <b>14,608</b> | <b>13,333</b> |

**Balance Sheet at 31st December, 2024**

| ASSETS                                                                                 | 2024           | 2023           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Equipment                                                                              | 125            | 135            |
| Charifund -at cost<br>( 23,275 Income Units & 468 Accum.)<br>(Market Value £ 495,708 ) | 259,309        | 259,309        |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Branch                                                          | 31,551         | 33,248         |
| Symposium                                                                              | 5,641          | 26,632         |
| Debtor -Advance payment ESPW 2027                                                      | 6,382          | -              |
|                                                                                        | <b>303,008</b> | <b>319,324</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                                                     |                |                |
| <b>Creditors</b>                                                                       | <b>419</b>     | <b>394</b>     |
| Reserves-                                                                              |                |                |
| Brought Forward                                                                        | 318,930        |                |
| LESS: Decrease in Year                                                                 | 16,341         |                |
|                                                                                        | <b>302,589</b> | <b>318,930</b> |
|                                                                                        | <b>303,008</b> | <b>319,324</b> |

NOTES: As a registered Charity, the UK Branch of the Association is not liable to taxation on investment income, capital gains or corporation tax but is liable for VAT.

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS: I have examined the accounts of the WPSA UK Branch for the year to 31st December, 2024

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993( the act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43(3) a of the Act)

Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner

State whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. the procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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 41 of the 1993 act and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

John Little

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Ayr, Scotland.

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7th February 2025



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