



British Association for the
Advancement of Science
(Operating as British Science Association)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PATRON

Her Majesty the Queen.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council is appointed in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in the Association's Royal Charter and its associated statutes. The Officers of the British Association for the Advancement of Science comprise the President, the immediate Past President and the President-elect, the Treasurer, Executive Vice-Presidents and the Chairman of Council. These Officers are appointed by Council. The Association's charity trustees are the Members of Council, excluding the President, past-President and President-elect (who are entitled to attend Council but not to vote).

Council members who served during 2009 were:

		From	To
Professor Julia Goodfellow	Chair	Dec 09	Sept 14
Professor Patrick Dowling	Former Chair	Sept 05	Sept 09
Lord May of Oxford	President	Sept 09	Sept 10
Sir David King	Past President	Sept 09	Sept 10
Lord Browne of Madingley	Past President	Jan 08	Sept 09
Lord Sainsbury of Turville	President Elect	Sept 09	Sept 10
Jeremy Webb	General Treasurer	Dec 07	Sept 10
Frances Cairncross	Appointed Member	Sept 07	Sept 10
Reverend Professor Michael Reiss	Executive Vice-President, Young People's Programme	Dec 09	Sept 12
Colin Johnson	Past Executive Vice-President, Young People's Programme	Dec 03	Sept 09
Professor Jim Al-Khalili	Executive Vice-President, Sections	Sept 08	Sept 11
Vacancy	Executive Vice-President, Volunteers		
Professor John Holloway	Past Trustee (Members)	Dec 03	Sept 09
Professor Gordon Walkden	Trustee (Members)	Dec 07	Sept 10
Lord Bragg of Wigton	Trustee (Appointed Member)	Jul 08	Sept 11
Professor Lord Winston	Trustee (Appointed Member)	Dec 08	Sept 11
Dr Eric Albone	Trustee (Branches)	Dec 08	Sept 11
David Dickson	Trustee (Sections)	Dec 08	Sept 11
Dr Iain Murray	Trustee (Branches)	Dec 09	Sept 12

COMMITTEES

General Committee

Consists of members of Council and the following elected members:

	Elected by	From	To
Dr Eric Albone*	Branches	Sept 03	Apr 09
Professor Jim Al-Khalili *	Members	Sept 08	Apr 11
Professor John Holloway *	Members	Sept 03	Apr 09
Dr Iain Murray*	Branches	Sept 04	Apr 10
Dr Robert Jackson	Sections	Sept 07	Apr 10
Professor Gordon Walkden*	Members	Sept 07	Apr 10
Professor Graham Bonwick	Branches	Sept 07	Apr 10
Beatrice Downing	Members	Sept 08	Apr 11
Huw James	Members	Sept 08	Apr 11
David Dickson*	Sections	Sept 08	Apr 11
Sheila Anderson	Members	Sept 09	Apr 12

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* Member of the Association's Council

Nominated by the Royal Society

Mr Stephen Cox		Sept 09
Sir Michael Berry		Sept 09

Nominated by the Student Group

Ms Helen Jopling	Sept 07	Apr 10
Ms Sarah Collins	Sept 07	Apr 10

Nominated by Corporate and Institutional Members

Ms Sheila Alink-Brunsdon	Sept 07	Apr 10
Dr Kerry Leslie	Sept 07	Apr 10

Investment Committee

Mr Jeremy Webb – Chair
Professor Gordon Walkden
Mr Alexander Rottenburg
Ms Lorelly Wilson
Dr Iain Murray
Fund Manager to be in attendance

Audit & Risks Committee

Mr Michael Sheasby - Honorary Auditor – Chair
Mr David Dickson
Professor John Holloway (Until September 2009)
Dr Alun Jones – Honorary Auditor
Mr Jeremy Webb (General Treasurer) – in attendance
External auditor to be in attendance if required

SENIOR STAFF

Chief Executive: Sir Roland Jackson Bt

Directors:	Mr John Gagg	(Director of Finance)
	Ms Sue Hordjenko	(Director of Programmes)
	Ms Katherine Mathieson	(Director of Education)
	Mr Philip Wilson	(Director of Development)
	Ms Annette Smith	(Director of Regions until April 2009)

ADVISERS

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Solicitors	Matthew Arnold & Baldwin Station Road Watford Herts WD1 1HT
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Auditors	Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP St Philips Point Temple Row Birmingham B2 5AF
Investment Advisors	Arbuthnot Latham & Co, Limited Arbuthnot House 20 Ropemaker Street London EC2Y 9AR
Principal and Registered Office	Wellcome Wolfson Building 165 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HD
Registered Charity Numbers	212479 & SCO39236

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2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The British Association for the Advancement of Science was founded in 1831 and is incorporated by Royal Charter. The Charter is dated 21st April 1928. There is also a Supplemental Charter dated 15th August 1960 and a second Supplemental Charter dated 10th February 1997. The Association's Statutes were revised and approved by the Privy Council in May 2006. Council has approved Rules which are reviewed each year by Council (normally at the first meeting of the newly-elected Council) and may be altered by a majority vote in Council.

With effect from 15th January 2009 we became the British Science Association. This is the new operating name for (and a registered trademark of) the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

<http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/web/News/BritishScienceAssociationNews/ Rebrand .htm>

The registered name of the charity will remain as British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Governing body of the British Science Association is Council. Members of Council comprise the following persons who are entitled to vote at Council meetings:

- the Chair of Council
- the General Treasurer
- up to three Vice-Presidents
- four members of the General Committee who are elected to the General Committee by Members of the Association
- up to four persons appointed as determined by Council

In addition the President, President-elect and Immediate Past President, if not Trustees, are entitled to attend Council but not to vote.

The Council normally meets 4 times during the year and its function is to direct, on behalf of the Association, all the affairs and business of the Association. Council may delegate its powers to the Chief Executive or its Committees.

Members of Council normally serve for a period of three years with the option of being re-appointed for a further three years as long as any continuous period in office does not normally exceed six years. In exceptional circumstances, by two thirds majority vote in Council of members present, a further year's extension is permitted.

Council appoints three statutory committees. These comprise the General Committee, Investment and Audit & Risks Committees. It may appoint other committees at its discretion.

Trustee induction and training

Following the announcement of the Association's Council election results a standard induction pack is sent to all new Trustees before they attend their first Council meeting. The induction pack comprises the Association and Charity Commission documents and information. External training opportunities for new and existing trustees will be offered as well as an internal training session following the December Council meeting. The internal training will enable Trustees to meet with the Association's staff and provide an opportunity for them to ask questions and familiarise themselves with the organisation.

General Committee

The General Committee consists, in addition to the members of Council including the President, past-President and President-elect:

- 12 members elected from Voting Members of the Association of whom at least two shall be drawn from members nominated by Section Committees, at least two from

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members nominated by Branch Committees and at least two from members nominated by Voting Members in such a manner as Council shall from time to time determine.

- 2 members nominated by Institutional and Corporate members.
- 2 members who are students and who have first-hand experience of the Association, nominated and elected by Voting Members

The General Committee normally meets 2 times during the year in March and in September at the Festival of Science, and is entitled to receive minutes of Council. If a matter is brought to the attention of Council by the General Committee under the provisions of the Statutes Chapter IV 3, Council is required to respond formally at the next meeting of the General Committee.

Other constituent groups within the Association may be similarly represented, to a limit, as Council from time to time determines.

Council consults the General Committee on matters requiring the Committee's consideration, and presents to the General Committee the annual accounts, budgets and management accounts for discussion. The General Committee may initiate recommendations to Council; any recommendation which received majority support in a vote at a quorate General Committee meeting is formally considered by Council at the next Council meeting.

The General Committee is consulted formally on the development of the Association's Business Plan each year (normally in September).

Investment Committee

Council has appointed an Investment Committee. This comprises not less than four or more than six persons of whom one shall be the General Treasurer and at least one other shall be a member of the Council.

An Investment Adviser keeps the investments of the Association under review and makes recommendations to the Investment Committee.

Audit & Risks Committee

Council has appointed an Audit & Risks Committee and also a professional auditor of the Association, who shall be qualified for appointment as auditor of a company in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate Companies Act and Charities Act.

The Audit & Risks Committee appointments shall comprise 1 member of Council and up to 2 members of the General Committee (not officers of the Association). Council has the power to co-opt further persons if needed to provide necessary expertise, provided they do not outnumber the Council and General Committee appointees.

The Audit Committee terms of reference have been approved by British Science Association Council

The Chief Executive, the Finance Director and where required the Professional Auditor should attend the committee meetings. The Treasurer should also be present to represent the interests of the Trustees.

Management

The Chief Executive is employed by Council and is responsible for providing leadership, strategic direction, management and financial control. The senior management team comprises the Chief Executive and the 4 Directors shown above. The Association's organisation structure is shown on the Association's web site www.britishtscienceassociation.org.

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Risk management

Council annually identifies and reviews the major risks to which the Association is exposed. Systems have been established to mitigate those risks. This is a regular agenda item for the Audit & Risks Committee. A major risks register is in place which sets out the likelihood and impact of various risks and the measures and responsibility being taken to manage them. The senior management team manages the major risks on a regular basis and a disaster recovery plan is in place for use if required.

Activities in Scotland

The Association's network of 34 volunteer-run Branches has 7 Branches in Scotland. These Branches run programmes of activity comprising lectures, debates and hands-on science activities in the areas in which they are located i.e. Caithness, Moray, Aberdeen, Dundee, St Andrews, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Branches are funded by the Association centrally and by some local fundraising from companies. Occasionally they run events which are specified and supported by the Scottish Government.

The Association has a part time member of staff, based at the Glasgow Science Centre, whose principal duty is to support the Scottish Branches. The salary of this member of staff is provided by the Association's central funds.

CREST awards are undertaken by approximately 1,435 young people per year, delivered by STEMPOINTS. In addition, some Scottish schools take part in CREST★Investigators, the Association's awards for Primary aged children.

National Science and Engineering Week includes Scotland with approximately 150 events across Scotland, organised by a variety of local people and organisations. The Association has managed a programme of small grants for activity in Scotland during NSEW funded by the Scottish Government.

From time to time, the Association's Science in Society team runs conferences and working lunches in support of science communication professionals in Scotland, usually supported by the Scottish Government.

Volunteers

In line with the Association's central mission the organisation seeks to involve volunteers because we believe that by involving volunteers we can extend the expertise incorporated into our programmes and their geographical and societal reach and scale. Volunteers who assist with our mission to advance the understanding, accessibility and accountability of the sciences and engineering are a valued resource for the organisation.

The volunteer policy is underpinned by the following principles:-

- The Association will ensure that volunteers are properly integrated into the organisational structure and that mechanisms are in place for them to contribute to the Association's work.
- The Association will not introduce volunteers to replace paid staff.
- The Association expects that staff at all levels will work positively with volunteers and where appropriate, will actively seek to involve them in their work.

The Association recognises that volunteers require satisfying work and personal development and will seek to help volunteers meet these needs, as well as providing the training for them to do their work effectively. There are opportunities for volunteer activity in the following areas: Branches, Scientific Sections, Festival of Science, Council and the Young People's Programme.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision is of a society in which people are able to access science, engage with it and feel a sense of ownership about its direction. Such a society is one in which the scientific community, policy makers and the public share a common and open culture of science and its applications. They share views and understandings of the benefits, opportunities, priorities and concerns about the directions of scientific research and its applications through technology and engineering.

Our purpose, in support of this vision, is to advance the public understanding, accessibility and accountability of the natural and social sciences, engineering and mathematics.

Our primary aims are to:

- promote open and informed discussion about science and its place in society
- affirm science as a prime cultural force by engaging and inspiring adults and young people directly with science and technology, and their implications

The Association's strength is to bring science and people together, helping scientists and science communicators to engage with publics of all ages. It is face to face contact and dialogue that underpins the work of the Association and lies at the core of its programmes.

The Association achieves its impact through four increasingly inter-linked national programmes, in concert with the Regional and Branch network. Our strategy is to continue to develop and exploit these programmes, all of which have, at their core, the bringing together of scientists with other members of the public in direct personal contact:

- The **Festival of Science** takes place in a different university city each year. It brings together the best in science (including social science), engineering and technology to celebrate scientific advances, explore the latest developments and encourage open discussion about science-related issues that interest and concern large numbers of people, directly and through huge media attention.
- **National Science and Engineering Week (NSEW)** is a co-ordinated nationwide grassroots celebration and discussion of all aspects of science, engineering and technology through local, regional and national events. It is orchestrated by the Association and addresses public audiences at all levels, with a particular emphasis on young people and families.
- The **CREST Award (CREativity in Science and Technology)** scheme is the only national accreditation scheme for project work in science, engineering and technology in the UK. The original programme addresses young people between 11 and 19 and their teachers, and involves scientists and engineers as partners and mentors. In 2007 **CREST ★ Investigators** was launched, extending the scheme from age 5 in primary schools. CREST is a major element in the 'STEM enrichment' landscape, including providing a key route for young people to take part in the National Science and Engineering Competition and the Big Bang (UK Young Scientists' and Engineers' Fair, for which the Association was a major instigator). The connections and expertise we have developed through CREST and NSEW have also led to our coordination of the Science and Engineering Clubs initiative and our involvement in the Directories for STEM enrichment schemes.
- The **Science in Society** programme both supports the science communication community and encourages members of the public to 'have their say' in science-related matters that concern them. The programme operates through the annual **Science Communication Conference** and specific initiatives including **Media Fellowships** and **perspectives**. The Science in Society team is increasingly taking on appropriate consultancy work with organizations such as the Research Councils and NESTA.

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- The network of **Regions and Branches**, throughout the UK, organises programmes for local audiences organised by volunteers. The Regional staff team supports the volunteers in Branches and promotes activity during National Science and Engineering Week. As a third priority, the Regional team is active in the networking of science communication activity in their region.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2008 we stated that for 2009, the focus remained on continuing to build on and exploit our four main programmes, described above, in conjunction with the regions and branch network.

In 2008 we also set priorities for our key programmes in 2009, and summarise here the achievements and performance against them:

Targets for 2009, working towards the overall aims, were set out under the following corporate priorities. This approach allows us to ensure we keep a balance between internal and external issues, and between the needs of individuals and those of the organisation as a whole.

1. Create greater public interest and involvement in science throughout society
2. Engage scientists and engineers with all sectors of our society
3. Run programmes with enduring effects and lead our field in sharing and disseminating practice
4. Offer attractive and effective partnerships with other organisations
5. Generate sustainable and predictable funding, controlling costs and managing cash flow
6. Ensure that our staff feel valued and supported

Festival of Science

The Festival of Science remains a key public science event in the annual calendar, supported widely by the scientific community, Government and the media. It has developed enormously in the past few years, retaining its broad scientific core and associated media coverage while broadening out to embrace new venues and audiences across the host city, substantially increasing the number of people experiencing the event. However, given the growth of a variety of science festivals across the UK in the past 5-10 years and the widely fluctuating success of reliably raising funding each year on the basis of the historic peripatetic pattern, the Association's new strategy is a model of rotation between a smaller number of centres. This model should enable longer-term relationships to be built up with a small finite number of cities and regions, including with the science-based business community, and lead to more sustainable support.

- Ensure that the theme 'creativity, innovation and evolution' is fully explored with appropriate links made e.g. to Darwin200
- Devise an outreach plan appropriate to location of the Festival that will evoke wider Surrey/SE participation and impact
- Project a new name for the Festival (British Science Festival) alongside the name change
- Arrange a high profile event/series of events about a synthetic biology/GM-related issue in the context of the overarching Festival theme
- Devise a programme that understands and responds to local and community interests

The British Science Festival 2009 took the theme 'creativity, innovation and evolution' in its broadest sense. A strand of activities celebrating Darwin 200 included a range of events for different audiences. Families were able to explore the ideas behind adaptation and evolution through games and activities at the Cole Museum; we explored the evolution of emotions in animals and humans; Professor David Lordkipanidze, Director General of the Georgian, National Museum gave a talk on our migration out of Africa; debates, plays and dramas examined the impact of Darwinian theory on religious faith, cultural change and our search for life on other planets. Innovative, cutting edge research in areas as diverse as water purification and plasma TV screens was showcased and local business were invited to pitch to their peers

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for support for new products and innovations. Concerts, plays, comedy shows, exhibitions and film screenings allowed people to engage with science through the arts, while talks and debates examined the nature and origins of human creativity. We were hoping that a series of GM related events might chime with a national consultation on GM however this has yet to happen. We will reconsider high profile events on GM at a future Festival. Events and activities took place all over Surrey, encouraging engagement of local people. An open day at Mullard Space Science Laboratory offered locals a rare opportunity to see behind the scenes. Other events took place in Horley, Woking, Godalming and Camberley.

Through funding from BlackBerry we were able to offer a programme of activity to two special needs schools from the local area. 110 students took part in a programme of activity including interacting with birds of prey, and developing the perfect tomato sauce.

The logo for the British Science Festival complements and echoes that of the British Science Association. Dressing throughout the University of Surrey campus, including the Box Office area positioned the two logos side by side, further consolidating the new brand. Consultation events were held in the run up to the Festival in a number of locations in the region where we courted ideas for topics from the local populace. In response we used the consultancy feedback to develop bespoke events for the programme.

National Science and Engineering Week

National Science Week became National Science and Engineering Week in 2007. It is a unique combination of a grassroots activity for all comers, across all regions and nations, allied with a national dimension of activity and awareness-raising.

There has been a massive increase in events nationwide from some 2000 in 2006 to 3500 in 2008, with some 1.4m estimated direct participants. In 2008, to help generate more visible national media impact, Mission 21 were employed to support the PR and press activity. This proved particularly successful, and has been extended in 2009.

- Develop the theme of "Change" to its full potential incorporating a suitable mass participation activity
- Use the special anniversaries - Darwin200 and the International Year of Astronomy in order to maximize the numbers of events and hence engagement with NSEW
- Maintain the level of national media impact achieved in 2008 and improve the level of regional and local media impact achieved
- Continue to extend the Week's influence into schools, building on the increased funding for hard-to-reach schools and aiming for sustainable impact via links to the CREST★Investigators awards
- Ensure that the profile of NSEW fits with the higher profile for the UK Science and Engineering Fair and the National Science Competition
- Encourage Government and scientific bodies to make science-related announcements
- Target presenters from under-represented backgrounds, including the Chinese, Afro-Caribbean and Bangladeshi communities, building on the experience of the DISC project

National Science and Engineering Week 2009 had a number of mass participation activities on and around the theme of "Change". These included the Change Exchange, asking the public which changes in science concerned them, and our "Save our Bees" campaign which raised awareness of the change in bee populations. We also ran specific initiatives for Darwin200 including a "Darwin in Space" schools competition and promoted other campaigns as part of the International Year of Astronomy, including their Dark Skies campaign. Levels of national media coverage stayed at a similar level to 2008 and regional coverage was increased in 2009. The NSEW Press and PR teams worked alongside the Fair and the Competition to align the communications plan for the week and government ministers were invited to take part in the plans. Overall, participation levels were maintained at around 1.4 million people, with around 40% of the events coming from schools. £110k was distributed to 492 schools in hard to reach circumstances, reaching over 200k pupils. No real progress was made in the outreach to presenters, either in general or from under-represented backgrounds, as these were found difficult to make contact with through the event organisers. Steps have been put into place to help with this in 2010.

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CREST Award Scheme

The development of CREST★Investigators and the full roll out in September 2007 gave the Association a unique position among enrichment providers with a fully resourced and evaluated scheme which runs seamlessly from 5 to 19 years of age and enriches the curriculum across the UK.

The Association will build on the success of the CREST award scheme to ensure its recognition as the only national accreditation mechanism in informal science and technology education.

Integral to this process is the development of the current CREST Science Fair to become a unified high profile UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair. The Association initiated this process and is centrally involved in this project, which is project managed by ETB and involves organisations right across the STEM community.

Likewise, the Association's co-ordination of the Science and Engineering Clubs initiative exploits CREST as much as possible.

- Continue the redevelopment of CREST within the "Silver" project and extend the thinking to the Bronze and Gold levels of CREST
- Take on board the findings of the CREST★Investigators evaluation and make the necessary changes to the web resources and support materials for the Megastar level
- Maintain a role in the development of the STEM directories and in the STEM programme in general
- Continue to provide expertise into the UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair and take the National Science Competition to a successful conclusion, using both projects for the benefit of CREST
- Use the expertise gained from the Science and Engineering Clubs web presence to enhance the CREST part of the Association's website
- Encourage increased contact with scientists/engineers e.g. via Science and Engineering Ambassadors with CREST ★ and CREST Bronze projects

In 2009, we completed the redevelopment of the Silver Awards, leading to a wider range of topics and approaches that young people can use in their CREST Awards. The broader criteria have also been extended to Bronze and Gold awards and full training on the new framework has been provided to our delivery partners. The recommended amount of time to be spent on each Silver Award was adjusted in line with recent changes to practice within schools, allowing more students to make links between their formal schooling and their own CREST project work. The findings from the external evaluation of the CREST Star Investigators scheme have been explored in more detail with users, which led us to conclude that changes are not needed at Megastar level at this stage.

Our management of the National Science Competition resulted in all prizes being awarded at the finals in March 2009, alongside considerable publicity for the title roles of UK Young Scientist of the Year and UK Young Engineer of the Year. Entries for the 2010 competition have been even higher than in the previous year and the name of the competition has been changed to National Science and Engineering Competition to reflect the importance of engineering to the UK. Our management of the Competition and our associated role in delivering the Big Bang: UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair has resulted in higher profile for both the Association and the CREST scheme.

The expertise we have gained from providing tailored support to teachers involved in the Science and Engineering Clubs project has further raised the profile of CREST, as well as strengthening our reputation within the STEM sector. This expertise has resulted in the successful relaunch of the Clubs website (www.stemclubs.net) and a planned expansion of support for 2010. We have increased the level of contact with scientists and engineers during 2009, with CREST reaching almost as many researchers in 2009 as were reached by all the Association's programmes in 2008.

Science in Society

Face to face contact between scientists and members of the wider public is central to all our programmes. For the Science in Society programme this is manifested both through dialogue projects (e.g. Media Fellows, Perspectives and the Community xchange) and indirectly through support to the wider science communication community (e.g. the National Science Communication Conference and the Working Lunches). In contrast to the bulk of the Association's programmes, the dialogue projects within the Science in Society programme are small-scale intense activities which both benefit the immediate participants through the depth of engagement and allow the experience to be spread by the Association and by partners.

- Run the Science Communication Conference in partnership with the Wellcome Trust
- Identify funding sources for a project based around an ethical biosciences theme or other topical issue, and of large scale
- Proactively raise awareness of the SiS team's consultancy role to identify potential contracts
- Implement agreed changes to S&PA following discussion at General Committee in September 2008
- Consult with the public engagement community to scope the need for and type of evaluation resource
- Develop stronger links with the academic science communication research community and ESRC
- Establish how to work with the Beacons for Excellence in Public Engagement and the Expert Resource Centre.
- Work with the Royal Society to evaluate the Media Fellowships scheme for publication of the report to coincide with their 350th anniversary in 2010

The Science in Society team organised the Science Communication Conference in partnership with the Wellcome Trust, with over 350 delegates from a wide range of backgrounds participating. The new venue used was a success with delegates and the programme incorporated a call for proposals, ensuring that we were inclusive to the science communication community. By increasing our visibility as a consultancy role, we have been invited to tender for 3 recent projects, being successful with one and waiting to hear from the other 2 bids. Following our consultation with key members of the public engagement community, we have drafted an evaluation database which will be launched at the Science Communication Conference in May 2010. Our Media Fellowship scheme is being evaluated by an external provider and the report will coincide with the Royal Society 350th anniversary. By working closely with ESRC, we have secured funding for one of the fellows.

Regions and Branches

The regional and branch structure is important for the presence of the Association around the UK and to support National Science and Engineering Week. Branches are active in a wide range of locations across the UK, often in areas where no comparable science-based organisation exists. The regional officers both support that activity and help to network other organisations involved in public engagement in their region. The move towards full-time regional officers is helping to give a higher permanent presence, and changes have taken place to bring the management of the Regions and National Science and Engineering Week even closer together.

- Continue to close inactive Branches and to respond to local desire to start new Branches where appropriate
- Further improve electronic meetings between the regional team and head office staff
- Focus support by the regional officers for National Science and Engineering Week
- Establish specific fundraising approaches in each region
- Fully implement the volunteer strategy
- Further develop the Branch Support strategy
- Ensure consistent and complete reporting of activity and impact of branch activity

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- Encourage regional officers to share expertise, for example in the recruiting of Association's supporters, in fundraising and in networking across their regions

In 2009, we closed 6 inactive Branches, launched 2 new Branches, and revitalised a further 2. We are now in the process of launching a further 4 Branches. Regional officers now have a regular schedule of physical and virtual meetings in order to share best practise and discuss and develop all elements of the Branch volunteer strategy, including recruitment and fundraising. A set of minimum requirements and quarterly reporting procedures were also put into place to ensure we are aware of the activity happening within Branches. Successful fundraising approaches were made in Scotland and Wales for regional NSEW grants and we will work further on this in 2010. For NSEW, regional officers all organised a successful series of information sessions and will be working with organisers in their areas specifically to build levels of local press coverage over the Week.

Fundraising performance

Our continuing effort to diversify our mix of income streams has had some success. In particular we are bringing on board new corporate partners who sponsor the British Science Festival and CREST Award schemes. Our income from trusts and foundations has not increased over the last year, reflecting the recessionary effect on grants from that source.

The Festival in Surrey was the last to be visited by the Association under the old, fully peripatetic model. Sponsorship income from local sources was extremely poor, in part perhaps reflecting the effects of the recession. By contrast the interest from prospective sponsors in the region around Birmingham, which the Festival will visit in 2010 with Aston University as the host, is very high. We have also already welcomed Saudi Aramco as the main commercial sponsor for the Festival.

We are pursuing a new funding structure for the CREST Award schemes, at both secondary and primary level. This will involve a larger number of leading science- and technology-based companies and institutions involved in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). These organisations will have the opportunity to join the Stakeholder Advisory Group, not by virtue of their financial contribution but as active contributors to STEM enrichment in their own right. This will achieve the dual objective of spreading the financial base for the future and enabling CREST to draw upon a wider spectrum of expertise and experience from a group of experts in different areas of science and technology. Already this new structure is beginning to bear fruit, with BP, a major player in the STEM field, actively involved. Other partners, including Network Rail and RIM Blackberry are coming on board.

The work of the British Science Association depends on the continuing support of many individuals, companies, institutions, trusts and professional bodies. We are deeply grateful to all those who provided that support during the past year. We are particularly indebted to those that provide long-term support and especially the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The annual expenditure budget of the Association is c£4.0m per year. This leverages an estimated additional £5.5-6.0m through the activities of third parties in funding events, contributing time as volunteers, mentors and speakers, and the nominal value of national and regional press coverage. The Association could not achieve this outcome without the current investment from BIS, and on this basis each £1 invested by BIS leverages an additional £8-£9 of value.

Investment performance

Council has delegated its powers to the Investment Committee to make or vary investments on behalf of the Association. Its remit is to keep the investments of the Association under review and to make such recommendations to Council as the Investment Committee see fit. The Association's investments are managed by Investment Advisors, Arbuthnot Latham & Co,

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Limited. An Investment Policy is in place which also covers the ethical and socially responsible policy.

The Investment Committee normally meets at least twice a year to review the performance of the Fund Manager. 2009 has seen the FTSE 100 Share Index recover from the lows in March, this has resulted in a healthy recovery in values although not returning to the values at the beginning of 2008.

During the year the Association's portfolio has overall closely tracked the benchmark set by the investment committee albeit with variations in performance in asset classes. Fixed investments have seen significant improvement. This has been driven predominantly by the growth in corporate bond values. However performance of overseas investments has lagged behind the benchmark caused by exposure in the United States.

The fund managers have reduced liquidity levels over the year. The realised loss, (£56,002) and unrealised gain £149,031 on investments are shown on the SOFA and in note 7.

For 2010 the Association's Council had decided that the financial objective over the long term will be that the performance of the capital value of the investment fund should exceed or equal the bespoke benchmark index agreed with the Investment Managers.

Ecsite-Uk

From April 1st 2009, Ecsite-uk changed its name to the Association for Science and Discovery Centres and became a separate charitable legal entity. The balance of the Ecsite Restricted Fund was transferred to the new charity at this date.

Ecsite-uk relinquished its desk at the British Science Association in November 2008, and relocated its operations to Bristol on December 1st 2008.

The object of the new charity is 'to serve and support Science and Discovery Centres and related organizations, in the UK and beyond, fostering learning and engagement in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics for the public benefit'.

5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

Charitable purposes

The Association's purpose is to advance the public understanding, accessibility and accountability of the natural and social sciences, engineering and mathematics.

The Association's primary aims are to:

- promote open and informed discussion about science and its place in society
- affirm science as a prime cultural force by engaging and inspiring adults and young people directly with science and technology, and their implications.

The Charities Act 2006 recognises 13 categories of charitable purpose. The Association's aims align strongly with two:

- the advancement of education
- the advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

A detailed analysis of the Association's activities in relation to public benefit was given in the 2008 Annual Report, and remains current.

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Presentation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with The Charities Act (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and The Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Reserves Policy

The Association's reserves have been divided into restricted and unrestricted funds. Income, which is received for specific purposes, is treated as restricted income and accounted for as restricted funds. Expenditure for these specific purposes is deducted from the relevant income and the balance of unspent income is carried forward. Unrestricted funds represent income net of expenditure in respect of income given to the Association with no specific purpose attached.

At the start of 2010 free reserves, in the form of unrestricted funds less those funds held as tangible fixed assets, total c£1,080k. For 2010, £200k of the reserves is notionally set aside to meet a possible deficit against budget. The balance of the funds amounts to c£880k. This approximates to 4.2 months running costs at the reduced level of £2,500k per annum or 3.1 months at the current level of £3,400k per annum. Council believes that reserves should normally be at least at this level to ensure the charity can continue to run efficiently however goal is to build reserves to 6 months.

Investment Powers

The Association's powers of Investment are set out in the Accounting Policies on Page 27.

Financial Results

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 23 shows net outgoing resources for the year of (£243,208), of which (£225,042) related to the Ecsite Restricted Fund, before net gains on investment assets of £93,029. The latter comprise realised losses of £56,002 and unrealised gains of £149,031 (see note 7). The net gains reflect, but do not exceed, the weighted average gains in the indexed value of investments quoted on investment committee benchmark during the year ended 31 December 2009.

Total resources expended during 2009 of £3,721,183 were greater than the £3,448,927 expended in 2008. This is predominantly driven by increased expenditure for CREST expansion together with the transfer of the Ecsite Restricted Fund. The expenditure on individual programmes shown on the SOFA, page 24, is dependent on the activities within the programmes and the funding received.

At the year end the Association's unrestricted funds have increased by £77,458 to £1,086,342.

The Association's Council anticipates that the present level of activity will be sustained for the current year if the 2010 fundraising targets and grant undertakings are achieved.

7. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

For 2010, the focus remains on continuing to build on and exploit our four main programmes, described above, in conjunction with the regions and branch network.

Targets for 2010, working towards the overall aims, are set out under the following corporate priorities. This approach allows us to ensure we keep a balance between internal and external issues, and between the needs of individuals and those of the organisation as a whole.

1. Create greater public interest and involvement in science throughout society
2. Engage scientists and engineers with all sectors of our society

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3. Run programmes with enduring effects and lead our field in sharing and disseminating practice
4. Offer attractive and effective partnerships with other organisations
5. Generate sustainable and predictable funding, controlling costs and managing cash flow
6. Ensure that our staff feel valued and supported

BRITISH SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Objective: To provide Europe's largest platform for scientists to showcase advances in science and engineering and to debate the issues they raise, directly and through the media

The **British Science Festival** takes place in a different university city each year. It brings together the best in science (including social science), engineering and technology to celebrate scientific advances, explore the latest developments and encourage open discussion about science-related issues that interest and concern large numbers of people, directly and through huge media attention.

The British Science Festival remains a key public science event in the annual calendar, supported widely by the scientific community, Government and the media. It has developed enormously in the past few years, retaining its broad scientific core and associated media coverage while broadening out to embrace new venues and audiences across the host city, substantially increasing the number of people experiencing the event. However, given the growth of a variety of science festivals across the UK in the past 5-10 years and the widely fluctuating success of reliably raising funding each year on the basis of the historic peripatetic pattern the British Science Association's new strategy is a model of rotation between a smaller number of centres. This model should enable longer-term relationships to be built up with a small finite number of cities and regions, including with the science-based business community, and lead to more sustainable support. Birmingham and the surrounding region have expressed strong interest in working with us in this way, with the first festival in 2010, and thereafter at 4-yearly intervals. There is a commitment from Yorkshire/Humberside for a Festival in 2011 in Bradford, and potentially thereafter at 4-yearly intervals, and other indications of interest from the North West and North East. There is also active interest from Wales and Scotland which is being explored.

Priorities for 2010:

- Measure the media impact (monetary value)
- Increase the number of people participating (including the school/college programme)
- Develop tangible links between the Festival and CREST
- Modify the planning process to allow for improvement in the quality of events year on year
- Plan the way the 'inter-Festival' years link to the Festival
- Devise a consistent method to evaluate impact and legacy of the new Festival framework

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK

Objective: To provide a platform that enables direct encounters between scientists and non-scientists to increase national recognition of science and engineering, their societal impacts and their implications for action

National Science and Engineering Week (NSEW) is a coordinated nationwide grassroots celebration and discussion of all aspects of science, engineering and technology through local, regional and national events. It is orchestrated by the British Science Association and addresses public audiences at all levels, with a particular emphasis on young people and families.

National Science Week became National Science and Engineering Week in 2007, with the full support of the Engineering UK (formerly ETB) and the many engineering institutions, increasingly the number of engineering-related events from around 200 to around 800. It is a unique

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combination of a grassroots activity for all comers, across all regions and nations, allied with a national dimension of activity and awareness-raising.

There has been a massive increase in events nationwide from some 2000 in 2006 to 3500 in 2009, with some 1.4m estimated direct participants. In 2008, to help generate more visible national media impact, Mission 21 were employed to support the PR and press activity. This proved particularly successful, and has now become an integral part of the communications strategy for National Science and Engineering Week.

Priorities for 2010:

- Raise the political and media visibility of the Week, both generally and for any specific initiative
- Increase the number of registered events
- Increase the number of scientists and engineers participating for the first time
- Grow the number of 16-25 year olds involved
- Make a significant contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity

We aim to raise the levels of national, regional and online coverage for National Science and Engineering Week 2010 through the creation of a strong, clear, standout campaign theme and PR activities. The theme for 2010 will be Earth and for 2011 is likely to be Food/Eating. The campaign will be simple, and where possible will use high profile ambassadors, non-traditional PR channels to reach specific target audiences and will be integrated with other marketing efforts for the best results. Regional Officers and the Communications Officer will work alongside our PR company to capitalise on opportunities to generate further coverage on a regional basis. Our overall target is to raise the levels of public awareness of NSEW to over 13% of the population.

In order to raise political visibility, we will work closely with BIS to highlight a range of opportunities for Ministers and MPs to get involved in the Week's activities – either by participating or endorsing our campaign activities or attending events. Information will be sent to all MPs/Ministers to highlight activity in their region.

We will continue our plan to recruit further National Science and Engineering Week organisers/organisations through proactive engagement by regional officers, information sessions, recruitment/marketing materials, the website and our expansive network of contacts. Further to that we will be collecting contact details of all people downloading our NSEW resources and logos or participating in our campaign activities. We will encourage these people to coordinate events or activities for NSEW and register these on our online database.

In order to increase the number of scientists and engineers participating for the first time in National Science and Engineering Week we will devise campaign activities in which this audience can participate easily in large numbers. ETB will be encouraging engineering companies and institutes with STEM ambassadors to work with schools during NSEW to run engineering events. Further work will be done to encourage universities and research staff at those establishments to participate in the Week.

In order to grow the number of 16 – 25 year olds participating in National Science and Engineering Week, we will create a targeted marketing campaign for universities, colleges and student unions to encourage more events and further participation from university science-related societies.

In order to raise awareness of International Year of Biodiversity, the National Science and Engineering Week team will work with a number of partners to create a range of mass participation activities, media features, competitions and resources on the theme of biodiversity. We aim to be a hub of information to highlight our own projects, and other biodiversity projects happening throughout the year, and to engage a wide variety of audiences with our activities – adults, children and families.

CREST AWARD SCHEME AND SCHOOLS PROGRAMMES

Objective: To provide the national framework that excites and inspires young people through first-hand involvement in student-led creative projects in science and technology

The **CREST Award** scheme is the only national accreditation scheme for project work in science, engineering and technology in the UK. The original programme addresses young people between 11 and 19 and their teachers, and involves scientists and engineers as partners and mentors. In 2007 **CREST ★ Investigators** was launched, extending the scheme from age 5 in primary schools. CREST is a major element in the 'STEM enrichment' landscape, and the connections and expertise we have developed through CREST and NSEW have led to our coordination of the Science and Engineering Clubs initiative, our involvement in the Directors for STEM enrichment schemes and the request from DIUS that we manage the National Science and Engineering Competition. All three initiatives have close synergies with CREST.

The development of CREST★Investigators and the full roll out in September 2007 gave the British Science Association a unique position among enrichment providers with a fully resourced and evaluated scheme which runs seamlessly from 5 to 19 years of age and enriches the curriculum across the UK.

Through the CREST Awards and CREST ★ Investigator schemes young people have the opportunity to learn:

- that they can do real scientific investigations
- that being a scientist is an exciting and responsible career
- that they can engage in discussion about science in its social contexts

The British Science Association will build on the success of the CREST award scheme to ensure its recognition as the only national accreditation mechanism in informal science and technology education.

Integral to this process is the development of the current CREST Science Fair to become a unified high profile UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair. The British Science Association initiated this process and is centrally involved in this project, which is project managed by ETB and involves organisations right across the STEM community.

Likewise, the British Science Association's co-ordination of the Science and Engineering Clubs initiative exploits CREST as much as possible.

Priorities for 2010:

- Enable young people to achieve awards (annual targets)
- Generate healthy partnerships with schemes that contribute to our mission
- Demonstrate widespread national recognition of the importance and value of the schemes
- Demonstrate evidence of outcomes (including for teachers and mentors)
- Trigger for participating students a positive choice for further study or work in science and technology

Our CREST target is 30,000 awards which represents an increase of 20% on 2008 figures. The main driver for this increase is the DCSF-funded expansion of CREST which includes a target of 30% in Bronze and Silver awards in English state-funded schools. The expansion also incorporates several measures to strengthen the overall CREST scheme for 2010 and beyond, such as database improvements, training for coordinators, increased marketing to schools and grants for schools.

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Our CREST Star target is 11,000 awards, over twice as many as in 2008. New partners are a key goal since they will allow us to stabilize the funding of the scheme, implement the recommendations of the external evaluation and forge accreditation partnerships with others.

We will strive to ensure that the National Science and Engineering Competition breaks all previous records for media coverage and public profile. We will work with our partner organizations and especially closely with Engineering UK¹ to ensure that the Big Bang fair complements and assists our own goals. We will co-commission an external PR agency for the Competition and Big Bang as well as ensuring that our in-house activity works well with our communications for other projects (especially CREST and National Science and Engineering Week). We will use feedback provided in 2009 to improve the health of our partnerships with regional fair organizers, particularly the clarity and timeliness of information to organizers.

We will implement a detailed marketing strategy that segments our audiences and addresses, provides them with tailored messages and uses a wider range of channels than previously. We will proactively promote CREST's new broader relevance to projects achieved through work experience and science communication whilst highlighting its relevance in support of new curriculum developments and qualifications. We will highlight DCSF's endorsement of CREST (through their funding for the expansion) to our strategic partners. Our strategy for proactive accreditation of other schemes by CREST will focus on the largest and highest profile schemes first (Science Museum, F1 in Schools, Olympics Challenges, Motion Challenge for Schools and First Lego League). We will be working with STEMNET to extend the After-Schools Science and Engineering Clubs (ASSECs) scheme following our successful delivery of the pilot phase.

We will research the benefits to researchers of becoming CREST mentors and disseminate our findings to research-based organisations (e.g. research council publications). We will commission an external organization to conduct an evaluation of the impact of the CREST expansion. Students involved in CREST through the expansion will have their Unique Pupil Numbers recorded on our database, opening the door for long-term follow-up work on the impact and benefits of CREST. We will also set up an Alumni network to help us keep in touch with our CREST awardees and understand more about the long-term effect of CREST on subject and career choices. We will set up a Youth Panel to advise us on our future direction and approach. This is becoming increasingly important in the success of funding bids to Trusts, Foundations and the public sector.

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY

Objective: To lead those involved in science communication by sharing best practice, encouraging innovation and improving the quality of engagement activities

The **Science in Society** programme both supports the science communication community and encourages members of the public to 'have their say' in science-related matters that concern them. The programme operates through the annual **Science Communication Conference** and specific initiatives including **Media Fellowships** and **Perspectives**. The team is increasingly taking on appropriate consultancy work with organisations such as the Research Councils and NESTA.

Face to face contact between scientists and members of the wider public is central to all our programmes. For the science in society programme this is manifested both through dialogue projects (e.g. Media Fellows, Perspectives and the Community xchange) and indirectly through support to the wider science communication community (e.g. the National Science Communication Conference and the Working Lunches). In contrast to the bulk of the British Science Association's programmes, the dialogue projects within the Science in Society programme are small-scale intense activities which both benefit the immediate participants

¹ Previously the Engineering and Technology Board (ETB)

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through the depth of engagement and allow the experience to be spread by the British Science Association and by partners.

Priorities for 2010:

- Show leadership within the scicomm community on issues of strategic importance
- Run exemplar programmes and disseminate learning
- Secure funding for 2 new projects and establish longer term funding from current project partners
- Provide a coherent means of sharing the results and outcomes of evaluations of public engagement activities
- Provide scientists with easy access to the wealth of engagement opportunities available

Show leadership within the scicomm community on issues of strategic importance: We will work with our partner the Wellcome Trust to develop a well structured programme for the Science Communication Conference, showcasing innovative projects as well as having a critical review of the science communication field. We will highlight key topics and invite relevant key speakers.

Run exemplar programmes and disseminate learning: We will build on our successful schemes for scientists, the Media Fellowship scheme and *perspectives*. We will ensure participants of these schemes disseminate their experience and learning through articles in Research Council publications as well as blogs and reports. We also plan to work closer with supervisors to highlight the benefit that involvement in these schemes will bring to their departments.

Secure funding for two new projects and establish longer term funding from current project partners: We have recently submitted a 3 year bid to RCUK for the *perspectives* scheme which will cover 2010 – 2012 which is looking very positive. We will build on our strong links with the individual Research Councils to fund the Media Fellowships and look to agree on 3 year funding agreements as opposed to having to apply for funding each year.

There are several leads for new projects which we are currently following up, collaborating with other organisations to share our learning and experience. We have submitted applications to the Wellcome Trust for a Society Award as well as looking to Royal Academy of Engineering to fund public engagement projects involving engineers and community groups in East London on the topic of sports technology. We have already made tentative links with the Food Standards Agency to run a public engagement project on the topic of GM, and are currently waiting for the tender process to open to run a series of workshops for EPSRC scientists.

Provide a coherent means of sharing the results and outcomes of evaluations of public engagement activities: Sharing evaluation with others in the public engagement field is something that has been discussed recently so we have responded by designing an online database for all to share the results and outcomes of their evaluations. We will use the platform of the 2010 Science Communication Conference to promote this resource and will warmly welcome feedback from public engagement practitioners to ensure that it is a useful website.

Provide scientists with easy access to the wealth of engagement opportunities available: We work hard to promote our schemes and events to a wide range of scientists so will look to develop our links and highlight all the other opportunities available to them, including our own programmes. We will research relevant events, festivals and awards that we will publicise to our growing contact lists of scientists, enabling them to develop their public engagement skills.

Regions and Branches

Objective: To provide a UK network of local initiatives bringing scientists into direct contact with their local communities to support National Science and Engineering week and other national programmes

The network of **Regions and Branches**, throughout the UK, develops programmes for local audiences organised by volunteers. The Regional staff team supports the volunteers in Branches and promotes activity during National Science and Engineering Week. As a third priority, the Regional team is active in the networking of science communication activity in their region, steering away from young people's activity which is widely covered elsewhere.

The regional and branch structure is important for the presence of the British Science Association around the UK and to support National Science and Engineering Week. Branches are active in a wide range of locations across the UK, often in areas where no comparable science-based organisation exists. The regional officers both support that activity and help to network other organisations involved in public engagement in their region. The move towards full-time regional officers is helping to give a higher permanent presence, and changes have taken place to bring the management of the Regions and National Science and Engineering Week even closer together.

Priorities for 2010:

- Support the branches in running high impact events
- Increase the number/participation of volunteers in order to further strengthen Branch committees
- Increase the number and diversity of audiences for Branch events
- Network with and support other organisations to run and promote events in National Science and Engineering Week
- Raise the profile and emphasise the presence of the Association regionally to encourage participation in programmes
- Generate sustainable funding for Branch events on a regional or national basis

The regional team will work closely with the Branches to encourage a wider range of new and innovative Branch events. There will be continued exchange of best practice between the Branches through the Branches Forum, a new email list, Google groups and other methods of improved communication. We will also work closely to monitor Branch branding and marketing materials to ensure the correct messages are being portrayed about the Association. The Regional Team will also be working more closely with the Communications Officer to increase and improve the levels of regional media coverage by ensuring that Branches put out press releases for their key events.

The regional team will continue to look into new methods and techniques for recruiting Branch volunteers including going to graduate fairs, putting volunteer opportunities on our website and other specific volunteer sites and ensuring that recruitment materials are distributed at key events. The regional team will look to induct all volunteers and ensure they are happy and confident in their Branch responsibilities. We will also look to increase the participation of existing inactive volunteers by providing them with a range of specific events/opportunities to get involved with and the support to enable them to carry these responsibilities out.

In order to increase the number and diversity of the audiences at Branch events we aim to improve Branch marketing to supporters through a new online Branch events programme, newsletter and regional press coverage. This will also be linked to our first priority of increasing the diversity and impact of Branch events. A critical part of monitoring this improvement will be down to an improved evaluation and reporting structure for the Branch events.

The regional team will be responsible for encouraging increased activity for National Science and Engineering Week through information sessions and other networking events and through

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continued liaison with public facing organisations throughout the year. Specifically, the regional officers will be a point of contact for local organisers who require help, support or would like information about other activities/resources in their area. In addition, regional officers will be supporting the press function of National Science and Engineering Week by aiding local organisations to put out press releases for their events and encouraging larger scale events to include NSEW messages in their own publicity.

The regional team will raise the profile of the organisation locally through continued networking and collaborative events and activities and seeking opportunities for Branch involvement in high profile events, for example, science festivals. Throughout all regional activities, the regional officers will act as ambassadors for each programme, promoting British Science Association membership, CREST, the British Science Festival and Science and Society and actively recruiting appropriate people to these schemes.

We will seek sustainable funding for Branch activities by putting together proposals for specific event formats, themes and geographical areas. The regional team will be responsible for pulling together the information for these proposals and we will work with the fundraising team to put these together. We aim for each Branch to be able to support its own events and reduce reliance on small grants from central office.

Trustees' responsibilities in the preparation of financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales and Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the [Charities SORP](#);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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AUDITORS

Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP have indicated their willingness to continue to act as auditors for the forthcoming financial year.

Approved by Council and signed on its behalf by:

Jeremy Webb
General Treasurer
31st March 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

We have audited the financial statements of British Association for the Advancement of Science for the year ended 31 December 2009 on pages 24 to 37.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

We have been appointed auditors under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under those Acts. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 1993.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with these accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Trustees' Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 December 2009 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 1993

BAKER TILLY UK AUDIT LLP

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE Restricted funds £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2	1,876,888	1,498,185	80,900	3,455,973	3,270,367
Investment income	15	22,002	-	-	22,002	50,268
Total Incoming Resources		1,898,890	1,498,185	80,900	3,477,975	3,320,635
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds						
Fundraising		247,367	-	-	247,367	296,105
Supporters		104,021	-	-	104,021	115,570
		351,388	-	-	351,388	411,675
Charitable Activities						
Festival of Science		123,849	509,774	-	633,623	705,327
National Science & Eng Week		110,835	456,205	-	567,040	325,893
CREST		207,734	855,053	-	1,062,787	538,013
CREST★ Investigators		43,661	179,711	-	223,372	326,660
Science In Society		41,559	171,062	-	212,621	319,219
Branches, Membership and Regional Support		10,336	288,085	-	298,421	270,922
ECSITE – UK		-	-	305,942	305,942	460,229
Total Charitable Expenditure	4(a)	537,974	2,459,890	305,942	3,303,806	2,946,263
Governance costs	3	65,989	-	-	65,989	90,989
Total resources expended		955,351	2,459,890	305,942	3,721,183	3,448,927
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		943,539	(961,705)	(225,042)	(243,208)	(128,292)
Transfer between funds	5	(959,110)	959,110	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(15,571)	(2,595)	(225,042)	(243,208)	(128,292)
Net Gains/(Losses) on investment assets	7	93,029	-	-	93,029	(178,272)
Net movement in funds		77,458	(2,595)	(225,042)	(150,179)	(306,564)
Balances brought forward at 1.1.09		1,008,884	8,483	225,042	1,242,409	1,548,973
Balances carried forward at 31.12.09		1,086,342	5,888	-	1,092,230	1,242,409

No separate statement of total recognised gains or losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt within the Statement of Financial Activities.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities. The Charity is not entitled to utilise the restricted funds carried forward, except for the purposes specified in note 11. A note on the Charity's free remaining reserves is set out in the Trustees' Report, under section 6.

The notes on pages 27 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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	<i>Notes</i>	2009 £	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	7,141	9,855
Investments	7	727,010	621,497
		<u>734,151</u>	<u>631,352</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	309,585	371,922
Cash on deposit	16	541,991	629,070
Cash at bank and in hand	16	(8,962)	6,330
		<u>842,614</u>	<u>1,007,322</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	484,535	396,265
		<u>484,535</u>	<u>396,265</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>358,079</u>	<u>611,057</u>
NET ASSETS	10	<u>1,092,230</u>	<u>1,242,409</u>
ECSITE RESTRICTED FUNDS	11	-	225,042
RESTRICTED FUNDS	11	5,888	8,483
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	12	1,086,342	1,008,884
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,092,230</u>	<u>1,242,409</u>

Following the recommendation of the Audit & Risks Committee, Council approved and authorised for issue these financial statements on 31st March 2010.

Signed on behalf of Council by.

Professor Julia Goodfellow

Chair of Council

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MR JEREMY WEBB

General Treasurer

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The notes on pages 27 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
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	<i>Notes</i>	2009 £	2008 £
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(109,389)	(520,736)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	15	22,002	50,268
Capital expenditure and financial investment	15	(29,704)	(114,945)
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH IN THE PERIOD		<u>(117,091)</u>	<u>(585,413)</u>
Reconciliation of net (outgoing)/incoming resources to net cash flow from operating activities		2009 £	2008 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for year		(243,208)	(128,292)
Depreciation		5,214	5,326
Interest and dividends receivable		(22,002)	(50,268)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors		62,337	(77,336)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors		88,270	(270,166)
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		<u>(109,389)</u>	<u>(520,736)</u>

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET CASH FUNDS

		2009 £	2008 £
(Decrease) / Increase in cash in the period		(117,091)	(585,413)
NET FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		665,130	1,250,543
NET FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER	16	<u>548,039</u>	<u>665,130</u>

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the British Association for The Advancement of Science are prepared in accordance with The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards. They are drawn up on the historical accounting basis except that investments held as fixed assets are carried at market value as at the balance sheet date.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Income received for the general purposes of the Association is credited to unrestricted funds. Income subject to specific wishes of the donors is credited to relevant restricted funds.

Income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the grant apportionment only be used in future accounting periods, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

SUBSCRIPTION INCOME

Subscription income is taken into the accounts as a receipt in the year in which the subscription is received.

INCOME TAX ON DONATIONS

Provision is made in the financial statements for income tax recoverable on gift aid donations.

INVESTMENT INCOME

Gross Income received from the Association's investment portfolio is reinvested with the Association's portfolio fund managers for the acquisition of further stocks.

INTANGIBLE INCOME

No value has been placed on the support given to the Association by way of volunteer assistance or accommodation.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, such as staff costs by the time spent, and other costs by their usage. Governance costs comprise those costs deemed to relate to the governance of the charity and include an appropriate proportion of staff time.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated by reference to the cost of fixed assets using a straight line basis at rates considered appropriate having regard to the expected lives of the fixed assets.

All asset acquisitions over £5,000 are capitalised in the year of purchase.

Fixed assets are depreciated over the following periods:-

Office Equipment	5 years
Computer Equipment	3 years

LEASED ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance leases"), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

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Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the statement of financial activities in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding.

All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

INVESTMENTS

Investments held as fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at their open market value as at the balance sheet date. Any resulting unrealised gain or loss is taken to the fund to which it relates. Both realised and unrealised gains or losses are reflected in the SOFA as net gains/losses on investment assets.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Association's Investment Fund is invested in accordance with the Powers of Investment set out in the Schedule to the 1977 Supplemental Charter, which requires that at least 15% of the fund must comprise investments in Government and/or fixed interest securities, including interest-bearing cash deposits. Council has determined that the primary objective of investment policy should be to maintain the capital value of the fund in real terms over the long term.

Consistent with the primary investment objectives, investments should nevertheless be considered on ethical grounds and a socially responsible investment policy form part of the selection process. In case of doubt the investment manager shall seek the guidance of the Association's Investment Committee.

Council has appointed an Investment Committee to implement the above, to establish further policy and objectives and to monitor the investment performance of the appointed Fund Manager, currently Arbutnot Fund Managers Limited. The Investment Committee normally meets twice a year and its minutes are submitted to Council for consideration.

STOCKS

No valuation has been made of stocks of paper, publications, regalia or other sundry items.

PENSION SCHEME

Employees may opt to join the Association's stakeholder pension scheme operated by Scottish Equitable. The charity pays two times the contributions made by employees to the scheme, which can range between 3% and 5% of gross salary. The pension charge recorded in these accounts is the amount of contributions payable by the charity in the accounting year.

RESERVES POLICY

The Association's objective is to build its reserves, in the form of unrestricted funds, to a level where they equate in value to approximately six months charitable and other expenditure, thereby providing the Association with a reasonably secure financial base on which to plan future projects and to commit to related expenditures, before external funding has been fully secured.

Restricted funds are disbursed in accordance with the terms of the applicable restrictions; should these restrictions prove difficult or impractical to fulfil, necessary consent is sought to amend those restrictions in those cases where it is cost effective to do so.

TRANSFERS

A transfer is normally made each year from unrestricted resources to help fund the restricted activities.

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2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE Restricted funds £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
Grants	1,433,848	1,035,024	16,500	2,485,372	1,993,894
Sponsorship	500	343,521	-	344,021	727,988
Events income	255,564	-	-	255,564	253,377
Subscriptions	61,069	-	-	61,069	89,462
Other income	63,951	119,640	64,400	247,991	149,639
Donations	61,956	-	-	61,956	56,007
Total Incoming Resources	<u>1,876,888</u>	<u>1,498,185</u>	<u>80,900</u>	<u>3,455,973</u>	<u>3,270,367</u>

The major sources of grant income are:

Government and related agencies (including the EU)	1,602,909	1,344,106
Scientific Societies, Charities and Trusts	93,715	199,142
Companies and others	788,748	450,646
	<u>2,485,372</u>	<u>1,993,894</u>

3 ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS

The charity allocates its support costs as shown in the table below and then further apportions those costs between the charitable activities undertaken (see note 4a). Support costs are allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

	Governance £	Support costs £	Total 2009 £	Governance 2008 £	Support Costs 2008 £	Total 2008 £
Salaries	42,715	327,850	370,565	56,113	221,209	277,322
Office costs	5,563	82,811	88,374	7,066	79,519	86,585
Depreciation	-	5,215	5,215	-	5,326	5,326
Irrecoverable VAT	-	54,556	54,556	-	48,704	48,704
Office service charge	-	43,545	43,545	-	43,277	43,277
Insurance	-	7,776	7,776	-	8,945	8,945
Office equipment purchase / rent	-	12,980	12,980	-	38,165	38,165
Legal & professional	17,711	3,700	21,411	27,810	7,569	35,379
Marketing & PR	-	68,224	68,224	-	99,589	99,589
	<u>65,989</u>	<u>606,657</u>	<u>672,646</u>	<u>90,989</u>	<u>552,303</u>	<u>643,292</u>

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4(a) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2009 £	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2008 £
Festival of Science	509,774	123,849	633,623	558,624	146,703	705,327
National Science & Eng Week	456,205	110,835	567,040	258,110	67,783	325,893
CREST	855,053	207,734	1,062,787	426,110	111,903	538,013
CREST★ Investigators	179,711	43,661	223,372	258,717	67,943	326,660
Science In Society	171,062	41,559	212,621	252,824	66,395	319,219
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	288,085	10,336	298,421	264,972	5,950	270,922
Ecsite-uk	305,942	-	305,942	460,229	-	460,229
	<u>2,765,832</u>	<u>537,974</u>	<u>3,303,806</u>	<u>2,479,586</u>	<u>466,677</u>	<u>2,946,263</u>
Fundraising	199,017	48,350	247,367	234,517	61,588	296,105
Supporters	83,689	20,332	104,021	91,532	24,038	115,570
	<u>3,048,538</u>	<u>606,656</u>	<u>3,655,194</u>	<u>2,805,635</u>	<u>552,303</u>	<u>3,357,938</u>

4 (b) STAFF COSTS

	2009 £	2008 £
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	1,219,860	1,187,285
Social security costs	127,312	124,703
Pension contributions	79,192	89,041
	<u>1,426,364</u>	<u>1,401,029</u>

The average monthly number of employees, full time and part time on the Association's payroll, during the year was:

	2009 No.	2008 No.
Fundraising, marketing and public relations	5	6
Festival of Science	5	5
National Science Week	3	4
Science Communications Initiatives	2	4
CREST/CREST★ Investigators	12	8
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	5	5
ECSITE – UK	0	3
Management and Administration	8	6
	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>

Neither Members of Council nor persons connected with them received any remuneration or other benefits from the Association or any connected organisation. The expenses claimed by and reimbursed to Members of Council during the year in respect of expenses amounted to £5,563 (2008: £7,066).

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4(b) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	2009 No.	2008 No.
The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 were:		
£60,000 - £70,000	1	1
£70,001 - £80,000	-	-
£80,001 - £90,000	-	-
£90,001 - £100,000	1	1
£100,000 - £110,000	-	-

The Association made contributions to money purchase (stakeholder) pension schemes in respect of 2 higher paid employees (2008: 2)

4 (c) OTHER COSTS	2009 £	2008 £
Other costs include:		
Auditors remuneration: Audit and financial statements	14,250	14,900
VAT Advice	-	810
Payroll bureau	3,300	3,200
BIS Grant Audit	2,500	7,500
Legal and professional fees	-	425
Operating lease service charge payments: land and buildings	43,545	43,277

5 TRANSFERS

Transfers of £959,110 between the funds represent the allocation of funds raised for the general use of the Association to those specific activities, which are primarily funded by restricted funds. They are principally utilised for activity support costs and to fund programmes where income is insufficient to meet direct costs.

6 FIXED ASSETS	Computer equipment £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
1 January 2009	38,699	8,902	47,601
Additions	2,500	-	2,500
31 December 2009	41,199	8,902	50,101
Depreciation			
1 January 2009	34,848	2,898	37,746
Charge for year	3,634	1,580	5,214
31 December 2009	38,482	4,478	42,960
Net book Value			
31 December 2009	2,717	4,424	7,141
31 December 2008	3,851	6,004	9,855

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7	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
	Market value at 1 January	615,964	5,531	621,495	786,800
	Additions at cost	227,181	-	227,181	336,362
	Disposals at cost	(255,977)	-	(255,977)	(217,334)
	Unrealised (loss)/gains	149,268	(237)	149,031	(182,355)
	Movements in cash	(14,720)	-	(14,720)	(101,976)
	Market value at 31 December	<u>721,716</u>	<u>5,294</u>	<u>727,010</u>	<u>621,497</u>
	Historical cost of investments	<u>623,356</u>	<u>6,511</u>	<u>629,867</u>	<u>673,361</u>
	Investment (loss) / gains comprise:				
	Realised			(56,002)	4,083
	Unrealised			149,031	(182,355)
				<u>93,029</u>	<u>(178,272)</u>
	Investments comprise the following:				
	Government and fixed interest			137,150	116,321
	Investments and Unit Trusts			5,294	5,531
	Equities			569,556	469,915
	Listed on UK Stock Exchange			712,000	591,767
	Cash awaiting re-investment			15,010	29,730
				<u>727,010</u>	<u>621,497</u>

The Association had no investment holdings of greater than 5% of overall market value.

8	DEBTORS	2009 £	2008 £
	Trade Debtors	266,212	234,608
	Sundry debtors	24,805	20,655
	Income tax recoverable	3,041	2,682
	Prepayments	10,875	33,069
	Accrued income	4,652	80,908
		<u>309,585</u>	<u>371,922</u>

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9	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2009	2008
		£	£
	Sundry creditors	127,199	134,268
	Accruals	168,140	144,535
	Income received in advance	189,196	117,462
		<u>484,535</u>	<u>396,265</u>

10 ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS

Fund balances at 31 December 2009 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	7,141	-	7,141
Investments	721,716	5,294	727,010
Current assets	842,020	594	842,614
Current liabilities	(484,535)	-	(484,535)
Total net assets	<u>1,086,342</u>	<u>5,888</u>	<u>1,092,230</u>
Unrealised gain/loss included above on investment assets (see below)	<u>98,383</u>	<u>(1,216)</u>	<u>97,167</u>
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets.			
Unrealised gain/(loss) at 31 December 2008	(50,885)	(979)	(51,864)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) arising in the year	149,268	(237)	149,031
Unrealised Gain at 31 December 2009	<u>98,383</u>	<u>(1,216)</u>	<u>97,167</u>

11	RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance				Balance
		1.1.2009	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31.12.2009
		£	£	£	£	£
	Core Charitable Activities	-	1,498,065	(2,457,175)	959,110	-
	Adele Gurney Fund	1,023	50	-	-	1,073
	George Green Memorial Fund	7,460	70	(2,715)	-	4,815
		<u>8,483</u>	<u>1,498,185</u>	<u>(2,459,890)</u>	<u>959,110</u>	<u>5,888</u>
	Ecsite - UK	225,042	80,900	(305,942)	-	-
		<u>233,525</u>	<u>1,579,085</u>	<u>(2,765,832)</u>	<u>959,110</u>	<u>5,888</u>

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Adele Gurney Fund

This fund is used to give an award to 16+ students in full-time education to help fund an "international science experience". The awards are administered by the Association.

The fund will continue indefinitely, until the family can be contacted to discuss the future of the fund.

George Green Memorial Fund

This fund is being administered by the Nottinghamshire branch of the Association. It was originally established to celebrate the work and life of George Green (1793 – 1841), the Nottingham mathematician and physicist, and promote the public understanding of science, particularly among young people. The original administrators have fulfilled the fund's aims and the assets have been transferred to a like-minded organisation, the Association, to be utilised in due course.

ECSITE UK

A description of the activities of this fund is included within section 4 of the Trustees' Report.

Ecsite-uk moved to an independent organisation on 1st April 2009. A limited liability Company was formed and charitable status has been granted by the Charity Commission. The staff engaged with Ecsite-uk were, under TUPE, transferred to the new organisation with the net balance of the restricted fund.

12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1.1.2009 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31.12.2009 £
SECTIONS:				
Agriculture & Forestry	(242)	2,242	(441)	1,559
Anthropology and Archaeology	1,210	943	(3,413)	(1,260)
Biological Sciences	2,500	-	(-)	2,500
Chemistry	5,746	-	(3,584)	2,162
Economics	919	1,231	(509)	1,641
Education	1,077	-	(203)	874
Engineering	391	1,651	(42)	2,000
General	328	1,760	(2,798)	(710)
Geography	1,127	873	(1,584)	416
Geology	1,217	1,172	(2,082)	307
History of Science	479	1,521	(510)	1,490
Mathematics	444	2,056	(1,232)	1,268
Medical Sciences	1,006	1,541	(848)	1,699
Physics	(3,840)	-	(2,350)	(6,190)
Psychology	3,232	2,000	(1,989)	3,243
Sociology	950	1,050	(2,104)	(104)
Total Sections	16,544	18,040	(23,689)	10,895

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12	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)	Balance 1.1.2009 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31.12.2009 £
	BRANCHES:				
	Aberdeen	10,517	7,217	(8,134)	9,600
	Bedfordshire	2,103	-	(-)	2,103
	Birmingham	662	-	(182)	480
	Bristol and Bath	4,670	41	(1,064)	3,647
	Caithness	421	17,978	(9,176)	9,223
	Central London	500	1,339	(835)	1,004
	Cornwall	1,051	-	(1,051)	-
	Cumbria	255	3,036	(47)	3,244
	Derby	1,782	500	(310)	1,972
	Edinburgh & SE Scotland	2,001	855	(1,051)	1,805
	Glasgow and West of Scotland	1,042	1,100	(326)	1,816
	Hampstead (North London)	210	205	(415)	-
	Leicester	2,781	1,047	(563)	3,265
	Merseyside	401	813	(115)	1,099
	Moray	2,543	4,478	(2,058)	4,963
	North & East Yorkshire	1,300	450	(988)	762
	North Wales	1,887	-	(20)	1,867
	Northumbria	889	1,000	(747)	1,142
	North Western	2,525	1,120	(451)	3,194
	Northern Ireland	500	0	(20)	480
	Nottingham	2,431	660	(2,266)	825
	Oxford	2,522	-	(712)	1,810
	Plymouth Eddystone	2,094	500	(840)	1,754
	Pembrokeshire	1,683	500	(465)	1,718
	Richmond (South London)	294	-	(192)	102
	Sheffield	1,432	-	(-)	1,432
	South Wales	5,400	-	(1,534)	3,866
	St Andrews	1,180	720	(-)	1,900
	Tayside and Fife	5,247	4,246	(5,319)	4,174
	Thames Valley	591	500	(267)	824
	Wessex	2,306	-	(-)	2,306
	Yorkshire	2,269	10	(-)	2,279
	East Lancashire	-	500	(-)	500
	Manchester	-	500	(-)	500
	Guilford	-	500	(-)	500
	Cambridge	-	1,000	(-)	1,000
	Miscellaneous	4,955	1,051	(2,000)	4,006
	Total Branches	<u>70,444</u>	<u>51,866</u>	<u>(41,148)</u>	<u>81,162</u>
	Total Sections and Branches	<u>86,988</u>	<u>69,906</u>	<u>(64,837)</u>	<u>92,057</u>
	Other General Funds	921,896	1,828,984	(890,514)	1,860,366
	Transfers to restricted funds	-	-	(959,110)	(959,110)
	Unrealised Investment Gain	-	93,029	-	93,029
		<u>1,008,884</u>	<u>1,991,919</u>	<u>(1,914,461)</u>	<u>1,086,342</u>

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13 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised by Council and contracted for at 31 December 2009 (2008: £nil).

14 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2009 the Association had annual commitments under an operating lease as follows:

	2009 £	2008 £
Land and buildings expiring after more than five years	44,000	43,000
	<u>44,000</u>	<u>43,000</u>

The commitment relates to the service charge due under the Wellcome Wolfson Building lease. The term of the lease is for 40 years from 29th September 2003 increasing by inflation each year

15 GROSS CASH FLOWS

	2009 £	2008 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	3,183	34,550
Dividend income	18,819	15,718
	<u>22,002</u>	<u>50,268</u>
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(2,500)	-
Purchase of investments	(227,182)	(336,362)
Receipts from sale of investments	199,978	221,417
	<u>(29,704)</u>	<u>(114,945)</u>

16 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET CASH FUNDS

	1 Jan 2009 £	Cash flows £	31 Dec 2009 £
Cash awaiting investment	29,730	(14,720)	15,010
Cash on deposit	629,070	(87,079)	541,991
Cash at bank and in hand	6,330	(15,292)	(8,962)
	<u>665,130</u>	<u>(117,091)</u>	<u>548,039</u>

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16 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN INCOME IN ADVANCE	2009 £	2008 £
Opening Balance	<u>117,462</u>	<u>170,831</u>
Amounts Deferred during the year	145,735	70,002
Release of amounts previously deferred	(74,001)	(123,371)
Closing Balance	<u>189,196</u>	<u>117,462</u>