



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

Present: Mr Alex Sossick (Section 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, Mr Derek Davies, Dr Ian Dobbie, Mr Chris Kennedy, Mr Daniel Metcalf, Dr Steve Thomas, Dr Fredrik Wallberg, Dr Theresa Ward, Dr Claire Wells, Ms Allison Winton (RMS Chief Executive) and Ms Lauren Winton (RMS Staff).

I. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Professor Gail McConnell, Dr Mike MacDonald, and Dr Chris Power.

2. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

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 has been my third and final year as the Light Microscopy section chair, and all three years have passed quickly. It has been another very active year for the Light Microscopy section, since our last AGM at Frontiers in Bioimaging 2018. Our remit is to support the wide field of Light Microscopy, as is evident in the courses and conferences we have supported in the last year.

The year started with Frontiers in Bioimaging Meeting which happens every two years in between mmc, focusing on the latest developments in the application of microscopy. Frontiers in BioImaging is jointly organised by Light Microscopy/Life Sciences sections.

Last year was a very successful Frontiers in BioImaging meeting in Glasgow, the first time the Frontiers meeting has been in Scotland, and my thanks goes to Susan Cox, Sian Culley, Brian Patton, Imogen Sparks and as also the local host, Gail McConnell. Looking to the future, Frontiers is part of mmc2019 and I hope we will enjoy the Frontiers sessions at mmc, and Frontiers in BioImaging will return to London 2020 as a non-mmc year.

The section organises and supports a number of courses throughout the year, which are usually fully subscribed, and is actively looking to complement the current offerings. July 2018 saw the 'LM Summer school' run at the University of York. The associated workshop 'Getting the Most out of Your Confocal' also went well and our continued thanks go to the sponsors and the organising team including Peter O'Toole. Pete and his team in York have run an amazing number of courses for the RMS over the years and thanks should go to them for their ongoing successful efforts. These courses will be held later this month in York.

The Light Microscopy Facility managers meeting, as always was a great start to 2019. Marco Marcello and the University of Liverpool were great hosts, for what proved to be an exceptional way to start the year. The next Facility Managers meeting will be held at the University of Birmingham at the start of 2020.

I have been very pleased to see the 'Supporting Gender Equality in Microscopy' Female Microscopists database expand, thanks to the hard work of Sian Culley from UCL, which has been supported by the RMS. It has become an incredibly useful resource, especially for conference organisers looking for speakers. I am looking forward to seeing how it expands in the future.

The RMS continues to support and serve the light microscopy community, and as a committee we are keen to meet new requirements of the community as they arise. The LM section is made up from a diverse grouping within the Light microscopy field and we are always looking to expand this. Suggestions for potential volunteers to join the section are always welcome. Suggestions for courses that the LM section could run or support are always welcome.

I must thank Sue Wilson for her time on the LM section, and welcome Dan Metcalf from Nikon and Mike Shaw from the National Physical Laboratory as new members.

I would like to thank the Light Microscopy section for being so active in the last 3 years, it has been a pleasure to be part of the section, and I really appreciate the time and efforts of all the committee members, and I would like to wish Gail McConnell the best of luck as the next chair of the LM section.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank Alison Winton and the rest of the RMS team who have made all of the work that the LM section has undertaken and supported possible."

5. Election of Officers

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

Chair: Professor Gail McConnell, University of Strathclyde
Vice Chair: Mr Alex Sossick, University of Cambridge
Deputy Chair: Dr Ian Dobbie, University of Oxford

6. Election of Ordinary Members

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

Dr Simon Ameer-Beg, King's College, London
Professor Kurt Anderson, The Francis Crick Institute, London
Dr Susan Cox, King's College London
Dr Sian Culley, University College London
Dr Ali Dun, ESRIC
Dr Mike McDonald, University of Dundee
Dr Sebastian Munck, VIB Bio Imaging Core KU Leuven
Dr Mike Shaw, NPL

In addition to the elected Committee Members, Dr Joelle Goulding, Professor Mark Leake, Mr Daniel Metcalf, and Dr Chris Power have been co-opted onto the Committee. Dr Rebecca Saleeb has been co-opted as the Early Career Representative.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.