



**Minutes of the 2020 AGM of the Light Microscopy Section of the Royal Microscopical Society  
which took place on Monday 16 November 2020 during the  
Virtual Microscopy: Advances, Innovation, Impact 2020 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Professor Gail McConnell FRMS, (LM Chair), Professor Grace Burke FRMS (RMS President), Dr Peter O'Toole FRMS (RMS Vice President), Professor Michelle Peckham FRMS (RMS Honorary Secretary), Dr Lynne Joyce FRMS, (RMS Honorary Treasurer), Professor Rik Brydson FRMS (Honorary Secretary for Education (Physical Sciences)), Professor Maddy Parsons FRMS (Honorary Secretary for Education (Life Sciences)), Dr Debbie Stokes FRMS (International Secretary), Dr Brad Amos Hon FRMS, Dr Kurt Anderson FRMS, Dr Paul Appleton FRMS, Dr Miryam Arredondo FRMS, Mr Mike Ashton FRMS, Mr Steve Bagley FRMS, Dr Saskia Bakker FRMS, Mr Paul Balas, Dr Alex Ball FRMS, Ms Eliana Battistella, Mr Ian Belding, Dr Jacquelyn Bond FRMS, Professor Stanley Botchway, Ms Beatrice Bottura, Dr Nicola Cayzer, Miss Jessica Chandler, Dr David Chatelet, Mr Jay Christopher, Dr Paola Ciselli FRMS, Dr Laura Clark, Dr Charles Clifford FRMS, Dr Joel Cohen, Dr Sean Collins, Dr Lucy Collinson FRMS, Ms Maria Conejero, Professor Sonia Contera, Dr Susan Cox FRMS, Mrs Tracey Davey, Mr Derek Davies FRMS, Dr Giovambattista Depietra FRMS, Dr Emmanuel Derivery, Dr Michael Dixon, Dr Peter Djali FRMS, Professor Vinayak Dravid FRMS, Dr Elizabeth Duke, Professor Rafal Dunin-Borkowski FRMS, Dr Chris Dyer, Dr Anna Lena Eberle, Professor Francis Adelaide GO Fakoya, Mrs Kim Findlay FRMS, Professor Roland Fleck FRMS, Dr Leslie Franchi FRMS, Mr Matthew Francis, Mr Adrian Garcia Burgos, Dr Iria Gonzalez-Doposo Reyes, Dr James Gott, Dr Joelle Goulding, Dr Nicola Green FRMS, Mr Owen Green FRMS, Mr Paul Gunning FRMS, Miss Pamela S Hamer FRMS, Dr Sarah Harper, Dr Daniel Haspel, Professor Pippa Hawes FRMS, Mr Qamar Hayat, Dr Brian Hayes FRMS, Mr Daniel Hewes, Professor Jamie Hobbs, Dr Karen Hogg FRMS, Dr Andrea Holme, Miss Carmel Howe FRMS, Dr Gareth Howell, Dr Ashley Howkins, Dr Chen Huang, Professor Sir Colin Humphreys Hon FRMS, Dr Grenham Ireland FRMS, Mr Gareth Jackson, Dr Izzy Jayasinghe, Dr Mark Jepson FRMS, Mr Peter Johnson, Dr Errin Johnson FRMS, Dr Martin Jones, Dr Sohini Kar-Narayan, Dr Georgeanna Kawaley, Dr Daniel Kelly FRMS, Dr Demie Kepaptsoglou, Professor Rob Kessler FRMS, Mr Sarfraz Khan, Dr Werner Knebel, Dr Marie Kokolski FRMS, Professor Oleg Kolosov, Professor Roland Kröger FRMS, Dr Alex Laude FRMS, Dr Nicola Lawrence FRMS, Dr Leandro Lemgruber, Dr Imre Lengyel, Professor Stefan Linder, Mr Yunxing Ma, Mr Pedro Machado, Mr Kevin Mackenzie FRMS, Dr Kirsty MacLellan-Gibson FRMS, Dr Alessandro Di Maio FRMS, Mr Ofentse Makgae, Dr John Mansfield, Ms Joanne Marrison FRMS, Mr Patrick McBean, Dr Emma McDermott, Mr Eddie McGuigan, Dr Greg McMahon FRMS, Mr Steve Metcalfe FRMS, Dr Katy Moffat, Mr Barry Moran, Dr Flavia Moreira-Leite, Mr David Morgan, Mr Ricardo Morilla FRMS, Dr Caroline Muellenbroich FRMS, Ms Marlies Muernseer, Dr Duncan Muir, Mr Tiarnan Mullarkey, Professor Sebastian Munck, Dr Mogana Das Murtey, Mrs Niga Nawroly, Dr Chas Nelson, Dr Glyn Nelson FRMS, Dr Ulla Neumann FRMS, Dr Shirley Northover FRMS, Dr Fabio Nudelman, Dr Tom O'Hanlon, Mr Richard Osgood, Dr Dogan Ozkaya FRMS, Dr Graeme Park FRMS, Dr Julia Parker, Dr Christopher Parmenter FRMS, Mr Seymour Perlowitz FRMS, Dr Lucia Pinon-Giraldez, Dr Aleks Ponjavic, Dr Eric Prestat FRMS, Ms Frances Quigley, Professor Klaus Qvortrup FRMS, Dr Stefanie Reichelt, Dr Roland Remenyi FRMS, Ms Lorelei Robertson, Professor Brian Rodriguez, Dr Liam Rooney FRMS, Dr Eduardo Rosa-Molinar, Dr Mara-Camelia Rusu, Dr Rebecca Saleeb, Ms Nicole Salgado Cortes, Dr Hilary Sandig, Dr Andrew J Scott FRMS, Mr Rod Shipley, Ms Jennifer Simpson FRMS, Mr Kevin Smith FRMS, Mr Alexander J Sossick FRMS, Mrs Harriet Spatharakis, Dr Natasha Stephen FRMS, Dr Jane Stinchcombe, Dr Kornelis Straatman FRMS, Mr Leslie Stump FRMS, Dr Cassandra Terry, Mr Michel Theron FRMS, Dr Steven Thomas FRMS, Mr Ashutosh Tiwari, Ms Dhani Tracey-White, Miss Beatriz Vale, Professor Ventsislav Valev, Professor Paul Verkade FRMS, Ms Suzy Vitale, Dr Kislou Voitchovsky FRMS, Ms Margaret I Walby FRMS, Dr Thomas Walther FRMS, Dr Theresa H Ward FRMS, Dr Ecaterina Ware, Dr Claire Wells FRMS, Miss Lucinda Wight FRMS, Dr Neil Wilson FRMS, Professor Tony Wilson Hon FRMS, Dr Christopher Wood, Mr Heath Young and Ms Xiangli Zhong FRMS.\*

**1. Preliminary Courtesies and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr Adrian Burden FRMS, Mr Mark Cheetham, Mr Maurice Dunman FRMS, Dr Nadia Halidi, Mrs Gillian Hibbs, Dr John Hutchison Hon FRMS, Professor Beverley Inkson FRMS, Dr Alexander Lichius FRMS, Dr James Perkins, Professor Anthony W Robards OBE FRMS and Professor David B. Williams Hon FRMS.

**2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Report from Section Chair**

Professor Gail McConnell:

"This has been my first year as the Light Microscopy (LM) section chair, and it has been an enjoyable experience, if in rather unexpected times. Before giving highlights on the previous year, I would like to thank Alex Sossick as previous chair of the LM section. He has helped the committee to continue to flourish and he has made my job much easier by keeping the section in such good shape!

It has been another very active year for the Light Microscopy section, since our last AGM at mmc2019. Our remit of the committee is to support the field of Light Microscopy, as demonstrated by the courses, workshops and conferences we have organised and supported in the last year. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic several events switched from taking place in-person to being held online via video conference, but feedback on virtual events has been uniformly positive and it's been great to see the LM community embrace this new way of working together with such optimism and enthusiasm.

The year started with mmc2019, which happens every two years in between Frontiers in Bioimaging, focusing on the latest developments across all areas of microscopy. This was a terrific meeting, and I extend my thanks to all committee members, session chairs and the RMS team who helped to make the event a great success. We are already deep in the planning stages for the next mmc series meeting in July 2021, which promises to be another excellent event.

The section organises and supports a number of workshops and courses throughout the year, which are almost always fully subscribed. July 2019 saw the LM Summer School and associated 'Getting the Most out of Your Confocal' workshop run at the University of York. Pete and his team in York have run an amazing number of courses for the RMS over the years and I extend my thanks to them for their ongoing successful efforts, and to the sponsors for their continued support.

As ever, the Light Microscopy Facility Managers meeting was a great start to 2020. The event took place at the University of Birmingham, and Alessandro Di Maio and Robert Shaw organised a great programme. The next Facility Managers meeting will be a virtual event held on 5-6 January 2021.

We have continued to support and grow the "Supporting Gender Equality in Microscopy" database, thanks to the hard work of Sian Culley from UCL, which has been supported by the RMS. With over 360 researcher details now added and over 10,000 views it has become the go-to resource for organisers of meetings on microscopy worldwide. I am looking forward to seeing this important resource grow further in the years ahead.

The RMS continues to support and serve the light microscopy community, and as a committee we are keen to meet new requirements of the community as they arise. The LM section is made up from a diverse grouping within the Light microscopy field and we are always looking to expand this. Suggestions for potential volunteers to join the section are always welcome, and suggestions for courses that the LM section could run or support are always welcome.

I must thank Simon Ameer-Beg and Chris Power for their time on the LM section, and I welcome Joelle Goulding (University of Nottingham) who joins as an ordinary member, together with Dee Kavanagh (University of Birmingham) and company representatives who will attend meetings with a view to being co-opted at a later date.

With the assistance of the RMS office team Joelle Goulding is working on an updated RMS Dictionary of Light Microscopy, originally published in 1989. This exciting initiative is in its infancy, but it is poised to make a great contribution to the teaching and understanding of light microscopy.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank Allison Winton and the rest of the RMS team who have made all of the work that the LM section has undertaken and supported possible."

## **5. Election of Officers**

There being no other nominations, the following Officers were duly elected:

Chair: Professor Gail McConnell, University of Strathclyde  
Deputy Chair: Dr Ian Dobbie, University of Oxford

## **6. Election of Ordinary Members**

There being no other nominations, the following Ordinary Members were duly elected:

Dr Kurt Anderson, The Francis Crick Institute, London  
Dr Susan Cox, King's College London  
Dr Sian Culley, University College London  
Dr Joelle Goulding, University of Nottingham  
Dr Mike McDonald, University of Dundee  
Dr Sebastian Munck, VIB Bio Imaging Core KU Leuven

Dr Mike Shaw, NPL  
Dr Jessica Valli, ESRIC

In addition to the nominated Committee Members, Professor Mark Leake, Mr Daniel Metcalf, Dr Alex Sossick and Dr Ann Wheeler have been co-opted onto the Committee. Dr Rebecca Saleeb has been co-opted as the Early Career Representative.

Dr Deidre Kavanagh will be invited to meetings to represent Light sheet Microscopy.

## 7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

**\*Non-Members Present:** Ms Stella Aslanoglou, Dr Maria Manuela Azevedo, Professor Daniel Bahena Uribe, Mr Ganesh Bangar, Ms Alison Beckett, Mr Paul Bennett-Hughes, Dr Olga Biskou, Dr Matthew Boebinger, Ms Katherine Brown, Dr Matthieu Bugnet, Miss Kate Burgoyne, Mr Benjamin Butler, Dr Anderson Caires, Dr Pasquale Cervero, Ms Raquel Checca, Dr Helena Coker, Dr Marie-Charlotte Domart, Ms Elizabeth Duffy, Mrs Linda Duncan, Mr Mohammed Fadhil, Dr Alessandro Felder, Dr Aruni Fonseka, Professor Jacky Goetz, Miss Abi Graham, Dr Wei Guan, Dr Fredrik Hage, Mr Glenn Harper, Dr Xavier Heiligenstein, Ms Annemarie Held, Ms Elizabeth Hillman, Mr Ian Holton, Dr Tzipi Hyams, Dr Jung Ho Hyun, Miss Lucy Isherwood, Dr Deidre Kavanagh, Mr Christian Koch, Miss Eleni Konstantinopoulou, Dr Vineet Kumar, Dr Penny Lawton, Professor Alice Liang, Miss Shu En Lim, Mr Paco Lopez-Cuevas, Ms Ying Lui, Mr Omar Matar, Dr Maria J Mazon-Moya, Dr Elizabeth McCarthy, Dr Sudhajit Misra, Dr Aleksander Buseth Mosberg, Dr Ali Mostaed, Professor Serge Mostowy, Dr Dorothea Muecke-Herzberg, Dr Hoan Ngo, Dr Giuseppe Nicotra, Mr James Nunn, Miss Adaobi Ojiakor, Dr Anna Oliveras Martínez, Ms Elizaveta Olkhova, Dr Gizem Ozbaykal, Dr Hilda Amalia Pasolli, Mr Vinay Patel, Mr Peter Pilecki, Professor Quentin Ramasse, Mr Cam Robinson, Ms Marta Rudzite, Dr Matthew Russell, Mr Ebrima Saho, Dr Yannick Schwab, Mr Stan Schwartz, Mr Kieron Scully, Dr Violaine See, Mr Ankur Sharma, Mr Benjamin Shaw, Dr Alpesh Shukla, Dr Avinash Singh, Dr Maria Chiara Spadaro, Professor Toma Susi, Dr Raymond Unocic, Dr Chloe van Oostende-Triplett, Mr Daniel Waiger, Dr Shihao Wang, Ms Lauren Wilburn, Ms Steffi Woo, Dr Charles Wood, Dr Mingjian Wu and Mr Mingquan Xu.