

**THE GENETICS SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

The Annual General Meeting of the Genetics Society was held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at The Royal Society, London.

39 members of the Society, including 16 members of the Committee, were in attendance and the meeting was therefore declared to be quorate. Present for the purposes of the minutes: Linda Allardyce (PCS) and Esau Moreno (PCS shadow).

**1. Minutes of the previous General Meeting (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012).**

The minutes of the previous AGM had been available to view and/or download from the Genetic Society's website. There being no objections, it was agreed that these minutes provided a true reflection of the proceedings at that meeting and were accordingly signed as an accurate record.

**2. President's Report**

The President, Enrico Coen, expressed his pleasure at becoming President at an exciting time when the Society was in an excellent position. The President highlighted that many future meetings were planned and new initiatives, such as the PhD Student Science Communication Course, were being implemented. The President reported that all Genes and Development Summer Students will attend a workshop.

**3. Honorary Treasurer's Report.**

The Honorary Treasurer, Hiro Ohkura, referred to the Society's 2011 statement noting that these were headline figures pending production of the audited accounts.

	<b>Financial yr 2012 provisional</b>	<b>Financial yr 2011 closed</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership	15k	24k
Journals	398k	440k
<b>Total income</b>	<b>413k</b>	<b>464k</b>
<b>Expenditure</b> inc support costs		
Grants*	118k	101k
GS Meetings	86k	79k
Operations	117k	188k
Newsletter	28k	27k
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>349k</b>	<b>395k</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>+ 64k</b>	<b>+ 70k</b>
<b>Investments</b>	<b>71K</b>	<b>4k</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,364k</b>	<b>1,229k</b>

<b>Grants</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Genes and Development	106k [36]	78k [26]
Training	6k [13]	18k [33]
Heredity	5k	5k
Fieldwork	5k	
<b>Total</b>	<b>122k</b>	<b>101k</b>

Numbers of grants awarded are shown in square brackets.

All financial figures for 2012 are provisional. Please note; these figures are for indication.

Full details of the Society's financial affairs would be publicised in the next edition of the newsletter.

It was noted that there had been an increase in applications during 2013.

The Treasurer reported that currently the Society is heavily reliant on the income generated from Journal subscriptions, and it was agreed that the likely move to Open Access will mean that the Society will need to develop alternative income streams and also increase income generated from membership.

#### **4. Honorary Secretary's Report**

Tanya Whitfield (TW) announced the following awards, which had been made by the Genetics Society during the past year:

**2013 Mendel Medal** — Awarded to Professor Stanislas Leibler (Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton and The Rockefeller University, New York) for his work on theoretical and experimental approaches to the quantitative analysis of microbial systems. Professor Leibler will deliver his lecture at the Genetics Society Autumn Meeting, 2013.

**2014 Genetics Society Medal** - Awarded to Professor Jonathan Flint (Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Oxford) for his work on complex traits in mouse, and in humans, with respect to behaviour. Professor Flint will deliver his lecture at the Genetics Society Spring Meeting, 2014.

**2014 Balfour Lecture** – Awarded to Dr Elizabeth Murchison (Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Hinxton) for her work on transmissible and comparative oncogenomics. Dr Murchison will deliver her lecture at the Genetics Society Autumn Meeting, 2014.

**2014 JBS Haldane Lecture** - Awarded to Professor Armand Leroi (Imperial College London). Details of the lecture to be confirmed.

**2013 The Sir Kenneth Mather Prize** – Awarded to Ms Holly Trochet (Edinburgh)

The Honorary Secretary then announced a new award: **The Mary Lyon Medal**, named after the eminent geneticist Mary Lyon, FRS. This award will address a current gap in the Genetics Society Medals portfolio (between the Balfour Lecture and Genetics Society

Medal), and will be awarded to for research excellence in genetics. A competition to design the artwork for this medal will be announced in the July 2013 newsletter. Nominations for the 2015 award will open at the same time.

**Applications for new membership**

The Honorary Secretary then asked whether there were any objections to any of the new 301 members who had applied to join the Society over the past year. None were raised and TW accordingly asked for a show of hands from those willing to have these members elected. In total, 64 members cast their vote in favour: 21 members attending the meeting, 27 members voting online, and 16 votes from attending Committee members. This was carried.

The Honorary Secretary then asked if there were any objections to the changes in Executive Committee and Committee membership, as follows:

1. Executive Sub-Committee - There were no objections and in total 63 members cast their vote in favour: 21 members attending the meeting, 27 members voting online, plus 15 votes from the Committee.
2. Ordinary Committee Members - There were no objections and in total 66 members cast their vote in favour: 23 members attending the meeting, 27 members voting online, plus 16 votes from the Committee.

TW highlighted that the next vacancies would include:

**Honorary Meetings Secretary** which would begin with a 12 month period of shadowing the current Honorary Meetings Secretary.

**Committee member Area “E”** (Evolutionary, ecological and population genetics, to replace Matthew Hurles in 2014)

**Committee member Area “F”** (Corporate genetics and biotechnology, to replace John Whittaker in 2014)

Members were asked to send nominations for any suitable candidates to Tanya Whitfield.

There being no further business, the 2013 AGM was formally closed by the President, Enrico Coen.

Minuted on behalf of the Genetics Society by Portland Customer Services.



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Honorary Secretary

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