

## **BRITISH SOCIETY FOR PARASITOLOGY**

### **April 2005 Review and Update of the 2003-2008 Business plan**

**MANAGEMENT:** The number of ordinary members on Council will have reached the target of 4, a reduction by 2, in April 2005. Council will then comprise ten individuals. One ordinary council member has been identified as having a proactive role in Parasitology education and special sessions have been devoted to this topic at the last and the forthcoming Spring Meeting.

**COMMUNICATION:** The BSP website is in the process of being redesigned commercially and will shortly be ready for trial. In its new state it will be amenable to easy update by Hon. Communications Secretaries without the need for specialist programming knowledge. Current and back copies of Parasitology News are already available on the website, as is information concerning forthcoming meetings and application forms for download. Following advice, Council decided not to enable electronic registration and booking for meetings over the website.

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:** Council has undertaken a review of the rules for travel awards and these are posted on the web site. Regulations governing the award of the Garnham and Ann Bishop scholarships have also been redrafted and to be found on the web site.

**MEMBERSHIP AND INCOME:** Membership subscription has not been increased since 2003 and will be reviewed again in 2005. The 2005 budget, as presented at the AGM, will forecast an income for the year of £36,000 in addition to income from meetings. Income and expenditure have now been balanced.

**MEETINGS PROGRAMME:** Council revised the plan to instigate a sub-group to oversee all meetings business in the recognition that the organisation of meetings was the prime responsibility of all of Council and all meetings matters are dealt with as a major agenda item at Council.

A limited liability company, ICOPA XI has been set up to manage the financial aspects of the 2006 meeting and a professional Conference Organiser, Meeting makers, has been appointed to assist with the business aspects of the meeting. BSP will be advancing a loan of £20,000 to assist with costs incurred prior to the meeting. This will be recovered after the meeting, together with a share in any profits. Glasgow Council has awarded a subvention sum of £19,500 to further support initial costs of the meeting and £9,000 of this has already been received.

**SUMMARY:** Points 1-5 of our plans for 2003-4 have been achieved and the final item is underway.

Council has identified three new objectives for the years 2005-2008:

1. To work towards promoting public understanding / awareness of Parasitology
2. To promote interactions with other societies
3. To maintain the financial health of the Society