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Dear Members

There are a number of important documents here for your attention. Please read these before the Annual General Meeting, which will take place at the Symposium on Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Pathology in London on Friday 28 November 2008. The documents herewith include the reports of the General Secretary, the Meetings Secretary and the Treasurer, the latter including the Accounts for the past year. The Minutes of last year's AGM are also included. Please also read the following summary:

1. We have to thank our Treasurer, Dr Ray McMahon for the continuing excellent state of our finances, despite a considerable downturn in the UK economy and the fact that we continue to support pathology education in the UK, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, the Arab Division, Africa and, a new development in the last year, our two Schools of Pathology in Bosnia and Sri Lanka. The Accounts attest to our relative financial strength, despite current financial gloominess.
2. As far as Council is concerned, Professor Claude Cuvelier continues as President and Chairman and Professor Geraint Williams as President-Elect. The General Secretary, Professor Neil Shepherd, will become the President-Elect after the November meeting. Dr Bryan Warren continues as Meetings Secretary and Dr Stephen Wells as Divisional Editor. Both have demonstrated their considerable drive and enthusiasm in these roles. This year, we have established formal Belgian and Irish Councillors. Professors Isabelle Salmon and Elaine Kay have taken on these roles. Dr Cathy Corbishley has been elected as a Councillor. Professor Peter Hall had demitted from his role as General Secretary of the Pathological Society. His co-opted place on Council has been taken by the new Pathological Society General Secretary, Professor Simon Herrington. Professor Mary Leader has also finished her term of Office as a Councillor. She has, effectively, been replaced by Professor Kay as the Irish Councillor.
3. Council has continued its strong support for educational developments both in this country and abroad. This year has seen the fifth bestowing of our Grants, Fellowships and Scholarships, the Underwood Initiative, to support students for BScs and Electives in Pathology and for members of the BDIAP to undertake educational studies elsewhere. Our support for African and Arab pathology continues. We have continued our Registrarships in Pathology, training in the Republic of South Africa under the guidance of Professor Martin Hale. Furthermore we continue to support the Arab British School of Pathology, through the offices of Professor Kristin Henry, our European Vice President, both financially and educationally. The first Sri Lankan British School of Pathology meeting was held in Colombo in September 2007. The second Bosnian British School of Pathology was held in Sarajevo in April 2008. This featured breast pathology. There were 50 delegates and the meeting was highly successful.
4. Our own Educational Meetings this year have been universally successful, as Bryan Warren's report below indicates. We continue to enthusiastically cherish our strong links with the Pathological Society and the success of our joint meetings is something of considerable satisfaction to Council.
5. Subscription rates will stay the same this year, as agreed last year. Thus the rate for *Membership to include 'Histopathology'* is £85.00. Annual subscriptions are due on *1st January 2009* and are payable as follows:

UK Members

Direct Debit is recommended. We shall be deducting 2009 subscriptions in January. If you do not have a direct debit mandate set up, please send a cheque to the Administrative Secretary at the above address.

Belgian, Dutch, Irish and other Overseas Members

Payment by **credit card** is recommended. Credit card forms will be sent to all members (other than UK members). These should be completed and returned to the Administrative Secretary at the office address.

The current rates of subscription are:-

- Junior Membership to include Histopathology **£10.00**
- Membership to include Histopathology **£ 85.00**
- Membership to include Histopathology **PLUS** Modern Pathology **OR** Laboratory Investigation **£150.00**
- Membership to include Histopathology **AND** Modern Pathology **AND** Laboratory Investigation **£215.00**

We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM on Friday 28 November 2008 in London.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT AUTUMN 2007-8

The BDIAP has had another very successful year in pathological education and advancement. We have continued our initiatives in pathology education in both our four member countries and also in other Divisions. Professor Claude Cuvelier has made an excellent President. Furthermore, Dr Ray McMahon, as Treasurer, has continued to show wise husbandry with our finances. Despite downturns in the economy, our reserves are still strong, as these documents attest. Dr Stephen Wells has become the new Divisional Editor. He has taken to this role with aplomb. He has trained in IT and is already developing the website highly successfully. The Newsletter continues to flourish under his guidance and he and his IT and Education Subcommittee has taken on numerous other educational initiatives with great success.

Whilst Professor Neil Shepherd and Dr Bryan Warren continue as General Secretary and Meetings Secretary respectively, there have been changes to Council. We have elected a new Belgian Councillor, Professor Isabelle Salmon, and a new Irish Councillor, Professor Elaine Kay. This year, Dr Cathy Corbishley was elected as a Councillor. Professor Peter Hall had demitted from his role as General Secretary of the Pathological Society. His co-opted place on Council has been taken by the new General Secretary, Professor Simon Herrington. Professor Mary Leader has also finished her term of Office as a Councillor. She has, effectively, been replaced by Professor Kay as the Irish Councillor.

2007 saw the continuance of the Arab British School of Pathology. Furthermore, August 2007 and September 2007 saw the Inaugural Bosnian British School of Pathology and Sri-Lankan British School of Pathology, held in Sarajevo and Colombo respectively. Both of these, conveniently, were on gastro-intestinal pathology and our President Elect, General Secretary and Treasurer were the lecturers and ambassadors for the BDIAP. The second Bosnian British School of Pathology was held in April 2008 on breast pathology. All of these were highly successful meetings and this bodes well for similar future meetings and for relationships with other Pathological Societies and Divisions.

Our own meetings were very successful. July 2007 saw the fourth Joint Meeting with the Pathological Society, in Glasgow. Continuing in the vein of the three previous joint meetings, this one was highly successful with more than 400 delegates despite some patchy Scottish weather, the feedback from this meeting was excellent. November 2007 saw our familiar Annual Meeting in London. This was on urological pathology. There were 296 registrants and the meeting was testament to the organisational skills of our Meetings Secretary, Dr Bryan Warren, our Deputy Meetings Secretary, Dr Ian Roberts and Dr David Griffiths. April 2008 saw the Inaugural One Day Seminar for Trainees in Histopathology in London. This was a superb meeting and it, too, bodes well for similar future meetings. In April 2008, the BDIAP had a joint meeting with the BAGP on gynaecological pathology. 200 delegates attended and the meeting was a great success.

We look forward to the biennial IAP World Congress in Athens in October 2008. Further, our annual Autumn Meeting will be on Liver pathology in November 2008.

As part of our responsibilities for the Charity Commission, this report requires to demonstrate the following information:

List of Trustees: Professor C Cuvelier, Chairman & President; Professor G T Williams, President-Elect; Professor C W Elston, Past President; Professor K Henry, European Vice President; Professor N A Shepherd, General Secretary; Dr R F T McMahon, Treasurer; Dr B F Warren, Meetings Secretary; Professor E Kay, Irish Councillor; Professor C J L M Meijer, Dutch Councillor; Professor A G Nicholson, Councillor; Professor S Pinder, Councillor; Professor I Salmon, Belgian Councillor; Dr M E F Smith, Councillor; Dr L Browning, Junior Councillor; Dr K Robertson, Junior Councillor.

Policy on Risk Management: The Charity Trustees have given due consideration to the risks to which the Charity is exposed and systems designed to mitigate those risks. A major risk is the issue of Open Access related to articles in the Charity's journal 'Histopathology'. If Open Access was implemented in its entirety, the Charity would potentially lose much income. The Trustees are monitoring the situation closely. In the interim, the amount spent on charitable deeds has inevitably to be titrated against realistic sustainable income from members' dues and meetings' profits.

Policy on Reserves: The reserves have continued to increase year-on-year, being £1,837,363 on 30.06.08. This is despite significant increases in charitable expenditure, especially on the development of Pathology in the developing world and in spite of current financial downturns. The reserves are needed to counteract the potential of Open Access (see under Policy on Risk Management) that could have a significant impact on the Charity.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge all my colleagues on Council of the BDIAP. Mrs Carol Harris, our Administrative Secretary, is pivotal to the continuing success of the BDIAP and works tirelessly. Dr Ray McMahon has already demonstrated himself to be an excellent Treasurer. Dr Bryan Warren has been much aided in his role as Meetings Secretary by Dr Ian Roberts and by the Junior Councillor Dr Lisa Browning. Dr Stephen Wells has become an excellent Divisional Editor, particularly in his development of the website and the Newsletter. Finally, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the work of the President, the Past President and the President-Elect. All three are centrally involved in the organisation of the BDIAP and are very important to the successful workings of new BDIAP sub-committees. It is a great pleasure for me to be associated with these friends and colleagues.

With all best wishes

Professor Neil A Shepherd
General Secretary

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MEETING SECRETARY'S REPORT AUTUMN 2007- 8

The BDIAP Meetings of one and a half day single topics continue to be successful.

The Symposium on Gynaecological Pathology was held in Manchester 18-19 April and was a very successful meeting thanks to both the programme and local organisers. The first Trainees Meeting was held in London in March this year, this proved to be a great success and will be repeated next year.

The International Congress of the IAP was held in Athens from 12-17 October this year.

The Symposium on Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Pathology will this will take place in London from 28-29 November 2008 at the London Hilton Paddington.

The next Joint Meeting with the Pathological Society is CARDIFF PATHOLOGY 2009 and this will take place from 30 June –3 July 2009. Both the programme and speakers are excellent.

A number of other meetings are in the planning stage:-

27-28 November 2009 - *London* - The Autopsy

Spring 2010 – *Cork, Ireland* - Symposium on Upper Gastrointestinal Pathology

26-27 November 2010 – *London* - Symposium on Head and Neck Pathology

9-13 May 2011 – *Ghent, Belgium* - GHENT PATHOLOGY 2011 (Joint Meeting with the Pathological Society)

25-26 November 2011 – *London* – Symposium on the Pathology of Infection

Bosnian British School of Pathology

2008 Breast Pathology was a very successful meeting thanks to Sara Pinder and Jorge Rreis-Filo and to the excellent local arrangements of Semir Vranic and colleagues. The next meeting will be Gynaecological and Lymphoreticular Pathology to be held in 2009. Dr Sanjiv Manek and colleagues will be providing the lectures. Dr Vranic will be away in the USA but will still help to organise this meeting.

Dr Bryan F Warren
Meetings Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT AUTUMN 2008

The auditor's report, including the detailed financial statements, is attached. This shows that the finances of the BDIAP remain in generally good shape, although there are some issues that require more detailed consideration. Our funds carried forward at the end of the financial year show a slight increase of just under £25k leaving a total of just over £1.8m. This is a good performance in the current economic climate, in which the underperformance of our investments was counterbalanced by the excellent returns from our association with Wiley-Blackwell in the Histopathology journal and continuing income from our meetings, including our joint meetings with the Pathological Society.

The continuing success of the Histopathology journal is one of our major sources of income. This is due to the excellent work of the editor, Professor Michael Wells, and his associate editors in producing a journal whose impact factor continues to rise along with the magnificent support of Wiley-Blackwell, especially that of Elizabeth Whelan. After a number of years where the subscription costs remained static, there will be an increase in line with inflation in the next year.

Membership income dropped slightly this year. We have positively encouraged subsidised trainee membership but we need to ensure that our core membership is maintained and even increased.

Our educational expenditure appears to have dropped this year but this is partly explained by an exceptional payment of £50k to the Royal College of Pathologists for their education centre in the previous year. We have continued our activities within our home countries with BSc studentships, elective bursaries and fellowships. At the same time we have continued our award-winning association with the Arab-British School, while developing our relations with Eastern and Southern Africa (special commendation for Ahmed Kalebi who continues to excel in South Africa), Bosnia and Sri Lanka.

Meetings income continues to be positive, especially our joint meetings with the Pathological Society. These meetings (our own and those with other organisations including the British Association of Gynaecological Pathology) are primarily educational and our overall aim is to be cost neutral but additional income is always welcome.

Our investment income this year has dropped considerably. Our three unit trusts with two companies (COIF and Artemis) all showed significant drops, in line with the general performance of the stock market. We have maintained our increased income in cash in relatively low interest bearing accounts. This has turned out to be a safe strategy in the short term but there is a need now to look at a medium to long term approach to our investments. It has been agreed that the members of the finance subcommittee should meet with a number of financial companies to discuss future potential strategies.

At present, we have sufficient assets and reserves to support our agreed activities for quite a few years to come. Our aim is to ensure that the BDIAP is able to promote our avowed charitable aims within a stable financial environment. We may find that the years of exponential growth will no longer continue but our medium to long-term strategy should be to confirm our financial stability with reasonable growth. This should be a four-pronged approach: stable or increasing membership income, continuing development of

Histopathology with Wiley-Blackwell, neutral or better meetings income, and a stable or increasing investment income using professional advice.

As always, the continued success of the BDIAP in financial terms is a team effort. I am extremely grateful to our Administrative Secretary, Mrs Carol Harris, for her enormous support through the year keeping me up to date with current expenditure. The members of the finance subcommittee (Mark Smith, Claude Cuvelier and recently Elaine Kay) have been very helpful in providing advice and guidance. In his role as chair of the education subcommittee, Steve Wells has been invaluable in informing me as to who should receive our bursaries and awards. Our relationship with Wiley-Blackwell is hugely important in the generation of income for the BDIAP and I am particularly grateful to Elizabeth Whelan for her continued strong support for our organisation. The relationship of the treasurer with the secretary in any organisation is a very important one and I am very grateful to Neil Shepherd for his support throughout the year. For the recent IAP Congress in Athens, he was invaluable in ensuring our burgeoning relationship with our colleagues in Bosnia and adjacent Balkan countries.

With all best wishes

Dr Ray McMahon
Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Royal College of Surgeons, London

Friday, 23 November 2007

1. The Minutes of the last AGM held at The Royal College of Surgeons, London on Friday 26 November 2006 were agreed.

2. **Election of Officers and Councillors**

It was announced that Professor Geraint Williams would be the new President Elect. Dr Stephen Wells would be taking over from Professor Furness as the Divisional Editor and Professor Furness was thanked for the work that he had done on behalf of the BDIAP during the his term of office.

3. **General Secretary's Report**

The BDIAP has had another highly successful year of pathological education and advancement. Our continuing financial strength has enabled us to advance our initiatives for pathology education in our member countries and in other affiliated Divisions and countries, notably the Arab Division, Eastern and Southern Africa, Bosnia and Sri Lanka. At the end of 2006, Dr Alec Howat retired as the Treasurer. He made an enormous contribution to the success of the Division and this has been acknowledged this year by the award of a Cunningham medal. Dr Ray McMahan has replaced him and demonstrates superb skills in this challenging post. Further, Professor Chris Elston finished his term as the Division's President. He, too, has made a huge contribution to the Division, over many years, and his Presidency was enormously successful, particularly with new developments that emanating out of the very successful AwayDay that he organised. Professor Claude Cuvelier has replaced him and has already shown what a capable President he is. After 10 years service, Professor Peter Furness has retired as Divisional Editor. He has established the website and the Newsletter and has been a pivotal member of Council. He will be sorely missed and the Division has also acknowledged his huge contribution by the award of a Cunningham medal. He has been replaced by Dr Stephen Wells, who has already demonstrated how enthusiastic and able he is in this role. Council has also awarded a President's Medal this year to Professor Sir Roddy MacSween. These presentations will be made at the November 2007 meeting.

This year, there have been changes to Council. Professor Jan van de Tweel has left Council after his Presidency. The Division is most grateful to him for all his endeavours. Dr Sanjiv Manek and Professor Glenn McCluggage have also finished their term as Councillors. Professor Geraint Williams should have stepped down but he has become President-Elect. New Councillors are Professor Chris Meijer, our Dutch representative, Professor Andrew Nicholson, Professor Sarah Pinder and Dr Mark Smith. In the last year, Council has agreed to support the new educational development at the Royal Collage of Pathologists to the tune of £50,000. This is one development that has been allowed by our excellent financial standings. As Rays' Financial Report indicates, our reserves were £1,812,821 on 30.06.07.

The Division was very well represented at the Montreal World Congress in September 2006. Indeed, as it was the 100 year anniversary of the IAP, there were twelve Gold Medal Awards, two of which were to the BDIAP. Its journal, Histopathology, and the Arab British School of Pathology were the recipients. Furthermore, there were awards of five Certificates of Merit. These were to the Division itself, Professor Kristin Henry and to the three living former Editors of Histopathology, Professors MacSween, Underwood & Wells. The meeting was highly successful, both educationally and socially, and the standing of the Division can have only increased by its wide-ranging involvement in IAP matters.

In November 2006, our annual meeting was on Breast Pathology. Professor Sarah Pinder organised an excellent meeting and the meeting was a tribute to Professor Chris Elston, who was retiring as both President of the BDIAP and from his NHS practice. This was an excellent educational event and more than 400 delegates attended. At the Dinner, Professor Sir James Underwood gave a marvellous tribute to Professor Elston and his unmatched contribution to the BDIAP. July 2007 saw the fourth Joint Meeting with the Pathological Society in Glasgow. As with previous joint meetings, this was an excellent meeting, very well attended and a credit to all of those involved in its organisation.

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4. Meeting Secretary's Report

The last year has seen some excellent meetings. The November 2006 meeting on Breast pathology was well attended and highly successful, thanks to the efforts of those involved, in particular Sarah Pinder, Chris Elston and Bryan Warren. The demand for places resulted in an attendance that exceeded the capacity of the main lecture theatre (296 seats) at the Royal College of Surgeons of England and necessitated a video link to a second lecture theatre. This was not quite good enough for histological images and for the upcoming meeting on Urological pathology it was decided to fix attendance at 296 places. This meeting became rapidly over subscribed, despite limited advertising, confirming the popularity and educational value of the current format of the BDIAP meetings.

Glasgow Pathology 2007, the joint meeting with the Pathological Society, was also a very successful and well-attended meeting. Particular thanks should be given to the local organising committee. Symposia and lectures covered a broad range of specialties and the delegate feedback was very positive for all.

Future Meetings

The theme of the Spring 2008 meeting will be Gynaecological pathology, held jointly with the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists. The meeting will take place in Manchester on 18-19 April, with Ray McMahon and Godfrey Wilson as the local organisers. The lecture theatre we are using has a capacity of 200, which we could fill twice over, so those wishing to attend should book early!

The November 2008 meeting will be on Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Pathology. Professor Alastair Burt has put together an excellent programme for this. It will take place on 28-29 November in London.

The next International Congress will be in Athens in September 2008. Beyond that, Cardiff Pathology 2009 will be the next joint meeting with the Pathological Society.

Trainees Meetings

This is a new initiative led by Lisa Browning. Following the success of the 'meet the experts' session at the Glasgow Pathology meeting in July, a programme of one-day trainees meetings is planned. The first is on 8 April 2008 at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, entitled "Approach to Cut-Up; Macroscopic

Examination as the Precursor to Accurate Microscopic Interpretation". In acknowledgement of the recent cut in study leave budgets, this will be heavily subsidised by the BDIAP, allowing a registration fee of £25.

International activities

The Bosnian British School of Pathology: The first meeting was a success and our thanks go to Semir Vranic, Neil Shepherd, Geraint Williams and also to Mike Franey from Acorn aid. The attendance was good as was the enthusiasm and hospitality. This included a day's bird watching, which I understand was particularly appreciated! Semir Vranic has been invited to spend time with Dr Jorge Reis-Filho and attend the November BDIAP meeting. It has been agreed by Council to fund 14 Balkan pathologists to attend the IAP meeting in Athens in 2008. Funds have also been put aside to provide books for several departments in Bosnia, an initiative led by Katie Robertson.

The Sri Lankan British School of Pathology: The first meeting, a one week educational programme on Gastrointestinal pathology, was very successful, thanks to the efforts of Ray McMahon, Neil Shepherd and Geraint Williams

Mike Wells was this year's Goodwill Ambassador to South Africa, giving an impressive list of lectures during a week in July.

This brief report gives an indication of the health of BDIAP meetings in this country and the work that goes into supporting pathology education outside the UK. If you have any suggestions for future educational initiatives, we would be very glad to hear from you.

5. Treasurer's Report

The BDIAP continues to do well financially. Our main sources of income are membership subscriptions, educational meetings, our investment portfolio and the profits from the Histopathology journal. Our main areas of expenditure relate to organisation of our educational meetings, our sponsorship of educational activities within the BDIAP countries and abroad, and our governance costs. An exceptional item this year was a donation of £50,000 to the Royal College of Pathologists Education Centre, which the BDIAP is very pleased to support. In the past year, the profit from Histopathology increased to £212,646 while our overall income was in excess of £400,000. Our expenditure increased to £318,590 resulting in a net gain of over £82,000, along with an unrealised gain on our investments of over £127,000. Thus our net balance as of the end of our financial year in June 2007 was £1,812,821, an increase on the year of nearly £210,000. This rate of increase is somewhat less than the previous year (£273,000), mainly related to variations in the valuation of our investments, which are held with COIF and Artemis. These reserves are sufficient to support the activities of the BDIAP and to plan for increased educational activity through our various schemes, scholarships and bursaries, in keeping with our stated aims as a charitable organisation.

Council recommends that the cost of membership to include subscription to Histopathology should remain at £85 for 2008, with a reduced Junior Membership rate of £10. Additional subscriptions to Modern Pathology and Laboratory Investigation also remain at £65 per journal. Please inform the Administrative Secretary if you wish to subscribe to either or both of these journals in 2008 (or to change your existing arrangements).

This has been my first year as Treasurer and my task has been helped immensely by the invaluable support of Carol Harris, our Administrative Secretary, and I am also very grateful to Mr Raj Visana of Visana Chartered Accountants for help in preparing the accounts and the annual report to the Charity Commission. I am particularly indebted to my predecessor as Treasurer, Alec Howat, for handing over the finances of the BDIAP in such good shape and for his ready availability to deal with my many queries over the past year. His deep knowledge and affection for the BDIAP shone through in all my dealings with him. I would also like to thank my fellow officers and trustees of the BDIAP for their patience during my first year and especially to Mark Smith, for his help and advice as a co-member of the Finance Sub-committee.

Membership

Total membership is 1363 of 28 are Senior members and 9 Honorary members. There are 1018 from the UK, 104 from The Netherlands, 90 from Belgium, 48 from Ireland with 103 from other countries.

6. Editor's Report – Histopathology

The Editor reported that it had been a successful year with 700 submissions for the year with a 35% acceptance rate. The number of pages was now up by a third with a period of 5 months between acceptance

and publication. The impact factor in 2006 was 3.216, the highest in the 30 years of the journal's publication. The BDIAP/Histopathology reception held at USCAP earlier in the year had been very successful. Professor Mike Wells will be resigning as Editor in December 2008.

7. Awards and Prizes

The Roger Cotton Prize was awarded to Professor Jeremy Jass. The Cunningham Medal was awarded to Professor Peter Furness for his important contribution to the BDIAP during his time in office. The President's Medal was awarded to Professor Roddy MacSween for his particular contribution to pathology over the years.

8. Any Other Business

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.