

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. Members of Council are the Association's charity trustees. The Officers of the BA 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 Council members who served during 2005 are:

Officers

Ms Frances Cairncross *	President (2005/06)
Lord Browne of Madingley *	President Elect (2006/07)
Professor Lord Winston *	Past President (2004/2005)
Professor Patrick Dowling *	Chair
Professor Helen Haste *	Executive Vice-President, Sections
Professor William Gosling *	General Treasurer
Mr Colin Johnson *	Executive Vice-President, Young People's Programme

Appointed by the Royal Society

Mr Stephen Cox
Sir Michael Berry

Appointed by the Student Group

Vacant

Nominated by the BAYS National Committee

Vacant

Elected members

Dr Eric Albone
Dr Jim Al-Khalili
Professor Arthur Allison
Dr Julie A. Atkinson (from September 2005)
Dr Anne Maria Brennan
Dr Neville Evans
Professor John Holloway *
Mr Ben Johnson
Dr Alun Jones (end September 2005)
Dr Iain Murray
Professor Duncan Murchinson
Ms Dianne Stilwell
Ms Lorelly Wilson *

* Members of the Executive Committee

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

* see above

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Investment Committee

Dr Neville Evans
Professor William Gosling – Chair
Dr Duncan Murchison
Mr Alexander Rottenburg
Ms Lorelly Wilson
Mr Peter Keynton - Arbuthnot Fund Managers Limited

Audit Committee

Dr Neville Evans
Professor William Gosling
Professor John Holloway
Dr Alun Jones – Honorary Auditor
Mr Michael Sheasby - Honorary Auditor - Chair

SENIOR STAFF

Chief Executive: Sir Roland Jackson Bt

Directors: Mr John Gagg (Director of Finance)
 Ms Sue Hordijkeno (Director of Programmes from February 2005)
 Ms Annette Smith (Director of Regions from January 2005)
 Mr Philip Wilson (Director of Development)

ADVISERS

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Auditors	Baker Tilly 46 Clarendon Road Watford Herts WD17 1JJ
Investment Advisors	Arbuthnot Fund Managers 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 Number	212479

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 10th February 1997. The BA's Statutes were revised and approved by the Privy Council on 26 March 1997.

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 Officers,
- not more than two members appointed by the Royal Society,
- one member nominated by the BAYS National Committee,
- two student members elected by the student members of the BA,
- twelve voting members providing at least two are members nominated by Section committees,
- at least two by Branch or Regional committees and at least two from members nominated by voting members in such a manner as Council may from time to time determine.

Members of Council normally serve for a period of 3 years with the option of being re-appointed for a further 3 years as long as any continuous period in office does not exceed 6 years.

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

The Association is looking to simplify its Governance structure and, if approved by Council, will be formally submitting changes to its Statutes to the Privy Council for their approval during 2006.

Trustee induction and training

Following the announcement of the 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 Executive Committee, normally meets 4 times during the year, informs Council of matters requiring consideration, ensures that annual accounts are prepared for approval by the Council, acts on behalf of the Council in accordance with the policies and decisions of the Council and undertakes other functions as are delegated to it from time to time by the Council

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.

Risk management

BA Council annually identifies and reviews the major risks to which the BA is exposed, and 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 contingency plan is in place for use if required.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The BA's purpose is to advance the public understanding, accessibility and accountability of the sciences and engineering. The BA's two overarching priorities are to engage scientists in our democracy and to affirm science as a prime cultural and socially valuable force.

We aim to:

- promote openness about science in society: between the public, policy-makers and other decision-makers, and the scientific and business community
- engage and inspire adults and young people directly with science and technology, and their implications.

In particular, we believe that if science is portrayed more evidently within its social context then both science and the public will benefit. More people will be able, and want, to engage in the public critique that such a critical area of human endeavour requires. More young people will be interested in becoming scientists, and scientists will be better equipped to frame the direction of their research in line with societal values.

The BA is, in one single organisation: open; accessible; non-elitist; cross-disciplinary; national; and people-based through membership and activity. We focus on topics of public relevance and are seen as independent of any specific interest group. We seek national impact through our national, regional and local programmes, with active programmes in all major centres of population and in schools and colleges across the UK.

Targets for each year, working towards the overall aims, are set out under the following corporate objectives. 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.

		PEOPLE	BUSINESS/ORGANISATION
Upper segments are more concerned with effectiveness, results, delivery and outcomes	E X T E R N A L	<p style="text-align: center;">SOCIETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirm science as a prime cultural and socially valuable force • Engage scientists with others in our democracy • Provide support to the science communication community • Strive to achieve an enduring effect from all our programmes <p>Broaden participation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FINANCIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate funding • Control costs • Positive cash position
Lower segments are more concerned with efficiency, input, throughput and processes		I N T E R N A L	<p style="text-align: center;">STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow skills / competencies to organisational needs • Ensure staff feel valued, motivated and rewarded

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The BA's national programmes aimed at achieving these objectives are:

- **The BA Festival of Science**
Each year in September the BA presents Europe's largest Science Festival – the BA Festival of Science – whose origins date back to the formation of the BA in 1831. Through the Festival, held in a different city each year, we aim to connect people of all types with scientists, engineers, technologists and social scientists both to celebrate the sheer excitement of the latest developments but also to engage in open discussion about issues that interest and concern large numbers of people about scientific and technological advances. Typically the Festival hosts over 150 events, with over 350 of the world's leading scientists, social scientists, technologists and engineers. The BA Festival of Science has the highest rates of press coverage of any annual UK Science event and our Festival Press centre regularly hosts over 100 members of the press.
- **National Science Week**
Each year in March the BA coordinates National Science Week, encouraging and supporting hundreds of volunteers who help organise more than 1,500 events around the UK for audiences of all ages. These events are designed both to celebrate the contributions of science and technology to society and to offer opportunities for people to discuss matters of interest with scientists and technologists. In addition to this local and community involvement, the BA organises high-profile national initiatives to encourage wider awareness and involvement. Through these mechanisms extensive press coverage is gained, particularly at regional and local level. National Science Week is supported in particular by the Office of Science and Technology within the Department of Trade and Industry.
- **BA CREST award scheme and related initiatives for young people**
Through BA CREST, young people aged 11+ explore the real nature of science and engineering by doing their own creative problem solving through mini research projects. At the higher levels practising scientists and engineers from industry and academe mentor the projects and the youngsters. BA CREST is the only UK-wide accredited scheme for this type of practical activity. (The name 'CREST' derives from 'creativity in science, engineering and technology'). The BA runs other awards schemes in its programme for young people. First Investigators (FI) and Young Investigators (YI) awards are made to 4-7 and 8-13 year olds respectively, they involve hands on activities at differentiated levels. The Science Communicators awards are made to 12 year olds and over for communicating science in a variety of ways to a variety of audiences.
- **Science in Society programme**
The BA plays a particular role in working with and supporting the wider community of those engaged in science communication. As a part of this role, and in order to develop expertise and ideas for the core programmes described above, the BA organises a number of specific initiatives such as: the national Science Communication Conference (jointly with the Royal Society), seminars for science communicators, BA Media Fellowships, Science & Public Affairs magazine and other science/public dialogue activities.

The BA has a regional and branch network that works with and alongside these national programmes.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

BA Festival of Science: The culmination of several years of determined development came to fruition at the Festival of Science in Dublin. Excellent relationships were built over this year and last with organisers, our hosts and sponsors, and the six volunteers in each of the 16 scientific sections who make an invaluable contribution to the development of the Festival campus programme. A complementary 'Science in the City' programme of over 85 events had the desired effect of promoting inclusion and relevance to the local populace. The Festival received one of its warmest welcomes ever by the Dublin people and a media partnership with The Irish Times provided us with over €36,000 worth of free publicity, not recognised in the accounts. Evaluation data revealed:

- Over 39,000 people took part in the Festival of which a total of just fewer than 7,000 were groups of young people aged 8 - 19

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- About 400 scientists, social scientists, engineers and opinion formers participated in over 200 activities aimed at a range of audiences both on the Trinity College campus and throughout the city from venues as far ranging as St Stephens Green Shopping Centre to *Lillie's Bordello*.
 - Improved methods of collecting evaluation data provided clear indications of the types of people who attended. Over 1,000 visitors completed the questionnaire, showing that 28% of visitors were aged 18-25, and 51% were aged 26-44.
 - 82% of presenters said they were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with audience numbers
 - 15 national newspapers covered the Festival, with over 180 articles (up 15% on 2004), including front page stories in *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Daily Mail*. There were more than 120 radio broadcasts and over 20 TV items. Coverage across Ireland was up but local UK coverage was down on recent years.
4. The 8-12 year old programme was fully booked by June, and 5,373 children attended the Festival against the target of 3,000. In the older age groups the total was 2,296 against a target of 2,000. Collectively the two programmes represent a 64% increase in attendance of young people from the previous year.
- Numbers of scientists participating in the Perspectives poster competition more than doubled this year with 48 scientists participating from all 7 research councils
 - Five working lunches for science communicators addressed finding funding, the public value of science, facilitations techniques, working with media partners and running science events
 - The relationship with the University host was excellent.

National Science Week

The number of registered events in National Science Week continued its recent increase at a level of about 5%, however, the number of people taking part in these events appears to have risen in 2005 to around 500,000. The Week continues to attract new people in as audiences to the events – almost 80% were new to National Science Week, while about a third of organisers of events are new each year. This fits in with the aim of the Week to be a continuing opportunity for people to become involved in public engagement with science.

For National Science Week 2005, the BA worked with Creative Partnerships to develop a nationwide poetry competition on the themes of time, space and energy. The competition attracted over 2,000 entries and was the Week's major contribution to Einstein Year.

The individual events were held to be very successful in 2005, and the programme of briefing events, which support new organisers and act as networking events with existing organisers obviously helps this to be the case. In autumn 2005 a record 20 of these events were held, including two in London.

Overall awareness of National Science Week as measured by the NOP omnibus poll stands at 34% which is the same level as both 2004 and 2003, however a MORI poll carried out for OST put awareness of NSW at 55% of the adult population. This survey was carried out in person as part of half hour interviews whereas the NOP poll is a telephone survey.

Media coverage of National Science Week was again strong, although it fell slightly in total numbers from 2004. Thirty nine national publications published articles on National Science Week, including 7 daily nationals (2 tabloids and 5 broadsheets) and 1 national Sunday broadsheet. In total 577 regional publications published articles about National Science Week.

There were many national radio broadcasts this year due to both Radio 4 and Radio 2 promoting the Universe competition in advance of the launch of National Science Week and hits on the BA website during National Science Week were the highest that have been recorded (over 100,000).

For 2006, a major partnership with ESRC has been developed which will see Social Sciences Week incorporated into National Science Week.

BA CREST award scheme and related initiatives for young people

- BA CREST is now being delivered by over 30 of the 47 SETPOINTS and the number continues to increase.
- Broad discussions have developed aimed at enlarging and raising the profile of the Science Fair with the engineering and science institutions, alongside existing and improving co-operation at regional level.
- A final decision on the main tranche of the Primary CREST funding will be made in March 2006, however initial development is underway using trust funding and as part of the London Engineering Project.
- The robust evaluation of the CREST scheme is in progress and will report in June 2006, taking into account progress with the ESRC programme. Evaluation is to be built in to the new Primary scheme.
- Discussions are in progress with other national scheme providers to line the schemes up and examine mutual accreditation and quality measures. A first combined leaflet has been produced which demonstrates the co-operation between the providers.

Science in Society programme

Science Communication Conference. The fourth science communication conference was held in May organised jointly with the Royal Society. OST provided further funding for bursaries to support under-represented groups. Attracting record attendance figures this year's theme was 'building strategic partnerships'. A number of strategic outcomes were identified and progressed throughout the year for further report at the next conference.

ESRC Seminars. A series of seminars aimed at forging greater links between the science communication and social science communities was delivered in November focusing on communicating risk, communicating nanotechnology through the media and how industry accesses and uses public knowledge.

Media Fellowships. 10 fellows were placed with various media hosts for the 2005 scheme, including two new placements at the Times and Research Fortnightly.

Dana Centre. A lively programme of events was held during the year. The regular BA x-change covered topics including climate change, nanotechnology, health and happiness, and cyber solutions. Joint events looked at luck and gambling and the senses. Two partnership events were delivered on the images of the heart in art and science and prenatal choices.

Science & Public Affairs magazine. Four editions of the magazine were published in 2005 featuring articles as diverse as dialogue on science, the UK's Olympic bid and digital forensics in the light of the London bombings. With the change in the supporter structure of the BA the magazine is now freely available as an online resource from the time of publishing in a more user-friendly format.

DISC (Delivering Inclusion in Science Communication) aims to include people from a more diverse range of backgrounds in science communication. It is a joint project with ACRISAT (Afro-Caribbean Science and Technology Network). Three 2-day residential courses took place in September. These brought together representatives from ethnic minority groups and the science communication community to network, share ideas and challenges, and forge links to work together to enable greater participation in science.

Small Talk is an umbrella initiative between the BA, the Royal Institution, ECSITE UK and the Cheltenham Science Festival that coordinates the various outcomes of public engagement events about nanotechnology. Workshops were held with teenagers, patient groups and medical professionals.

Community x-change. We have been successful in securing 3 years worth of Science Wise funding for this project. Community x-change brings lay audiences, scientists and policy makers together to

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explore a new methodology for dialogue called 'two way street engagement'. Each community x-change will explore two topics; one that has been highlighted by the government as an important issue for discussion and one that is identified by the participants themselves. The pre-determined issues are climate change for Norwich, pharmafoods for Tyneside and animals in medical research for York.

Young Science Writers. The two winners from 2004 attended the AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington DC in February.

Website. Monthly online targets were consistently exceeded in 2005. The BA website enjoyed its record monthly number of visits in September with visits exceeding the 1 million mark since the new site launched in 2004.

Regional and branch network

During 2005, a major programme of re-organisation was commenced in the network of regional staff. As a first step, the Regional Officer role subcontracted to SETPOINTS has been associated with direct deliverables and the general requirement to support Branches has been removed. In time, the Regional network will comprise four full-time officers, rather than 12 part timers, supported by an additional officer located centrally. Relationships are strong in the small nations of the UK with frequent contact with both the Scottish Executive and the Welsh Assembly and the newly energised Northern Ireland Science Education Forum is effectively supported by the BA.

In 2005, the Branches were invited to two forum events, in London at the Dana Centre, and in Dublin at the BA Festival of Science. The number of Branches has remained constant at 34, although in a drive to consolidate the number of functioning Branches rather than to increase their number, two Branches have been wound up and two created. Regional staff have focused on the management of volunteers during recent meetings, and a BA strategy is emerging from this work.

Fundraising performance

Early in 2005, following consultation, the BA announced a major change in its individual membership structure. From April 2005 onwards, individual membership would be free. The only requirement for membership would be that the individual should agree to abide by the BA's charter and constitution. The BA's publications would be available free to all who requested them. Existing membership subscriptions would be honoured. Any individual would henceforward have the choice of becoming a member and/or a supporter and would have the opportunity to make donations in support of the BA's work. This policy was in line with the BA's strategy of widening its audience and attracting a much younger constituency. Corporate and Institutional membership arrangements remained largely unchanged.

It is gratifying to report that this restructuring has been welcomed with enthusiasm by the BA's supporters. Income from individual supporters has risen during 2005 to a level higher than that which was previously being received from membership subscriptions. In addition, whereas membership subscriptions were subject to VAT, the BA can claim gift aid on discretionary donations. We now have a sound foundation for future growth of the supporter and donor group and, in due course, the development of legacy income.

At the time of the restructuring, the administration of member and supporter communications was brought in-house, resulting in a marked improvement in the service provided and significant cost savings.

The BA continues to work to diversify its mix of income streams. Corporate and institutional sponsorship is an important source of income and this has increased during 2005. All aspects of the BA's work benefit from sponsorship, including the BA Festival of Science, National Science Week, the BA CREST Awards and the BA Science in Society programmes. The BA works with its corporate and institutional partners to ensure that the sponsorship fits the requirements of the sponsors as well as

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ensuring the best outcomes for the programmes. Grants from charitable trusts and foundations also increased in 2005 and the BA now has a dedicated professional resource for this sector.

The BA is very grateful to all those individuals, companies, institutions, trusts and professional bodies whose support is crucial to the continuance of its important work. We are particularly indebted to those that provide long-term support and especially the Office of Science and Technology.

Investment performance

Council has delegated the powers of Council 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, Arbutnot Fund Managers 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. 2005 has seen good overall progress being made by the FTSE 100 Share Index with the upward trend remaining very much in place from the lows experienced in the early part of March 2003. During the year the BA's investments reflect, but have not outperformed, the Composite Index which blends the fixed interest and equity indices on a one third / two third basis. 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.

Ecsite-uk

Ecsite-uk, the national network of science centres and museums, maintained its high level of project activity through 2005 thanks to the award of a major grant from the Wellcome Trust, and to winning a tender from the Institute of Physics: www.ecsite-uk.net/projects 'Doing Dialogue' is a two-year collaboration between Ecsite-uk, Life Science Centre, the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester and Thinktank to develop training modules, debates and to feed into consultation through the Nuffield Council on Bioethics. To accompany the Einstein Year touring exhibition, Ecsite-uk developed formal and informal education programming packages and trained the relevant gallery staff. The EPSRC-funded 'Meet the Scientist' project continues, linking science centres to their local universities to position the science centre as a forum for researchers to engage in dialogue with the general public. The expenditure shown is fully funded by income included within incoming resources.

'Doing Dialogue' enters its second year in 2006. Three exhibitions developed through the Ecsite-uk-led 'Travelling Exhibitions Consortium' begin touring in 2006. Objectives for 2006/07 are: to continue advocating government recognition for science and discovery centres and science as a cultural resource, to grow the portfolio of activities and programmes – involving Ecsite-uk members and third-party partners – to bring in project funding and to contribute to core overheads.

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.

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At the start of 2006 free reserves, in the form of unrestricted funds less those funds held as tangible fixed assets, total c£780k. For 2006, £200k of the reserves is designated to meet a possible deficit against budget. The balance of the funds amounts to c£580k. This approximates to 3.9 months running costs at the reduced level of £1,800k per annum or 2.7 months at the current level of £2,614k 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 Statement of Accounting Policies on Page 17.

Financial Results

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 shows net incoming resources for the year of £214,014 before net gains on investment assets of £75,727. The latter comprise realised gains of £7,860 and unrealised gains of £67,867. 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 2005.

Total resources expended during 2005 of £2,613,691 were similar to the £2,579,357 expended in 2004 and are in line with the incoming resources for the year. The expenditure on individual programmes is dependant on the activities within the programmes and the funding received.

Due mainly to net gains on investment assets and to the surplus on the ECSITE restricted fund, the BA's reserves (i.e. unrestricted funds) were increased to £782,132.

The 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 2006, the focus is on continuing to build on and exploit our four main programmes, described above.

In March, National Science Week will focus around two main national themes, in addition to the huge range of locally-generated content and events. The first is a focus on climate change in the context of what individuals can do: we shall be running an initiative 'Click for the Climate' and associated activity. In addition, resources and a national photographic competition around the theme of colour will generate a different range of participation. In partnership with the Economic and Social Sciences Research Council, this year sees Social Science Week incorporated within National Science Week.

In September we are pleased to be bringing the BA Festival of Science to Norwich in partnership with the University of East Anglia (UEA) and Norwich Research Park (NRP). The theme is 'People, Science and Society'. Our President, Frances Cairncross, will explore the relationship between social science and natural science, with a particular focus on economics and climate change.

The BA CREST scheme will be further developed in 2006 and, subject to funding, we intend to develop our initiatives at the primary school level to dovetail more closely with the existing BA CREST awards, which are primarily at secondary level.

The Science in Society programme will continue to offer the core components of the Science Communication Conference, BA Media Fellowships and Science and Public Affairs magazine. In addition, a significant deliberative initiative, the 'community x-change', will be developed.

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More specifically, we have set 10 developmental objectives for 2006, which are as follows:

- A significant focus on energy and climate change issues over the next 3 years, linked to opportunities such as specific interests of our Presidents over this period and to the 'Community x-change' programme, with effective visibility via the website and expression through the Festival of Science and National Science Week
- An increased emphasis on developing impact measures, for example in collaboration with ESRC, and continued use of evaluation across all programmes
- Development of BA CREST at the primary school level and of a social science dimension to secondary BA CREST
- Development of the Regions and of other activities to better support Branches, with better evaluation and feedback of impact of Branch activities
- Development of a new innovative public engagement event format to be trialled in London and rolled out regionally
- Continued commitment to support better co-ordination and coherence both of science and engineering schemes for schools, e.g. through growing collaboration between SETNET, the Royal Academy of Engineering 'Best' programme, the ASE (Association for Science Education) and BA CREST, and broader public engagement activities
- Achieving a more enduring media focus throughout the week of the BA Festival of Science by developing the Presidential Address and encouraging more opinion/comment pieces on issues raised
- Planning for more systemic involvement of the engineering community in National Science Week in 2007
- Growing the supporter base through partnership and direct marketing approaches
- Ensuring an integrated income generation and monitoring strategy is fully in place.

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.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 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:

Professor William Gosling
Treasurer

19 April 2006

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

We have audited the Financial Statements on pages 13 to 25.

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 Practice of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2005 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
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE Restricted funds £	Total 2005 £	Total 2004 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	1	1,773,129	529,326	486,853	2,789,308	2,544,443
Investment income		38,231	166	-	38,397	27,779
Total Incoming Resources		1,811,360	529,492	486,853	2,827,705	2,572,222
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds						
Fundraising, marketing and public relations		384,082	-	-	384,082	341,863
Charitable Activities						
Festival of Science		84,120	388,380	-	472,500	522,216
CREST		67,536	311,813	-	379,349	385,161
National Science Week		38,753	178,919	-	217,672	268,562
Science Communication Initiatives		54,029	249,452	-	303,481	214,408
Young people's programme		18,351	84,727	-	103,078	110,905
Branches, Membership and Regional Support		363,101	19,164	-	382,265	434,627
ECSITE – UK		-	-	282,803	282,803	221,330
Total Charitable Expenditure	3(a)	625,890	1,232,455	282,803	2,141,148	2,157,209
Governance costs	2	88,461	-	-	88,461	80,285
		714,351	1,232,455	282,803	2,229,609	2,237,494
Total resources expended		1,098,433	1,232,455	282,803	2,613,691	2,579,357
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers						
		712,927	(702,963)	204,050	214,014	(7,135)
Transfer between funds	4	(714,388)	714,388	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		(1,461)	11,425	204,050	214,014	(7,135)
Net Gains on investment assets	6	75,268	459	-	75,727	31,701
Net movement in funds		73,807	11,884	204,050	289,741	24,566
Balances brought forward at 1.1.05		708,325	4,159	-	712,484	687,918
Balances carried forward at 31.12.05		782,132	16,043	204,050	1,002,225	712,484

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 10. 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

	<i>Notes</i>	2005 £	2004 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	1,885	7,440
Investments	6	686,963	587,871
		<u>688,848</u>	<u>595,311</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	358,169	308,874
Cash on deposit	15	364,867	476,822
Cash at bank and in hand	15	16,753	16,419
		<u>739,789</u>	<u>802,115</u>
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year			
Income received in advance		116,350	414,827
Other creditors	8	310,062	270,115
		<u>426,412</u>	<u>684,942</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>313,377</u>	<u>117,173</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	9	<u>1,002,225</u>	<u>712,484</u>
ECSITE RESTRICTED FUNDS	10	204,050	-
RESTRICTED FUNDS	10	16,043	4,159
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	11	782,132	708,325
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,002,225</u>	<u>712,484</u>

Following the recommendation of the Audit Committee, Council approved these financial statements on 19 April 2006

Signed on behalf of the Council by the Treasurer.

J. MICHAEL SHEASBY

Honorary Auditor

PROFESSOR WILLIAM GOSLING

Treasurer

BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE
CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	<i>Notes</i>	2005 £	2004 £
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(125,648)	106,336
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	14	38,397	27,779
Capital expenditure and financial investment	14	(68,523)	36,844
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH IN THE PERIOD		<u>(155,774)</u>	<u>170,959</u>
Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net cash flow from operating activities			
		2005 £	2004 £
Net outgoing resources for year		214,014	(7,135)
Depreciation		6,560	10,335
Interest and dividends receivable		(38,397)	(27,779)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(49,295)	26,069
(Decrease)/increase in creditors		(258,530)	104,846
		<u>(125,648)</u>	<u>106,336</u>

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET CASH FUNDS

		2005 £	2004 £
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period		(155,774)	170,959
NET FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		582,158	411,199
NET FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER	15	<u>426,384</u>	<u>582,158</u>

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BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the 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.

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 INVESTMENT INCOME AND 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.

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 to be 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 three 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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1 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE Restricted funds £	Total 2005 £	Total 2004 £
Grants	1,266,768	120,212	486,853	1,873,833	1,587,850
Sponsorship	20,500	384,814	-	405,314	465,659
Events income	265,834	-	-	265,834	249,514
Subscriptions	92,818	-	-	92,818	140,039
Other income	91,699	17,817	-	109,516	55,250
Donations	35,510	6,483	-	41,993	46,131
Total Incoming Resources	<u>1,773,129</u>	<u>529,326</u>	<u>486,853</u>	<u>2,789,308</u>	<u>2,544,443</u>

The major sources of grant income are:

Government and related agencies (including the EU)	1,004,210	786,275
Scientific Societies, Charities and Trusts	299,742	700,435
Companies and others	569,881	101,140
	<u>1,873,833</u>	<u>1,587,850</u>

2 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 3a). Support costs are allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

	Governance £	Support costs £	Total 2005 £	Governance £	Support costs £	Total 2004 £
Salaries	63,227	198,342	261,569	56,379	228,656	285,035
Office costs	5,234	40,231	45,465	3,906	35,187	39,093
Depreciation	-	6,560	6,560	-	10,335	10,335
Irrecoverable VAT	-	27,208	27,208	-	42,443	42,443
Office service charge	-	38,830	38,830	-	1,516	1,516
Insurance	-	11,079	11,079	-	9,662	9,662
Office equipment purchase / rent	-	17,579	17,579	-	27,754	27,754
Legal & professional fees	20,000	11,878	31,878	20,000	10,081	30,081
	<u>88,461</u>	<u>351,707</u>	<u>440,168</u>	<u>80,285</u>	<u>365,634</u>	<u>445,919</u>

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3(a) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2005 £	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2004 £
Festival of Science	388,380	84,120	472,500	428,021	94,195	522,216
CREST	311,813	67,536	379,349	315,687	69,474	385,161
National Science Week	178,919	38,753	217,672	220,120	48,442	268,562
Science Communication Initiatives	249,452	54,029	303,481	175,734	38,674	214,408
Young people's programme	84,727	18,351	103,078	90,900	20,005	110,905
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	361,726	20,539	382,265	401,447	33,180	434,627
Ecsite-uk	282,803	-	282,803	221,330	-	221,330
	<u>1,857,820</u>	<u>283,328</u>	<u>2,141,148</u>	<u>1,853,239</u>	<u>303,970</u>	<u>2,157,209</u>
Fundraising, marketing and public relations	315,703	68,379	384,082	280,199	61,664	341,863
	<u>2,173,523</u>	<u>351,707</u>	<u>2,525,230</u>	<u>2,133,438</u>	<u>365,634</u>	<u>2,499,072</u>

(b) STAFF COSTS	2005 £	2004 £
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	921,341	911,467
Social security costs	94,301	93,623
Pension contributions	59,062	58,783
	<u>1,074,704</u>	<u>1,063,873</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2005 No.	2004 No.
Fundraising, marketing and public relations	4	3
Festival of Science	2	7
CREST	1	1
National Science Week	2	2
Science Communications Initiatives	4	4
Young People's Programme	4	4
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	13	13
ECSITE – UK	4	4
Management and Administration	7	7
	<u>41</u>	<u>45</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 £5,234. (2004: £3,906).

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3(b) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	2005 No.	2004 No.
The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 were:		
£70,001 - £80,000	1	1

(c) OTHER COSTS	2005	2004
Other costs include:	£	£
Auditors remuneration: audit	10,500	10,340
accountancy support	3,200	6,660
VAT advice	1,215	1,835
Payroll bureau	3,200	3,360
ESOF exchange project audit	1,200	-
Legal and professional fees	7,813	7,888
Operating lease service charge payments: land and buildings	38,830	1,516

4 TRANSFERS

Transfers of £714,388 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.

5 FIXED ASSETS	Computer equipment £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
1 January 2005	32,224	1,002	33,226
Additions	1,005	-	1,005
Disposals	(5,755)	-	(5,755)
31 December 2005	27,474	1,002	28,476
Depreciation			
1 January 2005	25,118	668	25,786
Charge for year	6,226	334	6,560
Disposals	(5,755)	-	(5,755)
31 December 2005	25,589	1,002	26,591
Net book Value			
31 December 2005	1,885	-	1,885
31 December 2004	7,106	334	7,440

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6	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2005 £	Total 2004 £
	Market value at 1 January	587,871	-	587,871	541,977
	Additions at cost	228,889	6,511	235,400	210,399
	Disposals at cost	(160,022)	-	(160,022)	(236,085)
	Unrealised gains	67,408	459	67,867	19,944
	Movements in cash	(44,153)	-	(44,153)	51,636
	Market value at 31 December	<u>679,993</u>	<u>6,970</u>	<u>686,963</u>	<u>587,871</u>
	Historical cost of investments	<u>538,884</u>	<u>6,511</u>	<u>545,395</u>	<u>513,481</u>
	Investment gains comprise:				
	Realised			7,860	11,757
	Unrealised			67,867	19,944
				<u>75,727</u>	<u>31,701</u>
	Investments comprise the following:				
	Government and fixed interest			41,712	26,114
	Investments and Unit Trusts			115,250	101,841
	Equities			485,237	370,998
	Listed on UK Stock Exchange			642,199	498,953
	Cash awaiting re-investment			44,764	88,917
				<u>686,963</u>	<u>587,871</u>

The BA had investment holdings of greater than 5% of overall market value in the following:

12,500 Serco Group shares	-	30,000
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7	DEBTORS	2005 £	2004 £
	Sundry debtors	224,864	148,511
	Income tax recoverable	2,176	586
	Prepayments	11,662	17,646
	Accrued income	119,467	142,131
		<u>358,169</u>	<u>308,874</u>

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8	OTHER CREDITORS	2005	2004
		£	£
	Sundry creditors	121,994	62,689
	Accruals	187,269	201,881
	VAT payable	799	5,545
		<u>310,062</u>	<u>270,115</u>

9 ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS

Fund balances at 31 December 2005 are represented by:	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	ECSITE	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,885	-	-	1,885
Investments	679,993	6,970	-	686,963
Current assets	526,666	9,073	204,050	739,789
Current liabilities	(426,412)	-	-	(426,412)
Total net assets	<u>782,132</u>	<u>16,043</u>	<u>204,050</u>	<u>1,002,225</u>
Unrealised gains included above on investment assets (see below)	<u>141,109</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,568</u>
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets.				
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2004	73,701	-	-	73,701
Net unrealised gains arising in the year	67,408	459	-	67,867
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2005	<u>141,109</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,568</u>

10	RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance			Transfers/ Investment	Balance
		1.1.2005	Income	Expenditure	Gains	31.12.2005
		£	£	£	£	£
	Core Charitable Activities	-	517,717	1,232,105	714,388	-
	Adele Gurney Fund	839	34	-	-	873
	Experimental Earthworks Fund	3,320	132	-	-	3,452
	George Green Memorial Fund	-	11,609	350	459	11,718
		<u>4,159</u>	<u>529,492</u>	<u>1,232,455</u>	<u>714,847</u>	<u>16,043</u>
	Ecsite - UK	-	486,853	282,803	-	204,050
		<u>4,159</u>	<u>1,016,345</u>	<u>1,515,258</u>	<u>714,847</u>	<u>220,093</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 part of the project.

George Green Memorial Fund

This fund was acquired during the year and 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.

11 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1.1.2005 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31.12.2005 £
SECTIONS:				
Agriculture & Forestry	(896)	3,483	3,355	(768)
Anthropology and Archaeology	345	5,560	3,975	1,930
Biological Sciences	1,614	500	321	1,793
Chemistry	2,137	4,889	4,445	2,581
Economics	1,477	4,000	9,198	(3,721)
Education	472	500	589	383
Engineering	780	2,234	888	2,126
General	(493)	2,309	2,932	(1,116)
Geography	303	1,230	2,563	(1,030)
Geology	1,890	500	-	2,390
History of Science	(1,913)	3,099	2,534	(1,348)
Mathematics	4,121	500	2,353	2,268
Medical Sciences	1,599	1,000	3,089	(490)
Physics	(489)	8,344	8,376	(521)
Psychology	2,114	5,660	5,447	2,327
Sociology	2,193	804	1,256	1,741
BRANCHES:				
Aberdeen (Branch)	1,862	200	329	1,733
Aberdeen (Region)	7,221	5,050	4,589	7,682
Bedfordshire	2,103	-	-	2,103
Birmingham	945	-	-	945
Brighton	-	1,220	73	1,147

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11	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)	Balance 1.1.2005 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31.12.2005 £
	Bristol and Bath	5,171	3,900	5,002	4,069
	Cambridge	2,208	-	2,208	-
	Cornwall	1,051	-	-	1,051
	Cumbria	1,653	-	-	1,653
	Derby	3,943	-	-	3,943
	Devon	1,249	-	-	1,249
	Edinburgh & SE Scotland	1,610	1,028	891	1,747
	Glasgow and West of Scotland	1,424	1,353	1,063	1,714
	Hampstead (North London)	-	-	-	-
	Hertfordshire	890	-	281	609
	Leicester	2,670	1,160	845	2,985
	Lincolnshire	1,665	-	40	1,625
	Merseyside	1,191	18	114	1,095
	Moray	1,539	-	-	1,539
	North & East Yorkshire	-	-	-	-
	North Wales	1,969	-	-	1,969
	Northumbria	3,204	-	1,605	1,599
	North Western	5,557	-	834	4,723
	Nottingham	2,651	1,000	500	3,151
	Oxford	1,370	985	283	2,072
	Plymouth Eddystone	2,196	-	102	2,094
	Pembrokeshire	1,607	-	-	1,607
	Richmond (South London)	-	-	-	-
	Sheffield	2,089	-	618	1,471
	South Wales	11,666	122	2,491	9,297
	Tayside and Fife	3,996	3,873	3,095	4,774
	Tees Valley	3,254	-	3,254	-
	Thames Valley	928	899	236	1,591
	Wessex	1,515	1,144	353	2,306
	Yorkshire	1,734	-	-	1,734
		<u>97,385</u>	<u>66,564</u>	<u>80,127</u>	<u>83,822</u>
	Other General Funds }	610,940	1,820,064	1,018,306	1,412,698
	Transfers to restricted funds }	-	-	714,388	(714,388)
		<u>708,325</u>	<u>1,886,628</u>	<u>1,812,821</u>	<u>782,132</u>

12 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised by the Council and contracted for at 31 December 2005 (2004: £Nil).

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13 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2005 the BA had annual commitments under an operating lease as follows:

	2005 £	2004 £
Land and buildings expiring after five years	40,000	30,000
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>30,000</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

14 GROSS CASH FLOWS

	2005 £	2004 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	19,037	10,212
Dividend income	19,360	17,567
	<u>38,397</u>	<u>27,779</u>
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(1,005)	(599)
Purchase of investments	(235,400)	(210,399)
Receipts from sale of investments	167,882	247,842
	<u>(68,523)</u>	<u>36,844</u>

15 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET CASH FUNDS

	1 January 2005 £	Cash flows £	31 December 2005 £
Cash awaiting investment	88,917	(44,153)	44,764
Cash on deposit	476,822	(111,955)	364,867
Cash at bank and in hand	16,419	334	16,753
	<u>582,158</u>	<u>(155,774)</u>	<u>426,384</u>