



Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Light Microscopy Section of the Royal Microscopical Society which was held on Wednesday 27 June at the Technology and Innovation Centre, 99 George Street, Glasgow G1 1RD

Present: Mr Alex Sossick (Section Chair), Prof Gail McConnell (Deputy Chair), Dr Simon Ameer-Beg, Dr Susan Cox, Dr Sian Culley, Mr Matthew Francis, Mr David Gibson, Dr Yan Gu, Dr Nicola Lawrence, Dr Leandro Lemgruber, Dr Mike MacDonald, Dr Sebastian Munck, Prof Maddy Parsons, Mr Chris Power, Dr Kathryn Wright, Mrs Kate Wooding (RMS Staff)

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

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

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Report from Section Chair

'This has been my second year as Section Chair, and it has passed very quickly. It has been another very active year for the Light Microscopy section, since our last AGM at mmc2017. Our remit is to support the wide field of Light Microscopy as is evident in the courses and conferences we have supported in the last year.

The joint Light Microscopy/Life Sciences Frontiers in Bioimaging Meeting happens every two years, and in between years happens at mmc in Manchester, which last year was very successful. Thanks goes to everyone on the Light Microscopy and Life Sciences sections who helped at mmc. It is also important to note that mmc could not happen without the support and dedication of all the staff at the RMS. We are now at the 2019 Frontiers in Bioimaging Meeting, and I very much appreciate the hard work Professor Gail McConnell has put into organising it into what I am expecting will continue to be a very successful meeting. Looking to the future, Frontiers will be part of mmc2019 and will then return to London in 2020.

The Section organises and supports a number of courses throughout the year, which are usually fully subscribed, and is actively looking to complement the current offerings. July 2017 saw the "LM Summer school" run at the University of York. The associated workshop "Getting the Most out of Your Confocal" also went well and our continued thanks go to Carl Zeiss, Dr Chris Power and the organising team including Dr Peter O'Toole. Pete and his team in York have run an amazing number of courses for the RMS over the years and thanks should go to them for their ongoing successful efforts. These courses will be held next month in York.

January 2018 started the year with another excellent LM Facility Managers Meeting, it was the 11th annual meeting and was held at the Francis Crick Institute in London. A large thanks goes to Dr Kurt Anderson for organising the meeting.

Another notable event we supported was the ESRIC summer school for super-resolution imaging (at Heriot Watt) which is becoming a popular fixture in the microscopy calendar.

I would especially like to thank Dr Simon Ameer-Beg who, as the previous chair of this committee demonstrated an ability to listen to people's viewpoints, moderate ideas to something sensible and was a good example of how to chair the LM committee whilst moving it forward. He has agreed to continue on the committee as a co-opted member, and I'm sure he will be able to offer his invaluable input into the committee in the future.

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. I must welcome to the committee Dr Sian Culley, known for work in Super Resolution microscopy, and Dr Ali Dun as well as Dr Joelle Goulding who has been co-opted onto the committee. I must also give thanks to Dr Spencer Shorte from the Pasteur Institute in Paris who has stood down after a number of years of invaluable input as our international member. I look forward to welcoming Dr Sebastian Munck from VIB to the LM section as our new international representative.

I must thank everyone on the LM committee for all their time and efforts, without their effort a lot of behind the scenes things that need to happen to help support all our activities would not happen.

Though I have mentioned people all through this report, nothing would be possible without the amazing support/help and enthusiasm of everyone in the RMS office, especially Allison Winton.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Gail McConnell who has put an amazing amount organising Frontiers this year,'

Thank you.'

5. Election of Officers

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

Chair: Mr Alex Sossick, University of Cambridge

Deputy Chair: Professor Gail McConnell, University of Strathclyde

6. Election of Ordinary Members (8)

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 Ian Dobbie, University of Oxford

Dr Ali Dun, ESRIC

Professor Mark Leake, University of York

Dr Sebastian Munck, VIB Bio Imaging Core KU Leuven

Ms Sue Wilson, Leica Microsystems

In addition to the nominated Committee Members, Dr Simon Ameer-Beg, Dr Joelle Goulding, Dr Chris Power and Dr Mike McDonald have been co-opted onto the Committee. Dr Rebecca Saleeb has been co-opted as the Early Career Representative.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.