

# British Association for the Advancement of Science

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### PATRON

Her Majesty the Queen.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

The 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 the 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).

#### The Council members who served during 2007 were:

	Elected By	From	To
Professor Patrick Dowling	Chair	2005	2009
Sir David King	President Elect	2008	2009
Lord Browne of Madingley	President	2007	Dec 2007
Mr Jeremy Webb	General Treasurer	2007	2010
Professor William Gosling	General Treasurer	2001	2007
Ms Frances Cairncross	Past President /Appointed Member	2007	2008/2009
Professor Helen Haste	Executive Vice-President, Sections	2002	2008
Mr Colin Johnson	Executive Vice-President, Young People's Programme	2003	2009
Vacancy	Executive Vice-President, Volunteers		
Dr Jim Al-Khalili	Trustee (Members)	2003	2009
Dr Anne-Maria Brennan	Trustee (Sections)	2002	2008
Professor John Holloway	Trustee (Members)	2003	2009
Ms Dianne Stilwell	Trustee (Members)	2001	2007
Professor Gordon Walkden	Trustee (Members)	2007	2010
Dr Lisbet Rausing	Trustee (Appointed Member)	2006	Dec 2007
Lord May of Oxford	Trustee (Appointed Member) (President Elect (2009/10))	2006	2009
Lord Bragg of Wigton	Trustee (Appointed Member)	Dec 2007	2009

### COMMITTEES

#### General Committee

Consists of members of Council and the following elected members:

	Elected by	From	To
Dr Eric Albone	Branches	2003	2009
Dr Jim Al-Khalili *	Members	2003	2009
Professor Arthur Allison	Members	2002	2008
Dr Julie A. Atkinson	Members	2005	2008
Dr Anne-Maria Brennan *	Sections	2002	2008
Dr Neville Evans	Members	2002	2008
Professor John Holloway *	Members	2003	2009
Dr Robert Jackson	Sections	2007	2010
Mr Ben Johnson	Members	2004	2007
Professor Duncan Murchinson	Branches	2004	2007
Dr Iain Murray	Branches	2004	2007
Ms Dianne Stilwell	Members	2001	2007
Professor Gordon Walkden*	Members	2007	2010

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Professor Graham Bonwick * Member of BA Council	Branches	2007	2010
Nominated by the Royal Society Mr Stephen Cox Sir Michael Berry			
Nominated by the Student Group Ms Helen Jopling Ms Sarah Collins			
Nominated by Corporate and Institutional Members			
Ms Sheila Alink-Brunsdon		2007	2010
Dr Kerry Leslie		2007	2010

## **Investment Committee**

Mr Jeremy Webb – Chair  
Dr Neville Evans  
Dr Duncan Murchison  
Mr Alexander Rottenburg  
Ms Lorelly Wilson  
Fund Manager to be in attendance

## **Audit Committee**

Mr Michael Sheasby - Honorary Auditor - Chair  
Dr Anne-Maria Brennan  
Dr Neville Evans  
Professor John Holloway  
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 Hordijkeno (Director of Programmes)  
Ms Annette Smith (Director of Regions)  
Mr Philip Wilson (Director of Development)

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Principal and Registered Office	Wellcome Wolfson Building 165 Queen's Gate London SW7 5HD
Registered Charity Number	212479 & SCO39236

## 2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The British Association for the Advancement of Science (the BA) 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 1997. The BA's Statutes were revised and approved by the Privy Council in May 2006. BA 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.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science was formed 'to give a stronger impulse and a more systematic direction to scientific inquiry; to promote the intercourse of those who cultivate Science in different parts of the British Empire with one another and with foreign philosophers; to obtain more general attention for the objects of Science and the removal of any disadvantages of a public kind which impede its progress to maintain, develop and extend the social and international relations of science'.

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

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

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

Members of Council shall 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.

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

### **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 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 appointed by the Royal Society.
- 2 members who are students and who have first-hand experience of the BA, nominated and elected by Voting Members

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

The Council shall consult the General Committee on matters requiring the Committee's consideration, and shall present 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 shall be formally considered by Council at the next Council meeting.

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

### **Trustee induction and training**

Following the announcement of the BA Council election results, see above, a standard induction pack is sent to all new Trustees before they attend their first Council meeting. The induction pack comprises BA 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 BA staff and provide an opportunity for them to ask questions and familiarise themselves with the organisation.

### **Management**

The Governing body, BA 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. The Council may delegate its powers to the Chief Executive or its Committees.

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 the 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 shall be required to respond formally at the next meeting of the General Committee.

The Chief Executive is employed by the 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 BA's organisation structure is shown on the BA's web site [www.the-ba.net](http://www.the-ba.net).

### **Risk management**

BA Council annually identifies and reviews the major risks to which the BA is exposed. Systems have been established to mitigate those risks. This is now a regular agenda item for the Audit 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 BA'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, Inverness, Aberdeen, Dundee, St Andrews, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Branches are funded by the BA centrally and by some local fundraising from companies. Occasionally they run events which are specified and supported by the Scottish Government.

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

BA CREST awards are undertaken by approximately 1,100 young people per year, delivered by SETPOINTS. In addition, some Scottish schools take part in CREST★Investigators, the BA's awards for Primary aged children.

National Science and Engineering Week includes Scotland with approximately 200 events across Scotland, organised by a variety of local people and organisations. The BA has managed a programme of small grants for activity in Scotland during NSEW funded by the Scottish Government.

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

The BA 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: BA Branches, BA Scientific Sections, The BA Festival of Science, BA Council, the BA Young People's Programme.

## 3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The BA's purpose is to advance the public understanding, accessibility and accountability of the sciences and engineering.

Our primary aims are to:

- engage scientists in our democracy, promoting 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 BA's strength is to bring science and people together, helping scientists and science communicators to engage with publics of all ages. Through our networks, we bring more people face to face with more scientists than any other organisation. It is face to face contact and dialogue that underpins the work of the BA and lies at the core of its programmes.

The BA 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** 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 BA and addresses public audiences at all levels, with a particular emphasis on young people and families.
- 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

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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.

- 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**, **Perspectives** and the **community x-change**. The team is increasingly taking on appropriate consultancy work with organizations such as RCUK and NESTA.
- 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, steering away from young people's activity which is widely covered elsewhere.

#### 4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In 2006 we stated that for 2007, the focus would be on continuing to build on and exploit our four main programmes, described above.

- *In March, National Science and Engineering Week (renamed this year from National Science Week), specifically incorporated the wider engineering community, through a partnership with the ETB and the engineering institutions: at least 500 engineering-focused events took place in a total of over 3,000 events. Following the 2006 initiative, Social Science Week was incorporated within National Science and Engineering Week and became the "Festival of Social Science". Two activities which generated widespread national participation were the Cities of the Future competition and The UK's Favourite Experiment mass participation activity.*
- *In September we were pleased to be bringing the BA Festival of Science to York in partnership with the University of York, the City of York (and Science City York) and the North Yorkshire Education Business Partnership. Our President, Lord Browne, took as his theme 'Energy and Human Progress', looking particularly at the challenges of addressing energy needs and climate change.*
- *The BA CREST scheme celebrated 21 years of operation in 2007 and the new CREST★Investigators scheme was launched to replace Young Investigators and First Investigators.*
- *The Science in Society programme continued to offer the core components of the Science Communication Conference, BA Media Fellowships and Science and Public Affairs magazine. In addition, the significant deliberative initiative, the 'community x-change', was rigorously evaluated in preparation for its third year.*

In 2006 we also set the development objectives and targets for our key programmes in 2007, and summarise here the achievements and performance against them:

- *Significant focus on energy and climate change issues over the next 2 years, linked to Presidential interests and community x-change, with effective visibility via the website and expression through the Festival of Science and National Science and Engineering Week*

Energy and climate change featured in the programmes for National Science and Engineering week (especially in schools) and in the Festival of Science, and will continue to do so in 2008.

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The 2-day National Science Communication Conference, organised by the BA, had one day with the sole focus on communication of climate change.

Sir David King has been appointed President of the BA from 1 January 2008 until September 2009, giving further impetus to addressing these issues.

- *Developing impact methodologies and measures, and ensure consistency of evaluation across all programmes*

The externally-commissioned impact assessment of the CREST Award scheme, the BA's major programme for young people, has received widespread interest and attention.

A consistent model for evaluation is now in place across the organisation's programmes, built around evaluation of demographic participation, impact and process aspects to continuously improve quality of management and delivery.

- *Continued development of the Regional structure to better support the Branches*

Further steps have been taken towards the aim of a team of full-time Regional officers.

A trial of Branch support materials has been concluded and the new support is now being introduced.

- *Growing the supporter base through partnership and direct marketing approaches*

The supporter base has grown in-line with targets agreed at the beginning of the year. Agreements with other organisations in the public engagement field have enabled us to make contact with a wider group of people and our direct marketing approaches have benefited as a result.

- *Establish a strategy and culture for effective use of a public affairs resource, to increase the profile of the BA as a commentator on science engagement issues*

Lack of resources has so far prevented the development of a full-scale public affairs role, although the BA benefited from significant in-kind help from BP in clarifying aspects of branding.

- *Develop a volunteer strategy across the organisation*

The volunteer strategy has been trialled with internships in London and with our Regional Officer in Manchester. Further development will take place after National Science and Engineering Week in 2008.

- *Change the public name of the organisation*

The timescales required for trademark registration prevented this taking place in 2007 and it is now scheduled for Q4 of 2008, when the public name of the organisation will become the 'British Science Association'.

- *Ensure systemic involvement of the media in National Science and Engineering Week 2008*

In order to systematically involve the media in National Science and Engineering Week 2008 the BA has engaged the services of a PR agency, Mission 21.

- *Focus and integrate the City and Campus programmes in the Festival of Science.*

This is an evolutionary process which commenced in 2007 with the fusion of the two physical programmes. Outcomes indicated that there was increased crossover with local people booking into events that took place on the University campus.

- *Improve awareness and the sharing of expertise across teams*

An internet-based system has been introduced to encourage this.

- *Agree an IT strategy across the organisation*

Core strategy agreed, with programme elements now being added.

### **Fundraising performance**

We have continued to implement our strategy of broadening our funding base and diversifying the mix of income streams. In particular our income from charitable trusts and foundations has grown.

Generating sufficient funding for the BA Festival of Science was particularly challenging in 2007. The catchment area around York is not rich in companies or other organisations with the capability to support the event with significant grants or sponsorship and income for the Festival fell short of target. This was to some extent offset by increased income in other areas of the BA's activity. Income from corporate and institutional membership was on target and income from individual donors was slightly ahead of target.

The BA works with all its sponsors, grant providers and supporters to ensure that the support fulfils the requirements of the funders as well as ensuring the success of the programmes. In this connection we received commendations for our responsiveness and flexibility from two of our Festival sponsors during the year.

The BA's important work depends for its continuance on the crucial support of many individuals, companies, institutions, trusts and professional bodies and we are very grateful to all those who provided that support during the past year. We are particularly grateful to those that provide long-term support and especially the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills.

The annual expenditure budget of the BA is c£3.5m per annum, which leverages an estimated additional £5.5m 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 BA could not achieve this outcome without the current investment from the DIUS, and on this basis each £1 invested by the DIUS 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, Limited. An Investment Policy is in place which also covers the ethical and socially responsible policy.

The Investment Committee normally meets twice a year to review the performance of the Fund Manager. 2007 has seen the FTSE 100 Share Index increase by 9.3% in the first six months and decrease by 2.3% in the last 6 months of 2007. During the year the BA's portfolio has seen an increase of 8% in the first 6 months and a decrease of 2.9% in the last 6 months of 2007. The APCIMS Balanced Portfolio index increased by 5.6% in the first 6 months and decreased by 0.4% in the last 6 months.

The fund managers have maintained higher than average levels of liquidity during the year on a defensive stance as they had some concerns over factors of economic influence on the market. The realised and unrealised gains on investments are shown on the SOFA.

For 2008 BA Council has 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 APCIMS index. (Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Stockbrokers).

## **Ecsite-uk**

Ecsite-uk is the UK's Association of Science and Discovery Centres and Science Museums. Together our members attract 17 million visitors annually and share the vision of inspiring and engaging people of all backgrounds with science. Ecsite-uk is a non-profit membership organisation and part of the pan-European ECSITE (The European Collaborative of Science, Industry and Technology Exhibitions).

Ecsite-uk encourages excellence and innovation in informal science learning by serving and linking its members and advancing their common goals. Ecsite-uk promotes best practices, supports effective communication, strengthens the position of science centres within the community at large, and fosters the creation of successful partnerships and collaborations.

Ecsite-uk advocates for the Government recognition of science and discovery centres, and the acknowledgment of science as a cultural resource.

## **Ecsite-uk Achievements against 2007 objectives**

Ecsite-uk delivered on a number of large grants secured in 2006/7.

1. Ecsite-uk and partners successfully launched the 'Inside DNA' exhibition (previously Generation Genome) funded by the Wellcome Trust (£1.5 million) and built by At-Bristol on behalf of Ecsite-uk. This exhibition will tour the UK's science centres on a 5-year national tour, starting with Bristol, Newcastle and Glasgow. Ecsite-uk will also deliver the education resources and training for the exhibition and tour until 2012.

2. Ecsite-uk was awarded £750,000 from the DIUS and DCSF to bring 14 UK science centres and museums together to deliver 5 collaborative pilot projects with the goals of building partnerships and improving on-going sustainability for the centres, whilst engaging thousands of children, parents and teachers with science using novel methods. This project is due for completion in March 2008.

In 2007 Ecsite-uk also delivered:

- Doing Dialogue funded by The Wellcome Trust
- Meet the Scientist funded by EPSRC
- Meet the Scientist funded by Institute of Physics
- Collaborations with STEMNET and others on the KS3 DCSF science and engineering school clubs

*Ecsite-uk's Objectives for 2008 are:*

- *Strengthening the sector by sharing best practice*
- *Increasing the sustainability of the sector through collaboration*
- *Benchmarking of the sector*
- *Encouraging dialogue between scientists and the public*
- *Acting as a single point of contact for the sector*
- *Raising the profile of science centres across the UK*
- *Advocating for Government recognition of UK science centres*
- *Supporting the work of our 50 member science centres and science museums in other ways as determined by our members.*

[www.ecsite-uk.net](http://www.ecsite-uk.net)

## **5. 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 BA'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 BA with no specific purpose attached.

At the start of 2008 free reserves, in the form of unrestricted funds less those funds held as tangible fixed assets, total c£1,032k. For 2008, £200k of the reserves are notionally set aside to meet a possible deficit against budget. The balance of the funds amounts to c£832k. This approximates to 5.5 months running costs at the reduced level of £1,800k per annum or 3.6 months at the current level of £2,770k per annum. Council believes that reserves should normally be at least at this level to ensure the charity can continue to run efficiently.

### **Investment Powers**

The BA's powers of Investment are set out in the Accounting Policies on Page 19.

### **Financial Results**

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 15 shows net incoming resources for the year of £188,559, of which £185,834 related to the Ecsite restricted fund, before net gains on investment assets of £16,275. The latter comprise realised gains of £12,445 and unrealised gains of £3,830 (see note 7). The net gains reflect, but do not exceed, the weighted average gains in the indexed value of investments quoted on the London Stock Exchange during the year ended 31 December 2007.

Total resources expended during 2007 of £3,465,458 were higher than the £2,703,665 expended in 2006 but are in line with the incoming resources for the year. The expenditure on individual programmes shown on the SOFA, page 15, is dependant on the activities within the programmes and the funding received.

The BA's reserves (i.e. unrestricted funds) were increased by £20,090 to £1,047,341.

BA Council anticipates that the present level of activity will be sustained for the current year, with a reasonable prospect of improving reserves in the future.

## **6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

For 2008, 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 2008, 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
3. Run programmes with enduring effects
4. Lead our field in sharing and disseminating practice
5. Offer attractive and effective partnerships with other organisations
6. Generate sustainable and predictable funding
7. Control costs and manage cash flow
8. Ensure that our staff feel valued and supported

The BA Festival of Science comes to Liverpool in 2008, during its year as European Capital of Culture, in partnership with the University of Liverpool, the City of Liverpool and the North West Development Agency. Our President, Sir David King, will take as his theme 'Sustainability through Science', addressing how science can help meet the global challenges of the century including the sustainable

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use of natural resources, reversing environmental degradation, tackling infectious diseases, and mitigating and adapting against the impacts of climate change.

Priorities are to: establish the Festival as the main science-based event of the year; achieve a footfall of 75,000; bring at least four 'big names' to the Festival; target specific under-represented communities in Liverpool to ensure the Festival is relevant to them; and provide a high-quality programme for young people.

In 2007, National Science week became National Science and Engineering Week, specifically incorporating the wider engineering community, through a partnership with the ETB and the engineering institutions. This breadth remains for 2008, also including the Festival of Social Science.

The key priority for 2008 is to generate wider national media coverage to complement the extensive local coverage and programme of local events, under an overall theme of 'Questions of Science'. Other priorities are to: develop several 'signature' events in place of regional launches; run several mass participation exercises, including 'Are You Ready to Learn?' in schools; run for the second year the successful grant scheme for 'hard to reach' schools; target presenters from under-represented backgrounds; and assess the actual penetration of the week into schools and colleges across the UK.

The development of CREST★Investigators and the full roll out from September 2007 has given the BA 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 BA 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 BA is leading this initiative in partnership with Young Engineers, supported by the ETB and a growing group of institutions. Likewise, the BA's co-ordination of the Science and Engineering Clubs initiative will seek to exploit CREST as much as possible.

Through our networks, we bring more people face to face with more scientists than any other organisation. 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 BA'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 BA and by partners.

Priorities for 2008 are to: reconfigure the Science Communication Conference with a programme committee; explore the possibility of developing a simple evaluation database of public engagement activities on the website in collaboration with the broader public engagement community; ensure learning from the DISC project is disseminated amongst all relevant staff at head office and regionally; develop follow-up proposals to the ESRC research/practitioner seminar series and stronger links with the academic science communication research community; and establish how to work with the emerging Beacons for Excellence in Public Engagement and the proposed Government Centre of Expertise.

The Regional and Branch structure is important for the presence of the BA around the UK. 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 are also taking place to bring the management of the Regions and National Science and Engineering Week even closer together.

Priorities for 2008 are to: improve electronic connectivity between the regional officers and the London office and explore ideas in addition to web meetings between the regional team and head office staff; increase the support by the regional officers for National Science and Engineering Week; establish specific fundraising approaches in each region; fully implement the volunteer and branch support strategies; and ensure consistent and complete reporting of activity and impact of branch activity.

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### **Trustees' responsibilities in the preparation of financial statements**

Charity law requires the Council, as trustees, to be responsible for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the BA and of the surplus or deficit of the BA for that year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the Financial Statements in accordance with United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice. (United Kingdom accounting standards and applicable law).

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable UK accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 BA will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the BA. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the BA and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **AUDITORS**

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

Approved by the Council and signed on its behalf by:

Jeremy Webb  
General Treasurer  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2008

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

We have audited the financial statements on pages 15 to 27.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with 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 the charity's 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 as auditors under section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 44 of that Act. 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 Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Trustees' Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

### **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 judgments 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 the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

BAKER TILLY UK AUDIT LLP  
Registered Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
1st Floor, 46 Clarendon Road  
Watford, Herts, WD17 1JJ  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2008

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For the year ended 31 December 2007

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE Restricted funds £	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2	1,574,418	1,140,011	880,354	3,594,783	2,961,770
Investment income		59,234	-	-	59,234	35,278
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>1,633,652</b>	<b>1,140,011</b>	<b>880,354</b>	<b>3,654,017</b>	<b>2,997,048</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>						
Fundraising, marketing and public relations		466,065	-	-	466,065	455,318
<b>Charitable Activities</b>						
Festival of Science		77,439	444,432	-	521,871	530,827
CREST		55,271	317,204	-	372,475	397,658
National Science & Eng Week		53,848	309,034	-	362,882	210,828
Science In Society		38,109	218,710	-	256,819	327,537
Young people's programme		66,753	383,102	-	449,855	233,127
Branches, Membership and Regional Support		223,180	22,240	-	245,420	202,665
ECSITE – UK		-	-	694,520	694,520	252,533
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>	4(a)	<b>514,600</b>	<b>1,694,722</b>	<b>694,520</b>	<b>2,903,842</b>	<b>2,155,175</b>
Governance costs	3	95,551	-	-	95,551	93,172
		<b>610,151</b>	<b>1,694,722</b>	<b>694,520</b>	<b>2,999,393</b>	<b>2,248,347</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,076,216</b>	<b>1,694,722</b>	<b>694,520</b>	<b>3,465,458</b>	<b>2,703,665</b>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers						
Transfer between funds	5	557,436 (553,621)	(554,711) 553,621	185,834 -	188,559 -	293,383 -
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<b>3,815</b>	<b>(1,090)</b>	<b>185,834</b>	<b>188,559</b>	<b>293,383</b>
Net Gains on investment assets	7	16,275	-	-	16,275	48,531
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>20,090</b>	<b>(1,090)</b>	<b>185,834</b>	<b>204,834</b>	<b>341,914</b>
Balances brought forward at 1.1.07		1,027,251	16,094	300,794	1,344,139	1,002,225
<b>Balances carried forward at 31.12.07</b>		<b>1,047,341</b>	<b>15,004</b>	<b>486,628</b>	<b>1,548,973</b>	<b>1,344,139</b>

No separate statement of Total Recognised gains or losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt with in 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 5.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE  
BALANCE SHEET  
As at 31 December 2007

	<i>Notes</i>	2007 £	2006 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	15,181	3,931
Investments	7	786,800	753,123
		<u>801,981</u>	<u>757,054</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	294,586	249,536
Cash on deposit	16	1,108,722	717,268
Cash at bank and in hand	16	10,115	9,425
		<u>1,413,423</u>	<u>976,229</u>
<b>LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Income received in advance		170,831	159,710
Other creditors	9	495,600	229,434
		<u>666,431</u>	<u>389,144</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>746,992</u>	<u>587,085</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	10	<u>1,548,973</u>	<u>1,344,139</u>
<b>ECSITE RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	11	486,628	300,794
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	11	15,004	16,094
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	12	1,047,341	1,027,251
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>1,548,973</u>	<u>1,344,139</u>

Following the recommendation of the Audit Committee, Council approved and authorised for issue these financial statements on 10th April 2008

Signed on behalf of the Council by.

MR MICHAEL SHEASBY

Honorary Auditor

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MR JEREMY WEBB

General Treasurer

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE  
CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
For the year ended 31 December 2007

	<i>Notes</i>	2007 £	2006 £
Cash inflow from operating activities		365,660	331,202
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	15	59,234	35,278
Capital expenditure and financial investment	15	28,496	4,289
<b>INCREASE IN CASH IN THE PERIOD</b>		<u>453,390</u>	<u>370,769</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net cash flow from operating activities</b>			
		2007 £	2006 £
Net incoming resources for year		188,559	293,383
Depreciation		4,097	1,732
Interest and dividends receivable		(59,234)	(35,278)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(45,050)	108,633
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		277,288	(37,268)
Cash inflow from operating activities		<u>365,660</u>	<u>331,202</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET CASH FUNDS</b>			
		2007 £	2006 £
Increase in cash in the period		453,390	370,769
NET FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		797,153	426,384
NET FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER	16	<u>1,250,543</u>	<u>797,153</u>

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## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the British Association for The Advancement of Science (BA) 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 and the Companies Act 1985. 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 BA 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 BA's investment portfolio is reinvested with the BA's portfolio fund managers for the acquisition of further stocks.

### INTANGIBLE INCOME

No value has been placed on the support given to the BA 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.

Fixed assets are depreciated over the following periods:-

Office Equipment	5 years
Computer Equipment	3 years

Expenditure incurred on office and computer equipment is capitalised when the amount incurred is £1,000 or more. Items below this level are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year of acquisition.

### 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 profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding.

All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to profit and loss 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 BA'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 should form part of the selection process. In case of doubt the investment manager shall seek the guidance of the BA'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 Arbuthnot 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 BA'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 BA'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 BA 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.

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY

Remittances received or payments made in a foreign currency are converted into Sterling at the date of receipt or payment. Balances held at the year end are converted at the year end rate.

#### 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 2007 £	Total 2006 £
Grants	1,071,499	511,115	711,260	2,293,874	1,666,232
Sponsorship	-	628,896	-	628,896	746,065
Events income	284,291	-	-	284,291	277,673
Subscriptions	89,965	-	-	89,965	75,752
Other income	71,140	-	169,094	240,234	161,029
Donations	57,523	-	-	57,523	35,019
Total Incoming Resources	<u>1,574,418</u>	<u>1,140,011</u>	<u>880,354</u>	<u>3,594,783</u>	<u>2,961,770</u>

The major sources of grant income are:

Government and related agencies (including the EU)	1,654,640	1,037,960
Scientific Societies, Charities and Trusts	271,909	144,584
Companies and others	367,325	483,688
	<u>2,293,874</u>	<u>1,666,232</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 2007 £	Governance £	Support costs £	Total 2006 £
Salaries	69,544	215,825	285,369	67,156	210,425	277,581
Office costs	6,007	40,693	46,700	6,016	43,584	49,600
Depreciation	-	4,097	4,097	-	1,732	1,732
Irrecoverable VAT	-	34,569	34,569	-	30,129	30,129
Office service charge	-	41,596	41,596	-	39,896	39,896
Insurance	-	9,964	9,964	-	7,667	7,667
Office equipment purchase / rent	-	18,606	18,606	-	15,411	15,411
Legal & professional fees	20,000	1,089	21,089	20,000	7,481	27,481
	<u>95,551</u>	<u>366,439</u>	<u>461,990</u>	<u>93,172</u>	<u>356,325</u>	<u>449,497</u>

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4(a) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2007 £	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2006 £
Festival of Science	444,432	77,439	521,871	444,401	86,426	530,827
CREST	317,204	55,271	372,475	332,913	64,745	397,658
National Science & Eng Week	309,034	53,848	362,882	176,502	34,326	210,828
Science In Society	218,710	38,109	256,819	274,209	53,328	327,537
Young people's programme	383,102	66,753	449,855	195,170	37,957	233,127
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	239,559	5,861	245,420	197,255	5,410	202,665
Ecsite-uk	694,520	-	694,520	252,533	-	252,533
	<u>2,606,561</u>	<u>297,281</u>	<u>2,903,842</u>	<u>1,872,983</u>	<u>282,192</u>	<u>2,155,175</u>
Fundraising, marketing and public relations	396,907	69,158	466,065	381,185	74,133	455,318
	<u>3,003,468</u>	<u>366,439</u>	<u>3,369,907</u>	<u>2,254,168</u>	<u>356,325</u>	<u>2,610,493</u>

4 (b) STAFF COSTS

	2007	2006
Staff costs comprise:	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,092,275	1,004,988
Social security costs	112,388	103,179
Pension contributions	76,458	66,109
	<u>1,281,121</u>	<u>1,174,276</u>

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

	2007 No.	As restated 2006 No.
Fundraising, marketing and public relations	6	4
Festival of Science	3.5	3.5
National Science Week	2	2
Science Communications Initiatives	3.5	3.5
Young People's Programme	6.5	5
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	7.5	7
ECSITE – UK	4	4
Management and Administration	7	7
	<u>40</u>	<u>36</u>

Neither Members of the Council nor persons connected with them received any remuneration or other benefits from the BA or any connected organisation. The expenses claimed by and reimbursed to Members of the Council during the year in respect of expenses amounted to £6,007. (2006: £6,016).

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4(b) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	2007 No.	2006 No.
The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 were:		
£60,000 - £70,000	-	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	-
£80,000 - £90,000	-	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-

4 (c) OTHER COSTS	2007	2006
Other costs include:	£	£
Auditors remuneration: audit and financial statements	14,200	13,900
VAT Advice	-	2,000
Payroll bureau	3,000	3,500
ESOF exchange project audit	-	1,200
Climate Change project audit	1,500	-
Legal and professional fees	400	5,381
Operating lease service charge payments: land and buildings	41,596	39,896

5 TRANSFERS

Transfers of £553,621 between the funds represent the allocation of funds raised for the general use of the BA 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 2007	31,252	1,002	32,254
Additions	7,447	7,900	15,347
31 December 2007	<u>38,699</u>	<u>8,902</u>	<u>47,601</u>
Depreciation			
1 January 2007	27,321	1,002	28,323
Charge for year	3,702	395	4,097
31 December 2007	<u>31,023</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>32,420</u>
Net book Value			
31 December 2007	<u>7,676</u>	<u>7,505</u>	<u>15,181</u>
31 December 2006	<u>3,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,931</u>

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7	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
	Market value at 1 January	745,018	8,105	753,123	686,963
	Additions at cost	115,026	-	115,026	208,437
	Disposals at cost	(146,424)	-	(146,424)	(153,068)
	Unrealised gains/(loss)	3,830	-	3,830	(14,905)
	Movements in cash	61,245	-	61,245	25,696
	Market value at 31 December	<u>778,695</u>	<u>8,105</u>	<u>786,800</u>	<u>753,123</u>
	Historical cost of investments	<u>649,798</u>	<u>6,511</u>	<u>656,309</u>	<u>626,462</u>
	Investment gains comprise:				
	Realised			12,445	63,436
	Unrealised			3,830	(14,905)
				<u>16,275</u>	<u>48,531</u>
	Investments comprise the following:				
	Government and fixed interest			20,420	44,150
	Investments and Unit Trusts			8,105	8,105
	Equities			626,569	630,408
	Listed on UK Stock Exchange			<u>655,094</u>	<u>682,663</u>
	Cash awaiting re-investment			131,706	70,460
				<u>786,800</u>	<u>753,123</u>

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

8	DEBTORS	2007 £	2006 £
	Sundry debtors	251,011	222,417
	Income tax recoverable	5,666	4,344
	Prepayments	13,349	10,416
	Accrued income	24,510	12,359
		<u>294,586</u>	<u>249,536</u>

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9	OTHER CREDITORS	2007	2006
		£	£
	Sundry creditors	357,594	100,375
	Accruals	120,324	117,876
	VAT payable	17,682	11,183
		<u>495,600</u>	<u>229,434</u>

10 ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS

Fund balances at 31 December 2007 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	15,181	-	-	15,181
Investments	778,695	8,105	-	786,800
Current assets	919,896	6,899	486,628	1,413,423
Current liabilities	(666,431)	-	-	(666,431)
Total net assets	<u>1,047,341</u>	<u>15,004</u>	<u>486,628</u>	<u>1,548,973</u>
Unrealised gains included above on investment assets (see below)	<u>128,897</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,491</u>
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets.				
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2006	125,067	1,594	-	126,661
Net unrealised gains arising in the year	3,830	-	-	3,830
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2007	<u>128,897</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,491</u>

11	RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance 1.1.2007 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.12.2007 £
	Core Charitable Activities	-	1,139,605	(1,693,226)	553,621	-
	Adele Gurney Fund	923	50	-	-	973
	Experimental Earthworks Fund	3,452	-	-	-	3,452
	George Green Memorial Fund	11,719	356	(1,496)	-	10,579
		<u>16,094</u>	<u>1,140,011</u>	<u>(1,694,722)</u>	<u>553,621</u>	<u>15,004</u>
	Ecsite - UK	300,794	880,354	(694,520)	-	486,628
		<u>316,888</u>	<u>2,020,365</u>	<u>(2,389,242)</u>	<u>553,621</u>	<u>501,632</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 BA.

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

Experimental Earthworks Fund

This fund is operated by a committee who raise money for excavation projects and studies.

The project is scheduled to last for 128 years, although the BA's involvement is only a small part of the project.

George Green Memorial Fund

This fund is being administered by the Nottinghamshire branch of the BA. 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 BA, 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.

12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1.1.2007 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31.12.2007 £
<b>SECTIONS:</b>				
Agriculture & Forestry	1,176	824	851	1,149
Anthropology and Archaeology	(1,805)	3,539	3,652	(1,918)
Biological Sciences	179	2,642	821	2,000
Chemistry	2,684	3,030	2,369	3,345
Economics	(3,960)	5,033	3,314	(2,241)
Education	1,135	865	1,888	112
Engineering	901	1,099	773	1,227
General	684	1,471	2,228	(73)
Geography	965	1,035	1,155	845
Geology	851	2,152	1,972	1,031
History of Science	(214)	2,000	3,857	(2,071)
Mathematics	1,601	500	1,575	526
Medical Sciences	1,886	500	2,074	312
Physics	(503)	2,413	4,526	(2,616)
Psychology	3,395	500	2,270	1,625
Sociology	675	2,528	1,925	1,278
Total Sections	9,650	30,131	35,250	4,531
<b>BRANCHES:</b>				
Aberdeen (Branch)	6,905	5,440	3,507	8,838
Bedfordshire	2,103	-	-	2,103
Birmingham	1,375	-	367	1,008

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12	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)	Balance 1.1.2007	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31.12.2007
		£	£	£	£
	Brighton	1,544	-	672	872
	Bristol and Bath	4,206	1,247	986	4,467
	Caithness	706	500	785	421
	Cornwall	1,051	-	-	1,051
	Cumbria	983	1,100	1,078	1,005
	Derby	2,748	500	116	3,132
	Devon	1,249	-	-	1,249
	Edinburgh & SE Scotland	1,585	1,475	1,932	1,128
	Glasgow and West of Scotland	2,938	3,015	1,390	4,563
	Hampstead (North London)	-	-	150	(150)
	Hertfordshire	1,309	-	-	1,309
	Leicester	2,020	-	305	1,715
	Lincolnshire	1,525	-	-	1,525
	Merseyside	1,095	16	-	1,111
	Moray	1,939	625	625	1,939
	North & East Yorkshire	600	(600)	-	-
	North Wales	1,969	350	82	2,237
	Northumbria	1,284	-	34	1,250
	North Western	3,428	707	613	3,522
	Nottingham	2,651	-	-	2,651
	Oxford	2,522	500	250	2,772
	Plymouth Eddystone	2,094	-	-	2,094
	Pembrokeshire	2,155	-	100	2,055
	Richmond (South London)	-	-	-	-
	Sheffield	1,471	-	39	1,432
	South Wales	8,505	-	1,605	6,900
	St Andrews	50	-	-	50
	Tayside and Fife	5,598	1,954	4,396	3,156
	Thames Valley	1,591	-	-	1,591
	Wessex	2,306	-	-	2,306
	Yorkshire	1,734	35	-	1,769
	Total Branches	<u>73,239</u>	<u>16,864</u>	<u>19,032</u>	<u>71,071</u>
	Total Sections and Branches	<u>82,889</u>	<u>46,995</u>	<u>54,282</u>	<u>75,602</u>
	Other General Funds	944,362	1,602,932	1,021,934	1,525,360
	Transfers to restricted funds	-	-	553,621	(553,621)
		<u>1,027,251</u>	<u>1,649,927</u>	<u>1,629,837</u>	<u>1,047,341</u>

13 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised by the Council and contracted for at 31 December 2007 (2006: £Nil).

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14 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2007 the BA had annual commitments under an operating lease as follows:

	2007 £	2006 £
Land and buildings expiring after more than five years	42,000	40,000
	<u>42,000</u>	<u>40,000</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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2003 increasing by inflation each year

15 GROSS CASH FLOWS

	2007 £	2006 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	39,262	15,024
Dividend income	19,972	20,254
	<u>59,234</u>	<u>35,278</u>
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(15,347)	(3,778)
Purchase of investments	(115,026)	(208,437)
Receipts from sale of investments	158,869	216,504
	<u>28,496</u>	<u>4,289</u>

16 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET CASH FUNDS

	1 January 2007 £	Cash flows £	31 December 2007 £
Cash awaiting investment	70,460	61,246	131,706
Cash on deposit	717,268	391,454	1,108,722
Cash at bank and in hand	9,425	690	10,115
	<u>797,153</u>	<u>453,390</u>	<u>1,250,543</u>