

## International Biometric Society (British Region)

### Membership Secretary's report for 2005 AGM

The downwards trend in membership continued this year (Fig.1). We currently have **307** members (but see below) which represents an overall loss of 8 members (compared to 315 in 2004 which itself also represented a loss of 7 members compared to 2003). Current membership can be broken down into the following categories (2004 figures in parenthesis):

Full members	224	(235)
Associate members	35	(39)
Student members	7	(13)
Life members	3	(3)
Retired members <sup>+</sup>	2	(3)
Pending removal	36*	(22)
Total	307	(315)

\* *subscriptions not received for 1(=23) or 2(=13) years, not registered with US office but still receive local mailings; + category no longer used.*

The specific changes from 23rd October 2004 to date are:

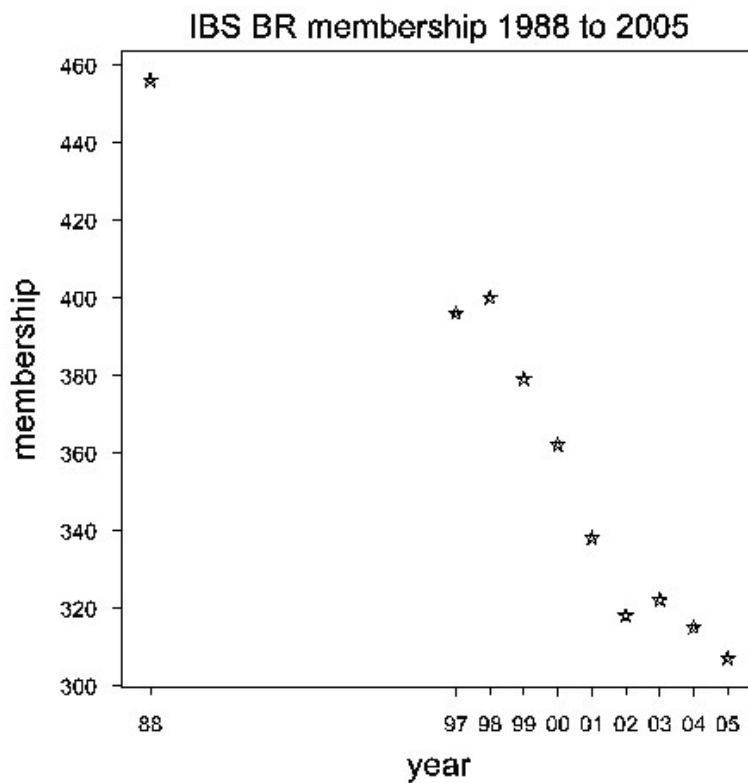
<u>New members</u>	<u>+10</u>	<u>(5 Full, 2 Assoc., 3 Student)</u>
Resignations	-7	(5 Full, 2 Assoc.)
Deaths	-1	(1 Retired)
Transfers in	0	
Transfers out	-1	(1 Full)
Reinstatements	0	
<u>Removed (pending &gt; 2 yrs)</u>	<u>-9</u>	<u>(had been 5 Full, 3 Assoc., 1 Student)</u>
<u>Onto pending list**</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>(12 Full, 4 Assoc., 7 Student)</u>

\*\*not paid but still considered as BR members but not registered with the US

New members totalled 7 less than, and formal resignations also 7 less than, for 2004. Nine members were removed due to non payment of fees for over two years. Two Students and 1 Associate member increased to full membership; 1 full member reduced from full to associate membership. Four students who joined last year did not rejoin this year. Sadly the number of members on the pending (i.e. not paid up) list is

rather larger this year. Note that the current quoted membership level of 307 is an 'optimistic' figure - if these 'pending' members do not rejoin then our true membership (as is currently registered with the US) is actually only a worrying 271.

Figure 1: Total membership, as given in Annual Reports to AGMs



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