REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FOR

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CYTOPATHOLOGY

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The British Association of Cytopathology (BAC), which is registered as a charity, was founded in 2011 resulting from the merger of British Society for Clinical Cytology (BSCC) and the National Association of Cytologists (NAC). The BAC exists to advance the science and art of Cytopathology by encouraging higher standards in Cytopathology for the benefit of the public and to encourage research in Cytopathology and related fields for the publication of useful results. In pursuit of these aims and objectives, the BAC has the power to receive contibutions via a membership fee and raise funds where appropriate, to finance the work of the BAC.

To achieve these aims and objectives, the BAC will hold regular Scientific Meetings, educational study days, training courses and workshops and will facilitate a Continuous Education Certificate scheme open to all members. The BAC will work with groups of a similar nature and exchange information, advice and knowledge with them, including cooperation with other professional bodies, charities, statutory and non-statutory organisations.

Significant activities

All the members receive the official journal "Cytopathology". "SCAN" is now incorporated into the new website and is no longer published. The aim of Cytopathology is to publish articles relating to those aspects of cytology which will increase our knowledge and understanding of the actiology, diagnosis and management of human disease. It contains original articles and critical reviews on all aspects of clinical cytology in its broadest sense: including gynaecological and non-gynaecological cytology, fine needle aspiration and screening strategy. The journal welcomes papers on ultrastructural, histochemical and immunocytochemical studies of the cell as well as articles on quantitative cytology and DNA hybridization.

The aim of Cytopath Editorial policy reflects the interest of cytopathologists and cytotechnologists alike as well as the interest of clinicians using the cytology service. It also reflects the interest of biological scientists whose work involves research of the cellular level. We continue to correlate information on matters cytological including progress of the NHS Cervical Screening Programme.

All members receive the journal

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity continues to meet the required public benefit test through its objectives and activities described above.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE Charitable activities www.britishcytology.org.uk

The website is under development and will be a new platform which should make it more user friendly and interactive. It will continue to develop and cover the evolvement of the BAC, meetings and news/research within the field of Cytopathology. The BAC is keen to develop an educational section using cases/modules for self-learning. We encourage any comments or ideas for developing the website and are particularly interested to hear if you have any material that would provide a valuable resource to our members

Continuing Professional Development

The BAC have worked hard to establish ourselves as a professional body for cytopathology in the UK, and it has taken some time, but through working closely with other relevant organizations, national bodies, government departments we are now the 'go-to' body which represents cytology in all its forms within the UK, recognized and respected across the world.

Due to COVID- 19 restrictions and numerous train strikes, the BAC has continued its educational meetings in the form of Webinars hosted through Zoom. These have been very well-received and have attracted many attendees not only from the UK but overseas too. The Webinars have been recorded and can be found on 'YouTube'.

The BAC Twitter account is being widely used and the number of followers has increased greatly over the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Association has generated a surplus in the year of £1,014 (2022: £5,610 surplus) from its activities throughout the year.

The revised arrangements for our journal Cytopathology continue to generate increased royalty payments from the publishers Wiley. However, the surpluses realised from Conferences and meetings in recent years are now of much increased importance to the finances of the BAC. No conference was held in this financial year.

At the year end, the BAC still has available reserves in excess of £400,000 which we consider to be in line with the reserves policy referred to below.

The Executive is satisfied with the results shown, which are very much in line with expectations.

Investment policy and objectives

The Constitution of the BAC authorises the Executive to make and hold investments using the funds of the charity.

Cash balances are currently held with Lloyds Bank and The National Savings Bank. In addition, the BAC holds certain investments in quoted securities, which have been previously donated to it.

The Executive, having regard to the liquidity requirements of the organisation have operated a policy of keeping available funds within interest bearing deposit accounts.

Reserves policy

The BAC maintains reserves to enable us to provide an uninterrupted service to our members. It is considered that reserves should be able to support a minimum of one year, and ideally up to two years operating costs. The BAC now has total reserves of £421,355 (2022: £420,341), and this is within the range of our reserves policy.

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FUTURE PLANS

Although the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic are behind us, the substantial shift to online events and meetings remains and the hopeful version of the future includes regular but infrequent face-to-face meetings interspersed with online webinars.

The BAC has embraced this shift and our annual scientific meeting was held online in early September 2022, getting us off to a great start with excellent presentations from Dr Louise Smart and Dr Martina Munonyara dealing with pitfalls in urinary and head and neck cytopathology respectively as well as Dr Tanya Levine dealing with difficult cases in cervical cytology.

Earlier this year, Sheri Scott delivered a very timely reminder regarding embedding sustainability in laboratory practice and Sheri's presentation contained both important messages and practical steps that laboratories can take.

We had hoped to hold our Spring tutorial in March 2023 as a face-to-face workshop in London but train strikes made this impossible.

Therefore, we converted to an online slide seminar using both glass slides of challenging peritoneal cytology expertly demonstrated and discussed from Croatia by Professor Danijela Vrdoljak-Mozeti?, General Secretary of the European Federation of Cytology Societies (EFCS) followed by Dr Maria Buttice from St Thomas's Hospital in London who used whole slide scans of pancreato-biliary cases to illustrate pitfalls in this area of diagnosis with pertinent references to the recently published WHO "blue book" or, to give it its proper title, "WHO Reporting System for Pancreaticobiliary Cytopathology".

The use of whole slide digital scans in a workshop was a first for the BAC and we will endeavour to use this technology whenever appropriate and available for future online workshops.

The feedback from this meeting suggested that the participants found the seminar very valuable. In fact, in July 2023, the Royal College of Pathologists held an online Cytopathology Study Day, primarily for medical and non-medical trainces, with presentations formatted as a short 15 minute talk followed by whole slide images. Although not a formal BAC meeting, most of the presenters were BAC members and the structure again proved popular as another way of doing "remote double heading".

Just to prove we haven't forgotten about face-to-face meetings and how to do them, a day of talks with a hands-on microscope workshop was held on the subject of (cervical) invasive cancer audit in June 2023 at NEPSEC in Wakefield. The feedback, again, has been excellent and a follow-up is planned in the near future so watch this space, as they say.

Of course, the space to watch is the BAC website, where you will be the first to hear about upcoming BAC events (both online and in person) as well as many other events of interest from the EFCS, International Academy of Cytology (IAC), RCPath and others. Past BAC webinars are also available, free of charge (for members and non-members), on the BAC's YouTube channel which you can get to by following links from the website.

There are exciting developments coming up in the new year with a new website under construction and we will share further information about it as it comes along.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The British Association for Cytopathology (BAC) was formed in 2011 following the merger of the British Society for Clinical Cytology (BSCC) and the National Association of Cytologists (NAC). BAC is a registered charity, charity number 276829, duly constituted under a Deed of Trust. The constitution and Rules were adopted on 25th September 1978, amended on 12th September 1982, 19th September 1990, 18th September 1991, 15th September 1998, 12th September 2006, 15th July 2011 and 15th September 2012.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Appointment to Executive

Executive members are appointed for a period of three years, and are appointed by a majority vote from nominations received at the Annual Meeting. The Officers of the BAC are selected from the Executive.

The AGM of 4th November 2017 approved some changes to The BAC Constitution, which are available on the BAC website. The major change was the expansion of the Executive to 12 elected members plus the President.

For the purposes of the Charities Act the officers and members of the BAC effectively act as the Charitable Trustees.

Organisation

The charity is based within the UK. It no longer has any permanent office accommodation of its own but its administration is handled through IBMS in London. The academic work of the organisation is controlled and organised through a series of committees, the membership of which is shown below.

We now have a "front desk" manned throughout the full working week through arrangements with IBMS in London. The remaining administrative duties have been devolved to members of The Executive.

Induction and training of new members

New members of the Executive are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the committee, and decision making processes of the Organisation.

Risk management

The Executive is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the BAC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- a) the BAC is operating efficiently and effectively:
- b) its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition:
- c) proper records are maintained and are reliable;
- d) the BAC complies with relevant laws and regulations

The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- e) regular meetings and reviews conducted by the Executive
- f) regular consideration by the Executive of the financial results in light of known expectations, non-financial performance indicators and review;
- g) delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- h) identification and management of risks.

The Executive actively review the main risk which the charity faces on a regular basis, and believe that maintaining our free reserves at the levels stated below, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out through various reviews, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Executive have also examined other operational and business risks which we face, and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. The Executive wish to ensure that the BAC's internal financial controls in particular, conform to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

0276829

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 TH March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr A Maddox - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CYTOPATHOLOGY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of British Association for Cytopathology

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 material 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 Reports) 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.

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.

Philip Longstaff FCA

Ellis Atkins

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Date: 274 March 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund	31/3/23 Total funds £	31/3/22 Total funds
Donations and legacies		1,566		1,566	13,383
Charitable activities	3				
Advancement of scientific research		69,162	*	69,162	58,539
Investment income	2	45		45	5
Total		70,773		70,773	71,927
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Advancement of scientific research	4	66,690		66,690	71,911
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(3,069)	•	(3,069)	5,594
NET INCOME		1,014		1,014	5,610
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		407,008	13,333	420,341	414,731
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		408,022	13,333	421,355	420,341

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	31/3/23 Total funds	31/3/22 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	476	-	476	635
Investments	9	33,832	-	33,832	36,901
		34,308	-	34,308	37,536
CURRENT ASSETS	3.				
Debtors	10	52,463	_	52,463	9,237
Cash at bank		338,114	13,333	351,447	390,168
19		. 390,577	13,333	403,910	399,405
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(16,863)	-	(16,863)	(16,600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		373,714	13,333	387,047	382,805
		53			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		408,022	13,333	421,355	420,341
NET ASSETS		408,022	13,333	421,355	420,341
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FUNDS Unrestricted funds	12			400.000	400.000
Restricted funds				13,333	407,008
· ·				13,333	13,333
TOTAL FUNDS				421,355	420,341

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 TV Meth 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Maddox - Trustee

K Ellie - Trustoe

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective I January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements present information about the charity as an individual undertaking and not as a group.

There are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

The charity allocates its support costs on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Website development - 33% on cost
Plant and machinery - 25% on cost

Computer equipment + 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2.	INVESTMENT INCOME				
				31/3/23	31/3/22
				£	£
	Deposit account interest			45	5
3.	INCOME FROM CHARIT.	ABLE ACTIVITIES			
		8 _ 1		31/3/23	31/3/22
		Activity		£	£
	Subscriptions	Advancement of scientific research		20,397	21,382
	Tutorial and ASM income	Advancement of scientific research		1,553	-
	Journal royalties	Advancement of scientific research		43,226	37,157
	Conference income	Advancement of scientific research		3,986	-
				69,162	58,539
	A1 248				120
4.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIE	ES COSTS			
				Support	
			Direct	costs (see	
			Costs	note 5)	Totals
			£	£	£
	Advancement of scientific res	earch	36,131	30,559	66,690
	GUDDADE GAGES				
5.	SUPPORT COSTS			Governance	
			Management	costs	Totals
			£	£	£
	Advancement of scientific res	earch	27,619	2,940	30,559
	Advancement of acidinine res	CatOst	27,019	2,540	30,339
	Support costs, included in the	above, are as follows:			
				31/3/23	31/3/22
	// / ·			Advancement	
				of	
				scientific	Total
				research	activities
				£	£
	Office costs			3,140	5,072
	Travel			(198)	1,697
	Administration costs			24,000	24,120
	Subscriptions			384	384
	Depreciation of tangible asset	S		159	212
	Interest payable and similar c	harges		134	133
	Independent Examiner's Fee			2,940	2,940
	Independent Examiner's Fee				
	Independent Examiner's Fee			30,559	2,940 34,558

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

	31/3/23	31/3/22
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	2,940	2,940

Independent examiners remuneration for the year was £2,940 (2022: £2,940).

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Details relating to trustees' expenses are given below.

Executive members

Travelling and directly incurred other expenses amounting to £950 were reimbursed to 4 Executive Members (2022 - £953 to 2 Executive Members). This includes £464 reimbursed to 2 trustees (2022-£953 to 2 trustees).

There were no staff directly employed during the year or previous period.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Website development	Plant and machinery	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	17,626	6,339	524	24,489
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	17,626	5,704	524	23,854
Charge for year		159		159
At 31 March 2023	17,626	5,863	524	24,013
NET BOOK VALUE			0.89	
At 31 March 2023		476	88 -	476
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At 31 March 2022		635	44	635

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	9.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS
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				Listed investments
	MARKET VALUE At 1 April 2022 Revaluations			36,901 (3,069)
	At 31 March 2023			33,832
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2023			33,832
	At 31 March 2022			36,901
	There were no investment assets outside the UK	C.		
	Cost or valuation at 31 March 2023 is represent	ed by:		
				Listed investments
	Valuation in 2023			£ 33,832
	The market value is represented by the quoted r	market price at 31st March 2023,		
10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE W	ITHIN ONE YEAR	31/3/23	31/3/22
	Accrued royalty income	200	£ 52,463	£ 9,237
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE	WITHIN ONE YEAR	31/3/23	31/3/22
	10 300		31/3/23 £	3 1/3/22 £
	Accruals and deferred income Prepaid subscriptions		6,769 10,094	6,526 10,074
			16,863	16,600
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
			Net	
			movement	At
		At 1.4.22	in funds	31.3.23
		£	£	£
Unrestricted funds General fund		407,008	1,014	408,022
Restricted funds		111		10.000
Mina Desai Award		13,333	* 1	13,333
TOTAL FUNDS		420,341	1,014	421,355
Net movement in funds, included in the abo	ve are as follows:			
	Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement
	resources	expended	losses	in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds		-		
General fund	70,773	(66,690)	(3,069)	1,014
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TOTAL FUNDS	70,773	(66,690)	(3,069)	1,014
Comparatives for movement in funds				
			Net	
			movement	At
		At 1.4.21	in funds	31.3.22
		£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	*	414,731	(7,723)	407,008
Restricted funds				10.000
Mina Desai Award		100	13,333	13,333
			6.410	420.241
TOTAL FUNDS		414,731	5,610	420,341

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Mina Desai Award

TOTAL FUNDS

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	58,594	(71,911)	5,594	(7,723)
Restricted funds				
Mina Desai Award	13,333		-	13,333
TOTAL ELINIDO	71.027	(21.011)	5 504	5.610
TOTAL FUNDS	71,927	(71,911)	5,594	5,610
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months	hs combined positi	on is as follows:		
			Net	
			movement	At //
		At 1.4.21	in funds	31.3.23
		£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund		414,731	(6,709)	408,022
Restricted funds				

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

414,731

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	129,367	(138,601)	2,525	(6,709)
Restricted funds Mina Desai Award	13,333	-		13,333
TOTAL FUNDS	142,700	(138,601)	2,525	6,624

The Association operates unrestricted and restricted funds. Unrestricted funds are used for the general and scientific activities of BAC.

13,333

6,624

13,333

421,355

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The restricted fund of £13,333 relates to a donation recevied in 2022. This donation is specifically to cover costs relating to the annual Mina Desai Award, an annual bursary for the European Conference and a tri-annual bursary for the International meeting. The donation is expected to fund this expenditure for up to ten years.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.