



Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Flow Cytometry Section of the Royal Microscopical Society which was held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 during mmc2019 at Manchester Central

Present: Mr Derek Davies (Chair), Professor Michelle Peckham (President), Dr Peter O'Toole (Vice President), Professor Maddy Parsons (Honorary Secretary Science (Biological)), Dr Jacquie Bond, Professor Stan Botchway, Professor Susan Brooks, Mr Anthony Carter, Dr Susan Cox, Dr Ian Dobbie, Mr Chris Kennedy, Mr Daniel Metcalf, Mr Alex Sossick, Dr Steve Thomas, Dr Fredrik Wallberg, Dr Theresa Ward, Dr Claire Wells, Ms Allison Winton (RMS Chief Executive) and Ms Lauren Winton (RMS Staff).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Dr Ian Titley, Dr Helen Ferry, Dr Karen Hogg, Dr Robert Jepras and Dr Gareth Howell.

2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Report from Section Chair

“This is the end of my second year as Chair of the Flow Cytometry section and once again it has been a busy and productive year. Last year I gave the AGM during flowcytometryUK 2018 which was held at the University of Edinburgh. This proved to be one of our most successful biennial meetings with a sold-out delegate cohort and a large and successful exhibition. The delegates were able to access plenary sessions, workshops and commercial tutorials and were able to take to the dance floor in a very well-received ceilidh. Feedback was also extremely positive.

As usual, in September last year, the University of York hosted the Annual Flow Cytometry course organised by Peter O'Toole, Derek Davies and Steve Couzens. Although delegate numbers were slightly down on previous years, the course received excellent feedback and will run once again in 2019 with some slight programme modifications to help bring new speakers on board

In January, we held the second Facilities meeting which this year was held at the MRC LMB in Cambridge. This was organised by Richard Grenfell, Maria Daly and Karen Hogg and attracted around 90 delegates from academia and industry. The varied programme and extensive networking time were instrumental in giving the delegates a positive experience.

Of course, we have been involved with mmc2019, and will be running a session entitled “Tissue Cytometry” on 4 July. There are now more crossovers between cytometry and imaging and we hope to be even more involved at mmc2021.

The section has also awarded the Flow Cytometry Medal which this year will go to Dr Andrew Filby of the University of Newcastle. He will be presented with the medal at the flowcytometryUK 2019 meeting in November.

Looking forward to the coming year, our first event is a joint venture with the Francis Crick Institute covering Single Cell analysis organised by Derek Davies and Gareth Howell. This also fits well with the current Training Interest groups goals, the idea being to establish what training is needed and what form it should take in the area of high dimensional single cell analysis whether this is derived from flow cytometry, image analysis, sequencing or any other form of single cell approach.

We will again run the Annual Flow Cytometry course at the University of York, and also at York we will be involved, along with the LM and EM sections, running a Core Facility Managers course in October. flowcytometryUK 2019 will be held at the Babraham Institute in Cambridge on 21 November organised by Derek Davies, Rachael Walker and Rebecca Roberts. The Facilities meeting is planned for January at the University of Newcastle and we hope to hold the long-awaited Microbial Flow Cytometry meeting at Porton Down in May 2020. Also in July 2020 will be flowcytometryUK 2020 at the University of Birmingham, planning for which is well underway.

This year the Committee said goodbye to long-serving member, Ricardo Morilla who is retiring. Ricardo was involved with the section for over 20 years, served on Council and was responsible for a series of meetings over the years covering flow cytometry in the diagnostic field. He was also responsible for setting up the Flow Cytometry Atlas on the RMS website which is a useful resource for clinicians. We wish Ricardo a long and happy retirement but I am sure we will also see him at the odd meeting in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Section Committee members who have worked hard on providing a series of scientific and educational offerings, and, of course, Allison and her team at the office without whom we wouldn't be able to put on these events. Although we do not have any changes on the Committee this year, which is unusual, please do contact me if you want to get involved, we are always looking for new venues, new subject matter and new enthusiastic members."

5. Election of Officers

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

Chair: Mr Derek Davies, The Francis Crick Institute

Deputy Chair: Dr Ian Titley, Institute of Cancer Research, London

6. Election of Ordinary Members

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

Mr Anthony Carter, The Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospital

Dr Helen Ferry, Experimental Medicine Division, NDM, Oxford

Dr Andy Filby, Newcastle University

Dr Karen Hogg, University of York

Dr Robert Jepras, GSK

Mrs Niga Nawroly, ACEA Biosciences

Dr Rachael Walker, Babraham Institute, Cambridge

Dr Fredrik Wallberg, Institute of Cancer Research, London

In addition to the elected Committee Members, Mr Mark Cheetham, Dr Richard Grenfell, Dr Andrew Herman and Dr Gareth Howell have been co-opted onto the Committee. Dr Irene Del Molino Del Barrio has been co-opted as the Early Career Representatives.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.