

**International Biometric Society
British Region
Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 2003**

The Annual General Meeting of the British Region of the International Biometric Society was held at 14.00 pm on Thursday 13th November in the Lecture Hall at the Royal Statistical Society, 12 Errol Street, London, EC1Y 8LX. The President, Professor Mike Kenward took the chair. About 26 members were present.

1. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were approved as read.
2. The Secretary briefly summarised his written report on the activities of the Region during the past year. The year had included two Ordinary meetings in November 2002 and March 2003. The highlight of the year had been the Regional Conference at the University of Reading, the first such meeting since the 1998, and, hopefully, the first of a series of conference held every two years. The meeting included eight invited speakers, 36 contributed oral papers and a poster session. The low point of the year was the sad and unexpected death of Rob Kempton in early May 2003. Relationships with both the RSS and PSI were progressing with joint meetings planned with both for the coming year. A second Regional Conference was planned for April 2005 in Leicester, to be organised jointly with the Belgian and Netherlands Regions, and a bid to host IBC2008 at University College Dublin was being prepared.
3. The Treasurer's report was presented by the Secretary in the Treasurer's absence. The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure, very pleasing in the Treasurer's last year of office! This had been achieved by more careful budgeting of meetings, and the use of electronic formats for the regional newsletter. The Fisher Memorial Trust had again provided bursaries to support 'young' biometricians, this time to attend the Regional Conference in September 2003. The financial position of the Region suggests that it should not be necessary to increase subscription rates in the near future.

The Treasurer was thanked, in her absence, for her contribution to the Region over the past few years as Treasurer

4. The Membership Secretary presented her report. The current membership of the British Region is 322, a net increase of 4 during the year. This included 22 new members, several as a result of the Regional Conference, and 15 resignations.
5. As no other nominations had been received, the following were declared elected:

President-Elect (2003-2004):	Prof. Joe Perry (Rothamsted Research)
Secretary:	Mr. Andrew Mead (HRI, Wellesbourne)
Treasurer:	Mr. Peter Rigsby (NIBSC)
Membership Secretary:	Miss Suzanne Clark (Rothamsted Research)
Committee Members:	Dr. Steve Brooks (University of Cambridge)
(2003-2006)	Mr. Peter Colman (Pfizer Global R & D, Sandwich)
6. Robin Thompson (Rothamsted Research) was thanked for his work as auditor for the past year, and was nominated and elected as auditor for the coming year.
7. The President expressed his thanks to the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary for their efforts in running the Region during the last year.

The President closed the meeting at 14.15pm.