

## International Biometric Society (British & Irish Region)

### Membership Secretary's report for 2008 AGM

I am happy to be able to report that in absolute terms membership has increased this year! We currently have a total of 263 paid up members (a gain of 11 compared to 252 in 2007). However, it should be noted that the majority of the increase was likely due to IBC (especially student members) – and we have yet to see how many of these will remain for 2009. We currently have an additional 45 (compared to 32 last year) people on our local mailing list who have not paid for 1 or 2 years and who we try to entice back before removing them in the third year.

Current membership can be broken down into the following categories (2007 figures in parentheses):

Full members	198	(210)
Associate members	34	(31)
Student members	26	(6)
Life members	4	(4)
Retired members <sup>+</sup>	1	(1)
Pending removal	45*	(32)
Total	308	(284)

\* *subscriptions not received for 1(=24) or 2(=21) years, not registered with US office but still receive local mailings; + category no longer open.*

The specific changes from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 to date are:

New members	+44	(12 Full, 7 Assoc., 25 Student)
Transfers in	0	
Reinstatements	0	
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Resignations	-7	(5 Full, 1 Assoc., 1 Student)
Deaths	0	
Transfers out	-4	(2 Full, 1 Assoc., 1 Student)
Removed (pending > 2 yrs)	-9	(had been 7 Full, 2 Student)
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Onto pending list**	24	(17 Full, 4 Associate, 3 Student)

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

Overall there were 44 new memberships including 25 students. Two Full members reduced to Associate membership. There were 7 formal resignations and another 9 members were removed due to non payment of fees for over two years. Four members transferred out to other Regions – Germany (x2), Australia and South Africa, respectively. Two ‘pending’ members rejoined after not having paid for one year (both Students who increased to Full), but sadly the number of members on the pending (i.e. not paid up) list is still large at the end of this year (45).

This is my final report as Membership Secretary. Many thanks to everyone who has helped me over the last seven years, especially to Peter Rigsby. Good luck to Diana Cole who will be taking over from me today.

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29<sup>th</sup> October 2008