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(Operating as British Science Association)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PATRON

Her Majesty the Queen.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Council members who served during 2008 were:

	Elected By	From	To
Professor Patrick Dowling	Chair	Sep 05	Sep 09
Sir David King	President	Jan 08	Sep 09
Lord May of Oxford	President Elect	Sep 06	Sep 09
Lord Browne of Madingley	Past President	Jan 08	Sep 09
Jeremy Webb	General Treasurer	Dec 07	Sep 10
Frances Cairncross	Appointed Member	Sep 07	Sep 09
Professor Helen Haste	Executive Vice-President, Sections	Dec 02	Sep 08
Colin Johnson	Executive Vice-President, Young People's Programme	Dec 03	Sep 09
Professor Jim Al-Khalili	Executive Vice-President, Sections (from 2008)	Sep 08	Sep 11
Vacancy	Executive Vice-President, Volunteers		
Dr Anne-Maria Brennan	Trustee (Sections)	Dec 02	Sep 08
Professor John Holloway	Trustee (Members)	Dec 03	Sep 09
Professor Gordon Walkden	Trustee (Members)	Dec 07	Sep 10
Lord Bragg of Wigton	Trustee (Appointed Member)	Jul 08	Sep 11
Professor Lord Winston	Trustee (Appointed Member)	Dec 08	Sep 11
Dr Eric Albone	Trustee (Branches)	Dec 08	Sep 11
David Dickson	Trustee (Sections)	Dec 08	Sep 11

COMMITTEES

General Committee

Consists of members of Council and the following elected members:

	Elected by	From	To
Dr Eric Albone*	Branches	Sep 03	Apr 09
Professor Jim Al-Khalili *	Members	Sep 08	Apr 11
Professor Arthur Allison	Members	Sep 02	Apr 08
Dr Julie A. Atkinson	Members	Sep 05	Apr 08
Dr Anne-Maria Brennan *	Sections	Sep 02	Apr 08
Dr Neville Evans	Members	Sep 02	Apr 08
Professor John Holloway *	Members	Sep 03	Apr 09
Dr Iain Murray	Branches	Sep 04	Apr 10
Dr Robert Jackson	Sections	Sep 07	Apr 10
Professor Gordon Walkden*	Members	Sep 07	Apr 10
Professor Graham Bonwick	Branches	Sep 07	Apr 10
Beatrice Downing	Members	Sep 08	Apr 11
Huw James	Members	Sep 08	Apr 11

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David Dickson* * Member of the Association's Council	Sections	Sep 08	Apr 11
Nominated by the Royal Society Mr Stephen Cox Sir Michael Berry			
Nominated by the Student Group			
Ms Helen Jopling		Sep 07	Apr 10
Ms Sarah Collins		Sep 07	Apr 10
Nominated by Corporate and Institutional Members			
Ms Sheila Alink-Brunsdon		Sep 07	Apr 10
Dr Kerry Leslie		Sep 07	Apr 10

Investment Committee

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

Audit Committee

Mr Michael Sheasby - Honorary Auditor - Chair
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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Auditors	Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP 46 Clarendon Road Watford Herts WD17 1JJ
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Registered Charity Number	212479 & SCO39236

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trustee induction and training

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

General Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Investment Committee

Council has appointed an Investment Committee. This comprises not less than four or more than six persons of whom one shall be the General Treasurer and at least 1 other shall be a member of the Council.

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

Audit Committee

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

The Audit Committee appointments shall comprise 1 member of Council and up to 2 members of the General Committee. Council can co-opt further persons if needed to provide necessary expertise, provided they do not out-number the Council and General Committee appointees.

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

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

Management

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

Risk management

Council annually identifies and reviews the major risks to which the Association is exposed. Systems have been established to mitigate those risks. This is 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 Association's network of 34 volunteer-run Branches has 7 Branches in Scotland. These Branches run programmes of activity comprising lectures, debates and hands-on science activities in the areas in which they are located i.e. Caithness, Inverness, Aberdeen, Dundee, St Andrews, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Branches are funded by the Association centrally and by some local fundraising from companies. Occasionally they run events which are specified and supported by the Scottish Government.

The Association has a part time member of staff 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 Association's central funds.

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

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

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

Volunteers

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

The volunteer policy is underpinned by the following principles:-

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

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

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision is of a society in which science¹ advances with the involvement and active support of the public. Such a society is one in which the scientific community, policy makers and the public share a common and open culture of science and its applications. They share views and understandings of the benefits, opportunities, priorities and concerns about the directions of scientific research and its applications through technology and engineering.

¹ As shorthand 'science' throughout means natural, medical, social sciences and engineering, and 'scientist' includes technologists and engineers

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

Our primary aims are to:

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

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

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

- The **Festival of Science** takes place in a different university city each year. It brings together the best in science (including social science), engineering and technology to celebrate scientific advances, explore the latest developments and encourage open discussion about science-related issues that interest and concern large numbers of people, directly and through huge media attention.
- **National Science and Engineering Week (NSEW)** is a 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 Association and addresses public audiences at all levels, with a particular emphasis on young people and families.
- The **CREST Award (CREativity in Science and Technology)** scheme is the only national accreditation scheme for project work in science, engineering and technology in the UK. The original programme addresses young people between 11 and 19 and their teachers, and involves scientists and engineers as partners and mentors. In 2007 **CREST ★ Investigators** was launched, extending the scheme from age 5 in primary schools. CREST is a major element in the 'STEM enrichment' landscape, and the connections and expertise we have developed through CREST and NSEW have led to our coordination of the Science and Engineering Clubs initiative, our involvement in the Directors for STEM enrichment schemes and the request from DIUS that we manage the National Science Competition. All three initiatives have close synergies with CREST.
- The **Science in Society** programme both supports the science communication community and encourages members of the public to 'have their say' in science-related matters that concern them. The programme operates through the annual **Science Communication Conference** and specific initiatives including **Media Fellowships** and **Perspectives**. The Science in Society team is increasingly taking on appropriate consultancy work with organizations such as the Research Councils and NESTA.
- 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 2007 we stated that for 2008, the focus would be on continuing to build on and exploit our four main programmes, described above.

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For 2008, the focus remained on continuing to build on and exploit our four main programmes, described above, in conjunction with the regions and branch network.

In 2007 we also set priorities for our key programmes in 2008, and summarise here the achievements and performance against them:

Festival of Science

- **establish the Festival as the main science-based event of the year in Liverpool**

The Festival was by far the main science-based event during the Capital of Culture Year. Much of the Culture Company's focus during the year was on the arts as part of culture and particularly music. Our Festival gave a completely different perspective on culture by placing science at the heart of the cultural agenda.

- **achieve a footfall of 75,000**

Although we exceeded some of our individual targets (e.g. ticket sales) the actual Festival footfall was around 30,000 – significantly less than in previous years. When setting the targets we were too optimistic about the Capital of Culture effect. The types of things in the past that have increased footfall have been local museums holding special exhibitions for the Festival (for contrast 125,000 of the footfall for Norwich was based on exhibitions other people had put on for the Festival in their own venue which had an established audience). In Liverpool this turned out to be impossible to do, although Liverpool Museums were happy to offer a venue for us, they were not willing to put on special exhibitions for the Festival, the Tate which we had anticipated would be a good partner were not interested. A major impact on the numbers was the fact that the city centre activity we had planned (a city centre marquee with a programme of science busking and hands on activity during the opening weekends of the Festival) had to be cancelled at the last minute because of 'La Machine' Liverpool's giant spider, which was planned very late in the day and enveloped in secrecy.

- **bring at least four 'big names' to the Festival**

We wanted to involve more 'household names' in the Festival programme and were pleased that Ranulph Fiennes, Adam Hart Davis, Dick Strawbridge, Phil Redmond and Robert Winston were all able to take part in events in Liverpool.

- **target specific under-represented communities in Liverpool to ensure the Festival is relevant to them**

We worked with the Creative Communities team within Liverpool City Council to identify and contact local community groups. We also took a lead from the Community x-change programme, ensuring that the areas it identified as being important to them (crime, racism, food production and healthcare provision) were marketed appropriately, as well as ensuring that programming was planned with the diversity of the region in mind.

- **provide a high-quality programme for young people**

With recommendations and feedback from last year's Festival we were able to ensure that events for children were of a high quality. The events chosen from the adult programme to form part of the programme for teenagers were much more carefully screened and selected resulting in teenagers attending a higher proportion of these events. Also following feedback from last year the hands-on exhibition was designed to look more attractive and also to incorporate more for students aged 14+. This worked well and exhibitors reported a high level of engagement with teenagers visiting the exhibition.

National Science and Engineering Week

- **generate wider national media coverage to complement the extensive local coverage and programme of local events, under an overall theme of 'Change'**

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The Association employed the services of Mission 21, who along with the Association's press officer, achieved excellent coverage of local events, mass participation activities and other projects for the 2008 event. This agency has again been employed for the 2009 Week and long lead features were planned from September 2008.

- **develop several 'signature' events in place of regional launches**

This was trialled for the 2008 event and several organisations put forward their own events as "Key events". For the 2009 event, a set of satellite events which complement the 'Save our Bees' campaign is currently being organised.

- **run several mass participation exercises, including 'Are You Ready to Learn?' in schools**

There are a number of mass participation projects that we are either coordinating directly or supporting:

Ready to Learn – Teachers' TV campaign to assess children's alertness – 76,000 children took part
The Big Question Challenge – achieved excellent media coverage

For the 2009 event, the mass participation events were developed early and the following are in the planning stages:

Save our Bees campaign
Change Exchange blog
Schools competition – Darwin in Space
How unique are you? online activities
IYA – Night Sky activities
Department of Health – diagnostic activity for schools
Climate Change Blog – personal stories about climate change and weather
Teachers' TV – Tomorrow's Teachers

- **run for the third year the successful grant scheme for 'hard to reach' schools**

The deadline has now passed and 1060 applications were received. The team is currently going through the applications to create a short list. There will be approximately 400 – 500 successful schools, although almost all of the applications were valid.

- **target presenters from under-represented backgrounds**

The team has not yet done anything specifically on this for 2009 at the time of writing. They will contact other organisations shortly. They will encourage and highlight presenters that exist already and are available, however, developing Black Minority Ethnic (BME) presenters from scratch is a huge task and not possible with current resourcing.

- **assess the actual penetration of the week into schools and colleges across the UK**

A telephone survey of schools is now in place each year to determine levels of activity.

CREST

- **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**

We have worked closely with other key organisations in the STEM community (including the SSAT, Young Engineers, Science Learning Centres and STEMNET) to appropriately highlight CREST and enable others to learn from our experiences in running a scheme promoting project based learning. A small piece of evaluative consultation work has been undertaken with teachers and local CREST coordinators at the end of 2008 exploring ways of improving the support mechanisms for CREST. We monitor opportunities for CREST to support changes and initiatives in the school curriculum (eg new KS3

programme of study, cross curricular approaches, the Diplomas, Learning Outside the Classroom, Every Child Matters).

- **through wide consultation, develop the mechanism for enabling CREST to act as a common standard for many other enrichment schemes, with particular attention to improving progression to the Silver award**

We have ongoing accreditation agreements with EES, Smallpeice, Headstart and Go4SET. In 2008, we have developed stronger working relationships with Land Rover's TrackNAVCHALLENGE, WISE Engineering Experience with the Royal Navy, BP (accrediting STEM work experience and project work following BP's Carbon Challenge Roadshow). We have an accreditation document to enable us to work through this process with new organisations. Partner organisations (such as the London Engineering Project) have helped to shape the plans for the CREST redevelopment, recognising research-based projects whilst taking into consideration work related learning and enterprise education. The Bloodhound project is updating our CREST project idea on land speed records

- **develop the current CREST Science Fair to become a unified high profile UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair**

Several members of the Association's staff are involved in the various working groups for the Big Bang. We have been a key player in taking this idea forward, feeding in our experience to help shape the event.

- **Link the Science and Engineering Clubs initiative to CREST**

The manager of the Young People's Programme regularly meets with the Science and Engineering Clubs Coordinator to monitor progress and appropriate opportunities to highlight CREST. The CREST Awards had a stand at training events for new clubs. We advise teachers on how CREST could be run through the clubs and look out for good practice examples. In one or two cases, local CREST coordinators organised specific training sessions covering how CREST could be run through the club.

We have also been involved as part of the consortium which delivered the STEM directories in print and will continue with the project to produce the online versions. The National Science Competition was designed and is being taken to its first conclusion by the Association, working closely with other Big Bang partners.

Science in Society

- reconfigure the Science Communication Conference with a programme committee

We initiated a programme committee for the 2008 Conference which included broad representation from the public engagement with science community. We have further built upon the sense of community inclusion in our planning for the 2009 Conference by initiating a call for proposals for the first time ever.

- explore the possibility of developing a simple evaluation database of public engagement activities on the website in collaboration with the broader public engagement community

We ran a session at the 2008 Science Communication Conference on the topic of evaluation by discussing a particular case study (Engineering a Better World - 3 year project funded by EPSRC and Yorkshire Forward). It was agreed that more needs to be done in terms of evaluating the impact of public engagement. A further 2 sessions have been scheduled to take place at the 2009 Science Communication Conference which will discuss a possible framework for evaluating public engagement. This session will tackle the major issue of measuring the quality of public engagement - what might constitute quality and to what degree measurement of this is possible.

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- ensure learning from the DISC project is disseminated amongst all relevant staff at head office and regionally

The Association's Project Officer for DISC ran a half day workshop for all the Association's staff to share learning gained from the programme and to explore how the Association might benefit from this learning across its programmes. Learning from DISC and indeed the Sciencewise project Community X-Change continues to be shared on an informal basis across the Association as the Project Officer advises on an ongoing basis across programmes where appropriate.

- develop follow-up proposals to the ESRC research/practitioner seminar series and stronger links with the academic science communication research community

Two sessions took place at the 2008 Science Communication Conference where academics from the science communication research community presented their findings on the rapidly changing relations between science and wider society. This preceded a discussion on how findings from social science research can be used by public engagement practitioners. Following discussion with ESRC, they are now running another session at the 2009 Science Communication Conference exploring case studies where science communication practitioners and social scientists have sought to work across disciplinary boundaries.

- establish how to work with the emerging Beacons for Excellence in Public Engagement and the proposed Expert Resource Centre.

This is an ongoing objective as the Beacons are still in the process of setting themselves up therefore we are still trying to establish the most effective way of working with them. The Chief Executive of the Association is a member of the ERC's Steering Group and appropriately the Association's staff are taking a keen interest in its development.

Regions and Branches

- **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**

Regular Web meetings are held and in addition a Google group and email list are active. A "Ning" social networking site links branches, ROs and HQ

- **increase the support by the regional officers for National Science and Engineering Week**

All ROs are planning regional events to complement the 'Save our Bees' campaign, promoting NSEW in their regions including NSEW information sessions and providing a point of contact and advice for potential NSEW organisers. NSEW information evenings have been very successful this year.

- **establish specific fundraising approaches in each region**

Specific NSEW funding has been secured for Wales and Scotland. Application to the Scottish Government for further funding for Scottish Branch Projects is being considered. We are looking to put together an application for a nationwide themed events programme for the branches to deliver.

- **fully implement the volunteer and branch support strategies**

All branches are now covered and supported by a regional officer – we are currently working on induction plans, the branches handbook and support materials and have recruited a large number of new volunteers throughout the UK.

- **ensure consistent and complete reporting of activity and impact of branch activity**

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We have set up event feedback forms, an online calendar of activity and ROs and branches are keeping records of their events. We also now have an online photo gallery to keep records of photos that have been taken and are trying to update and overhaul the regions and branches section of the website.

Fundraising performance

We continue to strive to diversify our mix of income streams and build new and long-term relationships with our funders. Income from charitable trusts taken over a 3 year period is on a rising trend and the number of trusts and foundations who provide funding to us has also increased.

Generating sponsorship for the Festival of Science in Liverpool in 2008 was less problematic than in the York area the previous year but competition for funding for the European-Capital-of-Culture year had already tapped many of the potential sponsors for the Festival and the result was not as good as we had targeted. Nevertheless we opened up several relationships with sponsors which we hope to develop for the longer term.

We also initiated a major push for continuation funding for CREST which began to show some promise by the year-end. Income from corporate and institutional membership showed signs in the second half of the year of being affected by the economic downturn. One corporate member cancelled its subscription and gave that specifically as the reason. Income from individual donors was also slightly affected.

The British Science Association recognises that a sponsorship arrangement is for the mutual benefit of both the parties involved and works hard to meet as far as possible the requirements of the sponsoring organisation in the publicity and promotional material for the event or programme that is the subject of the sponsorship. Specific arrangements are detailed in a written sponsorship agreement which sets out clearly the responsibilities and expectations of both the sponsor and the British Science Association and the benefits that each will receive. It is gratifying that, for the second year running, we have been complimented on our responsiveness and flexibility by several of our sponsors.

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

The annual expenditure budget of the Association is c£3.5m per year. This 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 Association 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. 2008 has seen the FTSE 100 Share Index decrease by 13.0% in the first six months and decrease by 13.0% in the last 6 months of 2008. During the year the Association's portfolio has seen a decrease of 4.7% in the first 6 months and a decrease of 4.7% in the last 6 months of 2008. The APCIMS Balanced Portfolio index decreased by 6.3% in the first 6 months and decreased by 6.76% in the last 6 months. The Association's defensive portfolio with a high level of cash for most of the year reduced equity exposure.

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The fund managers have maintained higher than average levels of liquidity for most of the year, on a defensive stance, as they had concerns over factors of economic influence on the market. The realised gains, £4,083 and unrealised losses (£182,355) on investments are shown on the SOFA and in note 7.

For 2009 the Association's 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

From April 1 2009, Ecsite-uk will change its name to the Association for Science and Discovery Centres.

Ecsite-uk is the UK's Association of Science and Discovery Centres. Together our 50 member centres attract 19.5 million visitors annually and share the vision of inspiring people of all ages and all backgrounds with science.

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

Ecsite-uk is a non-profit membership organisation and is affiliated to ECSITE (The European Collaborative of Science, Industry and Technology Exhibitions).

Ecsite-uk achievements in 2008

Ecsite-uk completed the delivery on time and on-budget of the DIUS and DCSF-funded Science Centre Enrichment Activity Grant Scheme (to a value of £750,000). This project brought together 14 UK science & discovery centres and museums to deliver 5 collaborative pilot projects with the goals of building partnerships and improving on-going sustainability for the centres, whilst engaging tens of thousands of children, parents and teachers with science using novel methods.

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

Ecsite-uk created and wrote 2 major reports on behalf of the sector, and launched these on the Ecsite-uk website:

Inspiration, Engagement and Learning: The value of Science and Discovery centres in the UK
The impact of Science and Discovery Centres; A review of studies worldwide

In 2008 Ecsite-uk also delivered:

Meet the Scientist events funded by The Wellcome Trust, the Institute of Physics and several Research Councils.

Many networking events and specialist seminars for staff in our member centres.

Worked with Government on their new Science and Society Strategy and other initiatives (including the Minister's launch of the consultation from a science centre).

Collaborations with STEMNET and others on the DCSF After-school KS3 science and engineering clubs.

The EPSRC-funded Sound Matters Project focussing on debate and dialogue.

The Royal Society's Science Book Prize (Junior panel).

Ecsite-uk's Objectives for 2009 are:

Strengthening the sector by sharing best practice

Increasing the sustainability of the sector through collaboration

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 Government recognition of UK science centres

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Supporting the work of our 50 member science centres and science museums in other ways as determined by our members.

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Ecsite-uk relinquished its desk at the British Science Association in November 2008, and relocated its operations to Bristol on December 1st 2008. Ecsite-uk has set out a timetable to become an independent legal entity with a target date to begin operating on 1st April 2009. A limited liability Company has been formed and an application is in process to the Charity Commission for charitable status. The new charity will be called The Association for Science and Discovery Centres.

It is intended that the staff engaged with Ecsite-uk will, under TUPE, be transferred to the new organisation (The Association for Science and Discovery Centres) with the net balance of the restricted fund transferred.

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

5. PUBLIC BENEFIT

Charitable purposes

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

The Association's primary aims are to:

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

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

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

Public benefit, Principle 1: There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits

Principle 1a: It must be clear what the benefits are

The Association achieves its aims through five inter-linked programmes, supported by a regional network, 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 Association 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 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.

The benefits to the public from the Association's programmes are varied, and the main ones identifiable are:

- providing educational resources and activities
- providing opportunities for public discussion and debate on scientific matters, either of general interest, or specifically policy-related
- providing opportunities and support for scientists and for organisations of various types (e.g. scientific, community-based) to engage with the public on science and science-related issues
- giving grants for educational activities

Principle 1b: The benefits must be related to the aims

The benefits above are clearly related to both the Association's primary aims.

Principle 1c: Benefits must be balanced against any detriment or harm

It is difficult to identify any significant detrimental or harmful consequences of the Association's activities. In common with other organisations, impact of the Association's activities on the environment has the potential for harm. The Association seeks to minimise this impact through implementation of a Green Policy, including the choice of materials and suppliers for office resources, recycling and the preferential use of public transport for business activities, including the avoidance of flying wherever practicable within the UK.

Public benefit, Principle 2: Benefit must be to the public, or a section of the public

Principle 2a: The beneficiaries must be appropriate to the aims

The Association's programmes all act on a national basis, either with the general public or with young people of school age.

Principle 2b: Where benefit is to a section of the public, the opportunity to benefit must not be unreasonably restricted, by geographical or other restrictions, or by the ability to pay any fees charged

All the Association's programmes are available physically on a national basis, in differing degrees from time to time, and supported by information and communication access via the website. Examples include: the peripatetic nature of the Festival of Science from year to year; the orchestration nationally of events for National Science and Engineering Week; the widespread take-up in every English region and home country of the CREST Awards; the attendance from across the UK at the national Science Communication Conference; and the activities of Branches of the Association in remote parts of the UK, such as northern Scotland.

Principle 2c: People in poverty must not be excluded from the opportunity to benefit

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The Association offers membership free and encourages donations in support of activities. No-one is therefore excluded from membership through inability to pay.

Many public events are provided free of charge to participants and reasonable charges are made for others. For all the Association's main programmes efforts are made to support those who have difficulty paying, where payment is normally required to enable the activity to be sustainable. Examples include grants for schools serving a high proportion of young people in disadvantaged circumstances (as measured by the proportion eligible for free school meals), bursaries to students, freelancers and people from small organisations to the Science Communication Conference and provision for travel and accommodation for the CREST Fair (enabling all schools and students to attend on an equal basis). A large number of events in National Science and Engineering Week are free, and at the Festival of Science family events are generally free, with low ticket prices of generally £3-£5 for other events.

Principle 2d: Any private benefit must be incidental

No private benefits have been identified that are anything other than incidental and reasonable. Examples include the payment of fees for activities such as design, printing, publicity, recruitment and financial services. Given the unrestricted membership of the Association, any private benefits to members of the charity are received as beneficiaries and are a necessary result of carrying out the charitable aims.

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Presentation of the financial statements

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

Reserves Policy

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

At the start of 2009 free reserves, in the form of unrestricted funds less those funds held as tangible fixed assets, total c£999k. For 2009, £200k of the reserves are notionally set aside to meet a possible deficit against budget. The balance of the funds amounts to c£799k. This approximates to 5 months running costs at the reduced level of £1,800k per annum or 3.5 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 Association's powers of Investment are set out in the Accounting Policies on Page 25.

Financial Results

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 21 shows net outgoing resources for the year of (£128,292), of which (£261,586) related to the Ecsite Restricted Fund, before net losses on investment assets of £178,272. The latter comprise realised gains of £4,083 and unrealised losses of £182,355 (see note 7). The net losses reflect, but do not exceed, the weighted average losses in the indexed value of investments quoted on the London Stock Exchange during the year ended 31 December 2008.

Total resources expended during 2008 of £3,448,927 were similar to the £3,465,458 expended in 2007. The expenditure on individual programmes shown on the SOFA, page 21, is dependent on the activities within the programmes and the funding received.

At the year end the Association's unrestricted funds have reduced by £38,457 to £1,008,884.

The Association's Council anticipates that the present level of activity will be sustained for the current year if the 2009 fundraising targets are achieved.

7. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

For 2009, 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 2009, 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 and lead our field in sharing and disseminating practice
4. Offer attractive and effective partnerships with other organisations
5. Generate sustainable and predictable funding, controlling costs and managing cash flow
6. Ensure that our staff feel valued and supported

Festival of Science

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

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

National Science and Engineering Week

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

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

- Develop the theme of "Changes" to its full potential incorporating a suitable mass participation activity

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

CREST Award Scheme

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

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

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

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

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

Science in Society

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

- Run the Science Communication Conference in partnership with the Wellcome Trust
- Identify funding sources for a project based around an ethical biosciences theme or other topical issue, and of large scale
- Proactively raise awareness of the SiS team's consultancy role to identify potential contracts
- Implement agreed changes to S&PA following discussion at General Committee in September 2008

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- Consult with the public engagement community to scope the need for and type of evaluation resource
- Develop stronger links with the academic science communication research community and ESRC
- Establish how to work with the Beacons for Excellence in Public Engagement and the Expert Resource Centre.
- Work with the Royal Society to evaluate the Media Fellowships scheme for publication of the report to coincide with their 350th anniversary in 2010

Regions and Branches

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

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

Trustees' responsibilities in the preparation of financial statements

Charity law requires 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 Association and of the surplus or deficit of the Association 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 Association 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 Association. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association 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 Council and signed on its behalf by:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Jeremy Webb
General Treasurer
2nd April 2009

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

We have audited the financial statements on pages 21 to 33.

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 2008 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
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2008

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE Restricted funds £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Voluntary income	2	1,451,389	1,620,335	198,643	3,270,367	3,594,783
Investment income	15	50,268	-	-	50,268	59,234
Total Incoming Resources		<u>1,501,657</u>	<u>1,620,335</u>	<u>198,643</u>	<u>3,320,635</u>	<u>3,654,017</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds						
Fundraising, marketing and public relations						
		512,866	-	-	512,866	466,065
Charitable Activities						
Festival of Science		114,482	558,624	-	673,106	521,871
National Science & Eng Week		52,896	258,110	-	311,006	362,882
CREST		87,325	426,110	-	513,435	372,475
CREST★ Investigators		53,020	258,717	-	311,737	449,855
Science In Society		51,813	252,824	-	304,637	256,819
Branches, Membership and Regional Support		5,950	264,972	-	270,922	245,420
ECSITE – UK		-	-	460,229	460,229	694,520
Total Charitable Expenditure	4(a)	<u>365,486</u>	<u>2,019,357</u>	<u>460,229</u>	<u>2,845,072</u>	<u>2,903,842</u>
Governance costs	3	90,989	-	-	90,989	95,551
		<u>456,475</u>	<u>2,019,357</u>	<u>460,229</u>	<u>2,936,061</u>	<u>2,999,393</u>
Total resources expended		<u>969,341</u>	<u>2,019,357</u>	<u>460,229</u>	<u>3,448,927</u>	<u>3,465,458</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers						
		532,316	(399,022)	(261,586)	(128,292)	188,559
Transfer between funds	5	(392,501)	392,501	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources		<u>139,815</u>	<u>(6,521)</u>	<u>(261,586)</u>	<u>(128,292)</u>	<u>188,559</u>
Net (Losses) / Gains on investment assets	7	(178,272)	-	-	(178,272)	16,275
Net movement in funds		<u>(38,457)</u>	<u>(6,521)</u>	<u>(261,586)</u>	<u>(306,564)</u>	<u>204,834</u>
Balances brought forward at 1.1.08		1,047,341	15,004	486,628	1,548,973	1,344,139
Balances carried forward at 31.12.08		<u>1,008,884</u>	<u>8,483</u>	<u>225,042</u>	<u>1,242,409</u>	<u>1,548,973</u>

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 6.

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BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2008

	<i>Notes</i>	2008 £	2007 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	9,855	15,181
Investments	7	621,497	786,800
		<u>631,352</u>	<u>801,981</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	371,922	294,586
Cash on deposit	16	629,070	1,108,722
Cash at bank and in hand	16	6,330	10,115
		<u>1,007,322</u>	<u>1,413,423</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	396,265	666,431
		<u>611,057</u>	<u>746,992</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>611,057</u>	<u>746,992</u>
NET ASSETS	10	<u>1,242,409</u>	<u>1,548,973</u>
ECSITE RESTRICTED FUNDS			
	11	225,042	486,628
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
	11	8,483	15,004
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
	12	1,008,884	1,047,341
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,242,409</u>	<u>1,548,973</u>

Following the recommendation of the Audit Committee, Council approved and authorised for issue these financial statements on 2nd April 2009.

Signed on behalf of Council by.

MR JEREMY WEBB

General Treasurer

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MR MICHAEL SHEASBY

Honorary Auditor

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
For the year ended 31 December 2008

	<i>Notes</i>	2008 £	2007 £
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(520,736)	365,660
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	15	50,268	59,234
Capital expenditure and financial investment	15	(114,945)	28,496
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH IN THE PERIOD		<u>(585,413)</u>	<u>453,390</u>
Reconciliation of net (outgoing)/incoming resources to net cash flow from operating activities			
		2008 £	2007 £
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for year		(128,292)	188,559
Depreciation		5,326	4,097
Interest and dividends receivable		(50,268)	(59,234)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors		(77,336)	(45,050)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors		(270,166)	277,288
Cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		<u>(520,736)</u>	<u>365,660</u>

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET CASH FUNDS

		2008 £	2007 £
(Decrease) / Increase in cash in the period		(585,413)	453,390
NET FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY		1,250,543	797,153
NET FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER	16	<u>665,130</u>	<u>1,250,543</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2008

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the British Association for The Advancement of Science are prepared in accordance with The Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 Association is credited to unrestricted funds. Income subject to specific wishes of the donors is credited to relevant restricted funds.

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

SUBSCRIPTION INCOME

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

INCOME TAX ON DONATIONS

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

INVESTMENT INCOME

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

INTANGIBLE INCOME

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

RESOURCES EXPENDED

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

DEPRECIATION

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

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 £5,000 or more (prior years £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 statement of financial activities in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding.

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

INVESTMENTS

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

INVESTMENT POLICY

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

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

Council has appointed an Investment Committee to implement the above, to establish further policy and objectives and to monitor the investment performance of the appointed Fund Manager, currently 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 Association's stakeholder pension scheme operated by Scottish Equitable. The charity pays two times the contributions made by employees to the scheme, which can range between 3% and 5% of gross salary. The pension charge recorded in these accounts is the amount of contributions payable by the charity in the accounting year.

RESERVES POLICY

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

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

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 2008 £	Total 2007 £
Grants	971,121	860,318	162,455	1,993,894	2,293,874
Sponsorship	-	727,988	-	727,988	628,896
Events income	253,377	-	-	253,377	284,291
Subscriptions	81,935	-	7,527	89,462	89,965
Other income	88,949	32,029	28,661	149,639	240,234
Donations	56,007	-	-	56,007	57,523
Total Incoming Resources	<u>1,451,389</u>	<u>1,620,335</u>	<u>198,643</u>	<u>3,270,367</u>	<u>3,594,783</u>

The major sources of grant income are:

Government and related agencies (including the EU)	1,344,106	1,654,640
Scientific Societies, Charities and Trusts	199,142	271,909
Companies and others	450,646	367,325
	<u>1,993,894</u>	<u>2,293,874</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 2008 £	Governance £	Support costs £	Total 2007 £
Salaries	56,113	221,209	277,322	69,544	215,825	285,369
Office costs	7,066	79,519	86,585	6,007	40,693	46,700
Depreciation	-	5,326	5,326	-	4,097	4,097
Irrecoverable VAT	-	48,704	48,704	-	34,569	34,569
Office service charge	-	43,277	43,277	-	41,596	41,596
Insurance	-	8,945	8,945	-	9,964	9,964
Office equipment purchase / rent	-	38,165	38,165	-	18,606	18,606
Legal & professional fees	27,810	7,569	35,379	20,000	1,089	21,089
	<u>90,989</u>	<u>452,714</u>	<u>543,703</u>	<u>95,551</u>	<u>366,439</u>	<u>461,990</u>

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4(a) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2008 £	Direct costs £	Support costs apportioned £	Total 2007 £
Festival of Science	558,624	114,482	673,106	444,432	77,439	521,871
National Science & Eng Week	258,110	52,896	311,006	309,034	53,848	362,882
CREST	426,110	87,325	513,435	317,204	55,271	372,475
CREST★ Investigators	258,717	53,020	311,737	383,102	66,753	449,855
Science In Society	252,824	51,813	304,637	218,710	38,109	256,819
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	264,972	5,950	270,922	239,559	5,861	245,420
Ecsite-uk	460,229	-	460,229	694,520	-	694,520
	<u>2,479,586</u>	<u>365,486</u>	<u>2,845,072</u>	<u>2,606,561</u>	<u>297,281</u>	<u>2,903,842</u>
Fundraising, marketing and public relations	425,638	87,228	512,866	396,907	69,158	466,065
	<u>2,905,224</u>	<u>452,714</u>	<u>3,357,938</u>	<u>3,003,468</u>	<u>366,439</u>	<u>3,369,907</u>

4 (b) STAFF COSTS

	2008	2007
Staff costs comprise:	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,187,285	1,092,275
Social security costs	124,703	112,388
Pension contributions	89,041	76,458
	<u>1,401,029</u>	<u>1,281,121</u>

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

	2008 No.	2007 No.
Fundraising, marketing and public relations	6	6
Festival of Science	5	3.5
National Science Week	4	2
Science Communications Initiatives	4	3.5
CREST/CREST★ Investigators	8	6.5
Branches, Membership and Regional Support	5	7.5
ECSITE – UK	3	4
Management and Administration	6	7
	<u>41</u>	<u>40</u>

Neither Members of Council nor persons connected with them received any remuneration or other benefits from the Association or any connected organisation. The expenses claimed by and reimbursed to Members of Council during the year in respect of expenses amounted to £7,066. (2007: £6,007).

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4(b) ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE (continued)

	2008 No.	2007 No.
The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 were:		
£60,000 - £70,000	2	-
£70,001 - £80,000	1	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
£90,001 - £100,000	-	1
£100,000 and above	1	-

The Association made contributions to money purchase (stakeholder) pension schemes in respect of 5 higher paid employees (2007:2)

4 (c) OTHER COSTS	2008	2007
Other costs include:	£	£
Auditors remuneration: Audit and financial statements	14,900	14,200
VAT Advice	810	-
Payroll bureau	3,200	3,000
DIUS Grant Audit	7,500	-
Climate Change project audit	-	1,500
Legal and professional fees	425	400
Operating lease service charge payments: land and buildings	43,277	41,596

5 TRANSFERS

Transfers of £392,501 between the funds represent the allocation of funds raised for the general use of the Association to those specific activities, which are primarily funded by restricted funds. They are principally utilised for activity support costs and to fund programmes where income is insufficient to meet direct costs.

6 FIXED ASSETS	Computer equipment £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
1 January 2008	38,699	8,902	47,601
Additions	-	-	-
31 December 2008	38,699	8,902	47,601
Depreciation			
1 January 2008	31,023	1,397	32,420
Charge for year	3,825	1,501	5,326
31 December 2008	34,848	2,898	37,746
Net book Value			
31 December 2008	3,851	6,004	9,855
31 December 2007	7,676	7,505	15,181

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7	INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2008 £	Total 2007 £
	Market value at 1 January	778,696	8,104	786,800	753,123
	Additions at cost	336,362	-	336,362	115,026
	Disposals at cost	(217,334)	-	(217,334)	(146,424)
	Unrealised (loss)/gains	(179,782)	(2,573)	(182,355)	3,830
	Movements in cash	(101,976)	-	(101,976)	61,245
	Market value at 31 December	<u>615,966</u>	<u>5,531</u>	<u>621,497</u>	<u>786,800</u>
	Historical cost of investments	<u>666,850</u>	<u>6,511</u>	<u>673,361</u>	<u>656,309</u>
	Investment (loss) / gains comprise:				
	Realised			4,083	12,445
	Unrealised			(182,355)	3,830
				<u>(178,272)</u>	<u>16,275</u>
	Investments comprise the following:				
	Government and fixed interest			116,321	20,420
	Investments and Unit Trusts			5,531	8,105
	Equities			469,915	626,569
	Listed on UK Stock Exchange			<u>591,767</u>	<u>655,094</u>
	Cash awaiting re-investment			29,730	131,706
				<u>621,497</u>	<u>786,800</u>

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

8	DEBTORS	2008 £	As restated 2007 £
	Trade Debtors	234,608	233,257
	Sundry debtors	20,655	17,754
	Income tax recoverable	2,682	5,666
	Prepayments	33,069	13,349
	Accrued income	80,908	24,560
		<u>371,922</u>	<u>294,586</u>

Prior year debtors have been restated to ensure consistency in comparisons year on year.
Total debtors for 2007 remain unchanged.

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9	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		As restated
		2008	2007
		£	£
	Sundry creditors	134,268	375,276
	Accruals	144,535	120,324
	Income received in advance	117,462	170,831
		<u>396,265</u>	<u>666,431</u>

Prior year creditors have been restated to ensure consistency in comparisons year on year.
Total creditors falling due within one year remain unchanged.

10 ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS

Fund balances at 31 December 2008 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	ECSITE £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	9,855	-	-	9,855
Investments	615,966	5,531	-	621,497
Current assets	779,328	2,952	225,042	1,007,322
Current liabilities	(396,265)	-	-	(396,265)
Total net assets	<u>1,008,884</u>	<u>8,483</u>	<u>225,042</u>	<u>1,242,409</u>
Unrealised loss included above on investment assets (see below)	<u>(50,885)</u>	<u>(979)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,864)</u>
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains on investment assets.				
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2007	128,897	1,594	-	130,491
Net unrealised loss arising in the year	(179,782)	(2,573)	-	(182,355)
Unrealised loss at 31 December 2008	<u>(50,885)</u>	<u>(979)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,864)</u>

11	RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balance 1.1.2008 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.12.2008 £
	Core Charitable Activities	-	1,619,576	(2,012,077)	392,501	-
	Adele Gurney Fund	973	50	-	-	1,023
	Experimental Earthworks Fund	3,452	-	(3,452)	-	-
	George Green Memorial Fund	10,579	709	(3,828)	-	7,460
		<u>15,004</u>	<u>1,620,335</u>	<u>(2,019,357)</u>	<u>392,501</u>	<u>8,483</u>
	Ecsite - UK	486,628	198,643	(460,229)	-	225,042
		<u>501,632</u>	<u>1,818,978</u>	<u>(2,479,586)</u>	<u>392,501</u>	<u>233,525</u>

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Adele Gurney Fund

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

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

Experimental Earthworks Fund

This fund has been inactive for some time and appears to have reached the end of its useful life. As it is a restricted fund it cannot be used for another purpose without first transferring it into Unrestricted Funds. The Charity Commission confirm that the Association is required to approve and minute the transfer from Restricted to Unrestricted Funds. Hence, Council has agreed to approve the transfer of Experimental Earthworks Fund from Restricted to Unrestricted funds.

George Green Memorial Fund

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

ECSITE UK

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

Ecsite-uk has set out a timetable to move to an independent organisation. The target date for completion of the move and to begin operating is 1st April 2009. A limited liability Company has been formed and an application will be made to the Charity Commission for charitable status. It is intended that the staff engaged with Ecsite-uk will, under TUPE, be transferred to the new organisation with the net balance of the restricted fund.

12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 1.1.2008	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31.12.2008
	£	£	£	£
SECTIONS:				
Agriculture & Forestry	1,149	851	2,242	(242)
Anthropology and Archaeology	(1,918)	5,823	2,695	1,210
Biological Sciences	2,000	500	-	2,500
Chemistry	3,345	3,000	599	5,746
Economics	(2,241)	4,241	1,081	919
Education	112	1,888	923	1,077
Engineering	1,227	851	1,687	391
General	(73)	2,120	1,719	328
Geography	845	1,155	873	1,127
Geology	1,031	1,281	1,095	1,217
History of Science	(2,071)	4,579	2,029	479
Mathematics	526	2,474	2,556	444
Medical Sciences	312	1,688	994	1,006
Physics	(2,616)	662	1,886	(3,840)
Psychology	1,625	2,250	643	3,232
Sociology	1,278	768	1,096	950
Total Sections	4,531	34,131	22,118	16,544

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12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)	Balance 1.1.2008 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31.12.2008 £
BRANCHES:				
Aberdeen	8,838	6,692	5,013	10,517
Bedfordshire	2,103	-	-	2,103
Birmingham	1,008	-	346	662
Brighton	872	-	872	-
Bristol and Bath	4,467	773	570	4,670
Caithness	421	500	500	421
Central London	-	500	-	500
Cornwall	1,051	-	-	1,051
Cumbria	1,005	-	750	255
Derby	3,132	-	1,350	1,782
Devon	1,249	-	-	1,249
Edinburgh & SE Scotland	1,128	2,455	1,582	2,001
Glasgow and West of Scotland	4,563	1,710	5,231	1,042
Hampstead (North London)	(150)	360	-	210
Hertfordshire	1,309	-	1,309	-
Leicester	1,715	1,438	372	2,781
Lincolnshire	1,525	-	-	1,525
Merseyside	1,111	-	710	401
Moray	1,939	2,500	1,896	2,543
North & East Yorkshire	-	1,300	-	1,300
North Wales	2,237	-	350	1,887
Northumbria	1,250	-	361	889
North Western	3,522	800	1,797	2,525
Northern Ireland	-	500	-	500
Nottingham	2,651	-	220	2,431
Oxford	2,772	-	250	2,522
Plymouth Eddystone	2,094	-	-	2,094
Pembrokeshire	2,055	500	872	1,683
Richmond (South London)	-	504	210	294
Sheffield	1,432	-	-	1,432
South Wales	6,900	-	1,500	5,400
St Andrews	50	1,130	-	1,180
Tayside and Fife	3,156	7,048	4,957	5,247
Thames Valley	1,591	-	1,000	591
Wessex	2,306	-	-	2,306
Yorkshire	1,769	500	-	2,269
Miscellaneous	-	3,031	850	2,181
Total Branches	<u>71,071</u>	<u>32,241</u>	<u>32,868</u>	<u>70,444</u>
Total Sections and Branches	<u>75,602</u>	<u>66,372</u>	<u>54,986</u>	<u>86,988</u>
Other General Funds	971,739	1,435,285	914,355	1,492,669
Transfers to restricted funds	-	-	392,501	(392,501)
Unrealised Investment loss	-	-	178,272	(178,272)
	<u>1,047,341</u>	<u>1,501,657</u>	<u>1,540,114</u>	<u>1,008,884</u>

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13 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised by Council and contracted for at 31 December 2008 (2007: £nil).

14 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2008 the Association had annual commitments under an operating lease as follows:

	2008 £	2007 £
Land and buildings expiring after more than five years	43,000	42,000
	<u>43,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>

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

15 GROSS CASH FLOWS

	2008 £	2007 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	34,550	39,262
Dividend income	15,718	19,972
	<u>50,268</u>	<u>59,234</u>
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	-	(15,347)
Purchase of investments	(336,362)	(115,026)
Receipts from sale of investments	221,417	158,869
	<u>(114,945)</u>	<u>28,496</u>

16 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET CASH FUNDS

	1 January 2008 £	Cash flows £	31 December 2008 £
Cash awaiting investment	131,706	(101,976)	29,730
Cash on deposit	1,108,722	(479,652)	629,070
Cash at bank and in hand	10,115	(3,785)	6,330
	<u>1,250,543</u>	<u>(585,413)</u>	<u>665,130</u>