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THE BRITISH MEDICAL ULTRASOUND SOCIETY
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the year ended 30 June 2008

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of The British Medical Ultrasound Society ("BMUS" or the "Society") for the year ended 30 June 2008.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The trustees of the charity, who are also the directors of the company, are the Officers and other members of the Council of the Society. They have held office since 1 July 2007, as follows:

Dr K Martin	President & Company Secretary
Dr G M Baxter	Past President
Mrs J M Walton	President Elect
Dr C R Deane	Honorary Treasurer
Dr P S Sidhu	Honorary Secretary

Dr L J Abernethy	
Dr J C Bamber	
Mrs A-M Dixon	Senior Editor of the Journal
Mr T Doherty	AXrEM Representative
Dr S T Elliott	
Ms J Keit	
Dr P Loughna	
Dr R E Moshy	
Prof D K Nassiri	(resigned 11 December 2007)
Mrs P C Parker	(resigned 11 December 2007)
Dr K Ramnarine	(joined 11 June 2008)
Mrs B Sarker	(joined 11 June 2008)

The principal address of the charity and the registered office of the company is the offices of BMUS at 36 Portland Place, London W1B 1LS.

The charity is registered under the charity number 289541, and the company is incorporated with the company registration number 01794511.

The trustees have made the following professional appointments:

Solicitor:	Monro Pennefather & Co, 8 Great James Street, London WC1N 3DA
Auditor:	Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST
Accountant:	Baker Tilly Tax and Accounting Limited, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST
Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH
	CCLA Investment Management Limited, St. Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
Investment Manager:	Courtiers Investment Services Limited, 18a Hart Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 2AU

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The following key permanent members of staff form the Secretariat of the Society, and are responsible for the day-to-day management of the charity:

Mrs A Taylor	General Secretary
Miss R Meir	Events Manager
Miss A Hepworth	Membership Secretary & Events Administrator

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status & History

BMUS is a registered charity, and a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital. Every member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of the charity being wound-up during the period of membership, or within one year thereafter.

BMUS is a charitable, multi-disciplinary Society, whose health care professional members include radiologists, sonographers, obstetricians, physicists, veterinarians and others.

Originating in 1969 as an informal ultrasound group, the Society took its present name in 1977 when it became affiliated to the World and European Federations of Societies for Ultrasound In Medicine and Biology. It was incorporated on 23 February 1984, and became a registered charity on 5 June 1984.

BMUS is governed by the rules and regulations set down in its company Memorandum and Articles of Association as last updated on 8 December 1999.

Organisational Structure

The trustees of the charity, who are also the directors of the company, are the Officers and other members of the Council of the Society. The overall strategic direction of BMUS is determined by the Council, and all the key decisions in relation to the charitable activities of the Society are taken by the Council.

The Council comprises of 15 UK resident members consisting of 12 elected members, the Senior Journal Editor, the Chairman of the Scientific and Education Committee (appointed by the Council), and the Manufacturers' Representative as elected by AXrEM.

The 12 elected members comprise at least three medical practitioners (at least one of whom must be an obstetrician), at least three sonographers, and at least three physical scientists. In the event of a dispute arising as to which category a member falls into, the decision of the Council is final. The 15 members include the Officers of the Council, who are the President, the immediate Past President, the President-Elect, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. The Journal Editor, who is appointed by the Council, serves for two years and is eligible for reappointment for a further period of two years.

The Officers and the Council meet three times each year. The meetings are chaired by the President, with the General Secretary in attendance.

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The Officers have specific responsibilities in relation to the governance of the Society, and work closely with the Secretariat to pursue the goals of the charity. The day-to-day management of the activities of BMUS is delegated by the Council to the Secretariat under the principal stewardship of the General Secretary. The General Secretary is accountable in the first instance to the Officers of the Council, and is responsible for key operational and personnel matters. The General Secretary works closely with the Officers to ensure effective governance of the charity, and to develop strategic goals into workable annual plans of work for BMUS.

In addition to regular meetings of the Officers of the Council and the Council itself, the Council operates three sub-committees each of which has specific roles and responsibilities, and each of which is able to advise the Council in relation to their specific areas of expertise.

Scientific & Education Committee

The Scientific & Education Committee advises the Council on matters relating to the development, practice, teaching and monitoring of ultrasound in the various fields where it is used for clinical or research purposes. The committee meets three times a year. The Council appoints the chairman for a term of three years and the post holder is a Council member. There is a maximum of nine members on the committee, who must include the Honorary Secretary and at least four other members of the Society. Members must include a sonographer, medical practitioner and a physicist, and they serve three years in the first instance. The balance of the committee is made up of members who can reflect the range of interests of the Society.

One of the major roles of the committee is to oversee the programme of BMUS workshops and study days. The committee reviews and contributes to publications and guidelines on ultrasound topics of a general nature and which may affect the general practice of BMUS members. The committee is also responsible for the assessment of applications for certain education and research awards and prizes, and makes recommendations to the Council.

The current membership of the Scientific & Education Committee is as follows:

Dr Jeff Bamber	Chairman
Mrs Pauline Bacon	Joined January 2008
Dr P Chudleigh	Term ended January 2008
Dr Rhodri Evans	
Mrs J Freeman	Resigned January 2008
Dr Pam Loughna	
Dr Carmel Moran	
Dr James Pilcher	Joined January 2008
Mrs Borsha Sarker	Joined May 2008
Dr Paul Sidhu	
Dr PK Thompson	Resigned September 2007
Mr S Wolstenhulme	

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee plans and oversees the production of all BMUS publications, evaluates ideas for publication submitted by other members and committees of BMUS, and initiates ideas for possible new publications. The committee oversees the development of electronic publications and has editorial control of the BMUS Journal. The Publications Committee meets three times a year and submits written minutes and reports to the Council following each meeting. The committee works closely with the Scientific & Education Committee to ensure that all BMUS publications are of a quality expected by the membership.

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The remit of the Publications Committee has expanded greatly in the past few years. This is notably due to the ongoing development of the BMUS website.

The current membership of the Publications Committee is as follows:

Dr C Deane	Chair
Mrs A-M Dixon	Senior Journal Editor
Dr E Chung	Assistant Editor
Miss H Edwards	Assistant Editor
Dr J Bamber	Chair Scientific & Education Committee
Ms J Keit	Website Editor

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee was set up in 1998 to advise the membership on safety issues in ultrasound and to make recommendations to them. The committee consists of, at most, 6 members, of whom one must be a medical practitioner, one a sonographer and one a scientist. The Safety Committee's remit is to provide informed advice to the President and the Council of BMUS on matters of ultrasound safety, to inform the BMUS membership about safety issues, and to be a focus for action in the UK in matters of ultrasound safety. In addition it reviews the current literature on safety matters. The Safety Committee regularly publishes a statement on the "Safe use, and potential hazards of diagnostic ultrasound", and has produced two guidelines, one on "The management of safety when using volunteers and patients for practical training in ultrasound scanning", and a second for the "Safe use of diagnostic ultrasound equipment". This second guideline document includes guidance on the use of the safety indices (Thermal Index and Mechanical Index) that are displayed on modern imaging equipment, and contains a rationale for the recommendations made. These documents are available on the BMUS website, and have been published in the BMUS Bulletin.

The current membership of the Safety Committee is as follows:

Dr Gail ter Haar	Chair
Miss Fiona Bottomley	
Dr Anne-Marie Coady	(joined February 2008)
Dr Simon Elliott	(resigned April 2008)
Mrs Rachel Nolan	(joined February 2008)
Mr Adam Shaw	(joined February 2008)
Dr Barry Ward	

Method of Recruitment, Appointment, Election, Induction & Training of Trustees

The trustees of the charity, who are also the directors of the company, are the Officers and other members of the Council of the Society.

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Recruitment, Appointment & Election

The Council members are elected by the Society's membership. Members are advised six months prior to the Annual General Meeting of vacancies arising on the Council for the following year. The members have the opportunity to nominate individuals for these vacant posts. The Council may also collectively nominate individuals for these posts, particularly in circumstances where it is felt specific skills are desirable in relation to a new member of the Council. Should the number of nominations for any post exceed the number of vacancies for any post there is a postal ballot with all members having one vote per vacancy. The ballot is conducted under the direction of a returning officer, appointed by the Council, who is not a candidate in the election. Results are announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting.

Induction & Training

New Council members are sent details of their responsibilities as trustees under the requirements of Charity Law, using the guidance materials supplied by the Charity Commission. New and existing members are kept up to date, by the General Secretary, on any new developments in relation to their training needs.

Risk & Corporate Governance Matters

Decisions are made by the Council, and consequently, the Council is responsible for identifying the risks to which the Society is exposed or potentially exposed in relation to any decision or series of decisions. The Council seeks to ensure that appropriate systems, procedures, and controls are put in place to avoid or minimise all risks. A Risk Assessment Document, last updated in June 2006, is reviewed biannually by the Council. The General Secretary assists the Council in identifying new risks, and is responsible for bringing the Risk Assessment Document up to date at least annually, or as and when additional risk areas are highlighted.

Trustees' & Directors Responsibilities in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The trustees and directors are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The provisions of charity and company law require the trustees and directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees and directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date, and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees and directors are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- c. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

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The trustees and directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 and the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees and directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditor

Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to the Auditor

The trustees and directors at the date of approval of this trustees' annual report confirm that so far as each of them is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and the trustees and directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The charitable objectives for which the charity was established are as follows:

- The advancement of the science and technology of ultrasonics as applied in medicine, and the maintenance of high standards in these fields.
- The advancement of education in the said science and technology, and allied science and technology in the provision of advice and information to the public in these fields.
- The advancement of research in the said science and technology and the publication of the results of such research.

Charitable Activities

In pursuance of its overall charitable objectives, the Society's principal charitable activity is the dissemination of information as it relates to any and all of the fields that pertain to its charitable objectives.

Each year this activity is undertaken in a number of ways, including:

- the organisation of educational workshops, study days and meetings throughout the UK, and the provision of fora to discuss issues relevant to medical ultrasound;
- the publication and distribution to all members of a quarterly journal, *Ultrasound*;
- the issue of guidance to members on the application of ultrasound to medicine;
- support of education and research into applications of ultrasound in medicine through award schemes; and
- support of educational issues in ultrasound through representation on CASE (the Consortium for Accreditation of Sonographic Education).

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Indicators, Milestones & Benchmarks

The Council uses a range of measures each year to assess the performance of BMUS in achieving its charitable objectives. These include:

- Level of membership and the trend over time (increasing or decreasing)
- Attendance at the Annual Scientific Meeting, the study days, and other educational workshops
- Feedback from delegates on the quality and usefulness of such meetings and workshops
- Circulation and readership of the Journal
- Increase in submission of research papers for publication in the Journal
- Successful completion of award schemes
- Number of visits to the BMUS website and feedback from visitors
- Collaboration with other societies and support of other educational meetings
- Maintenance of a financial surplus to support these activities

Grant Making Policy

The Society finances a number of awards to support education and research.

The Pump Priming Grant is intended to support the development of a new research project or to fund a pilot study that may lead to a formal study. The Scientific and Education Committee assesses applications for this grant and makes recommendations to the Council, whose decision is final and binding. Pump Priming grant holders are expected to produce a written report for the Journal on the work undertaken or to give a presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

Prizes are awarded for the best posters and oral presentations at the Annual Scientific Meeting. Posters are judged by the Scientific and Education Committee. Oral presentations are assessed by the session chairmen.

Sponsorship for a BMUS member to participate in the Young Investigator's session at the annual Euroson meeting is awarded to one of the oral presentation winners. All awards and prizes are open to members of the Society. Criteria for applications and assessment are available to all via the website.

Relationships with Related Parties & Representation on Other Bodies

BMUS works with the following connected organisations:

CASE - Consortium for Accreditation of Sonographic Education

BMUS provides office space and related facilities to CASE, and BMUS is one of seven parent bodies that are represented at CASE meetings.

EFSUMB - European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology

This is a European network of ultrasound societies, of which BMUS is a member. BMUS pays a subscription annually to EFSUMB, and undertakes various projects in cooperation with EFSUMB.

WFUMB - World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology

This is an international network of ultrasound societies, of which EFSUMB is a member.

UKAS - United Kingdom Association of Sonographers

BMUS has representation at UKAS meetings and a UKAS representative attends BMUS Council meetings.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Activities & Events

The specific aims set for 2007/2008 have either been achieved or significantly progressed.

The Society's programme of study days for 2007/2008 consisted of six one day events across the UK. No study days were cancelled this year, all were well supported. The repeat Gynaecology day attracted 163 delegates and the recently introduced Musculoskeletal Study Day was very popular and over-subscribed. A new concept study day, directed to nephrologists in training, was introduced which was well received and will be repeated twice yearly. An average of 36 delegates attended each day.

Three more study days are scheduled for the remainder of 2008. The popular DVT study day will be held in October, a repeat basic Musculoskeletal Study Day will also be held in October. An advanced Musculoskeletal Study Day will take place in November, following on from the successful day of last year.

The Annual Scientific Meeting ("ASM") was held in Harrogate in 2007, a departure from Manchester. The excellent scientific programme attracted 460 delegates, in addition to the 93 invited speakers, which was lower than previous years. The reduced number of delegates was a reflection of the non-participation of the AXrEM manufacturer's, a situation that will be rectified for the ASM in Liverpool 2008. The reduced number of delegates was also thought attributable to study leave and funds for conferences being curtailed by the NHS. A small commercial exhibition was held at the ASM, which was fully booked, and popular with delegates.

The journal, Ultrasound, continues to publish high quality articles, with one article cited in the National and International press; the article regarding 'nuchal thickness', the subject of the 2006 Donald, McVicar, Brown lecture. Although not all images are published in colour in the journal, a full colour version of all articles is available to members via the BMUS website. The Society reports pages were taken out of the journal and a newsletter for members was introduced to give up to date news, distributed electronically. An application for Medline was submitted and remains outstanding.

From July 2007 to June 2008, 150 new members joined the Society. An average of 12 membership applications are received by the Society each month.

An informal website committee was formed with a remit to update the content of the website, which would include protocols and guidelines. A major overhaul of the website will take place in 2008. A new conference micro-site was set up for the Annual Scientific Meeting in 2007, and continued with success for the ASM of 2008. The micro-site content includes details of the venue, the exhibition, preliminary programme and on-line bookings for hotels and registration. An on-line bookstore was also introduced to the website.

No pump priming grants were awarded in 2008.

A new scheme for BMUS endorsement of short courses was introduced in June 2007. Endorsement allows the use of the BMUS logo with the wording "with approval from the British Medical Ultrasound Society as being suitable as an educational course in ultrasound". The course can also be advertised on the BMUS website.

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Impact of Activities & Events

In terms of charitable activities, 2007/2008 was a successful year for the Society. However financial constraints curbed the number of activities. The Society continued to hold study days and its Annual Scientific Meeting. Through these activities, the journal, Ultrasound, and its website, the Society has furthered the education of many members and non-members in the field of medical ultrasound. The Pump Priming Grant was not awarded in 2008, but continues to part of the charitable events of the society.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Results of Activities & Events

During the year to 30 June 2008, BMUS generated £344,482 (2006/2007: £445,174) of incoming resources and expended resources of £406,303 (2006/2007: £617,438) principally disseminating information as it relates to any and all of the fields that pertain to the Society's charitable objectives.

Of particular note:

The income from the Annual Scientific Meeting was significantly reduced compare to that of 2006/2007 which resulted in a much reduced surplus. This was due to the manufacturers belonging to AXrEM withdrawing from the exhibition, and any sponsoring and advertising for that conference. This situation has since been remedied and the AXrEM manufacturers have now committed their support to future Annual Scientific Meetings. All the study days held in 2007/2008 made a surplus thanks to the sponsorship offered by the manufacturers.

The advertising revenue from the journal, Ultrasound, shows a marked increase of over 60%. This was the result of employing a new advertising company who have introduced new avenues of advertising as well as working with the regular advertisers. A further increase is projected for the following financial year.

The Society's Historical Collection continued to be kept in storage while attempts were made to find a suitable home for the collection. The Society proposes to downsize the collection to reduce the cost of storage and talks are currently being held with Glasgow Museums and other avenues in the hope that they will take on and exhibit some items from the collection.

To counteract the losses in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 the membership subscription was increased from £40 to £60 per annum. This increase assured the income of the Society and helped to support fixed costs.

Stringent budgetary controls were put in place for the Annual Scientific Meeting and Study Days to ensure a surplus would be made on each. Speaker's expenses were capped and catering costs reduced at the ASM. Committee travel expenses were significantly reduced by using a charity account for booking rail tickets and ensuring all travel was booked in advance.

Printing and postage costs were reduced by producing work in-house and disseminating information by email rather than post. The cost of the office decreased by reducing space and lowering the rent. Staff salaries were frozen.

The Society has revised its financial strategies and its annual and projected budgets. Financial plans are being put into place to ensure the Society can again make a profit and build up its reserves.

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Grant Making

During 2007/2008, the charity awarded grants to the sum of £2,019 (2006/2007: £7,900). This amount varies year on year dependent upon the number of applicants and the quality of submissions. All grant applications are peer reviewed and awards are only made if supported by the Council. A budget is set annually for the forthcoming financial year for awards, taking account of the total funds of the Society available for such expenditure. The funds to support these activities are not always paid out in the financial year awarded. BMUS does retain the money in BMUS bank accounts and may choose to release it in increments to support the activity of grants.

Reserves Policy

As at 30 June 2008, the Society's 'free reserves' stood at £80,007 (2007: £154,628).

The reserves policy is reviewed annually to ensure that the reserves continue to provide an adequate safeguard against any potential decline in key sources of revenue in the longer term. The trustees are of the opinion that the Society requires a minimum of £250,000 in its free reserves to meet its operational needs, based on an assessment of the Society's risks, its short term business plan and to cover any unpredictable future financial circumstances. As the reserves have fallen below £250,000 the Officers are taking steps to restore these to this level as described above.

Investments Policy

Under the terms of the Articles of Association of the Society, the Council has wide ranging powers to invest the funds of the Society as it sees fit. In practice, the Council receives advice from its investment managers on an appropriate investment portfolio, and makes use of high interest bank accounts to retain short term surplus cash funds.

The Society's investment portfolio continues to be managed by Courtiers Investment Services Limited (London). The Society's investment strategy is to maintain a low-medium risk exposure portfolio principally targeted towards long-term growth. This helps to support the Society in the execution of its activities and supports future development, whilst meeting the requirements of the reserves policy.

The Council is kept informed of the performance of the portfolio through quarterly statements from the investment managers, and the Council meets with a representative of the investment managers at least once a year.

During 2007/2008, excluding withdrawals of cash totalling £50,000 (2006/2007: £215,000) from the investment portfolio to fund the activities of the Society, the portfolio fell by 11.5% (2006/2007: 10.9%). Total investment income of £1,003 (2006/2007: £5,525) was generated from the investment portfolio and from short term high interest bank deposits.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Future Strategy

The trustees' long term plans for BMUS are:

- To be recognised in the United Kingdom and internationally as a leading body in the field of medical ultrasound;
- To develop new scientific and educational programmes to broaden the Society's range of activities to further the charities objectives, whilst generating new revenue streams to cover anticipated increased associated costs;
- To increase the Society's membership on a yearly basis, and to increase its profile in general; and
- To ensure the financial viability of the Society to enable it to continue to develop its activities.

Future Activities & Events

In the year from July 2008 to June 2009, the Society plans to:

- Hold the Annual Scientific Meeting for 2008 at Liverpool Convention Centre from 9th to 11th December 2008, with full and half day sessions for non-radiological specialists;
- Increase the number of study days that it runs and offer a wider variety of topics in 2009;
- Develop study days aimed at non-radiological medical specialists;
- Continue with the endorsement of short courses;
- Publish high quality research and educational articles in the BMUS journal, Ultrasound; and
- Improve the design and content of the Society's website.

Impact of Future Activities & Events

It is anticipated that the activities and events planned for 2008/2009 will continue to further the education of members and non-members in the field of medical ultrasound.

The trustees plan to measure the success of the Society in 2008/2009 against the following targets:

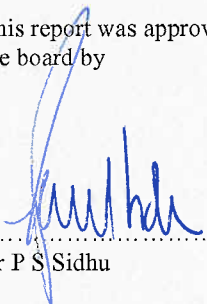
- The number of new members and their professional background;
- The number of delegates to the Annual Scientific Meeting ("ASM"), broken down by members/non-members and professional category;
- The number of papers/posters offered for the ASM;
- Feedback from delegates on the quality and relevance of the ASM;
- The number of attendees to workshops and feedback from workshop attendees;
- The number of visits to the BMUS website;
- The number and nature of external enquiries to the Society and Secretariat office on medical ultrasound matters;
- The number of applications for BMUS endorsement of short-courses; and
- Regaining a financial surplus to support these activities in future years.

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FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN

Although BMUS would apply restricted fund accounting to deal with incoming resources that are earmarked for a particular purpose by donors, sponsors, and other funders, the Society does not currently hold, and the trustees do not anticipate that it will in the future hold, any funds as custodian for any third party.

This report was approved by the trustees on 30 October 2008, and was signed for and on behalf of the board by


..... Honorary Secretary
Dr P S Sidhu

30th October 2008

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL
ULTRASOUND SOCIETY**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 15 to 24, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 17 and 18.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND THE AUDITOR

The responsibilities of the trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) for preparing the trustees' 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' and directors' responsibilities within the trustees' annual report on page 5.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK & 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 Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the trustees' annual report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the trustees' annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & 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 charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all 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.

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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 charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2008, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the trustees' annual report is consistent with the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	
		2008	2007
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Investment income	1	1,003	5,525
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Disseminating information	2	343,379	439,649
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		344,382	445,174
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds			
Investment management costs		769	2,212
Charitable activities			
Disseminating information	4	396,220	603,650
Governance costs	5	9,314	11,576
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		406,303	617,438
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES & NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		(61,921)	(172,264)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)			
(Losses)/Gains on investment assets	8	(12,075)	27,904
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(73,996)	(144,360)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Fund balances brought forward at 1 July 2007		155,834	300,194
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 30 JUNE 2008	11	£ 81,838	£ 155,834

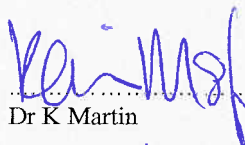
The net movement in funds for the year arises from the charitable company's continuing operations.

No separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented as all such gains and losses are dealt with in the statement of financial activities.

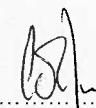
BALANCE SHEET
30 June 2008

	Notes	2008	2007
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	1,831	1,206
Investments	8	94,682	157,059
		<u>96,513</u>	<u>158,265</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		1,276	1,276
Debtors	9	58,398	57,694
Cash at bank and in hand		50,678	44,618
		<u>110,352</u>	<u>103,588</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	125,027	106,019
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(14,675)</u>	<u>(2,431)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		<u>£ 81,838</u>	<u>£ 155,834</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted income funds			
General Fund	11	81,838	155,834
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>£ 81,838</u>	<u>£ 155,834</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 24 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on ~~30 October~~ 2008, and are signed on their behalf by

 President
Dr K Martin

30/10/08 2008

 Honorary Treasurer
Dr C R Deane

30-10- 2008

Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared to comply with current statutory requirements, under the historical cost convention, except as modified for the annual revaluation of fixed asset investments, and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The recommendations in *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice (revised 2005)* issued by the Charity Commission in March 2005 have been followed.

GOING CONCERN

The charitable company is fundamentally dependant upon the continuing financial support of its members and other key funders to remain a going concern. The trustees and directors have formulated financial plans and predictions for the next three to five years to ensure that the charitable company can reach at least a break even position year on year in the future.

However, as at the date of adoption of these financial statements and on the basis of detailed cash flow forecasts, the trustees and directors are of the opinion that the charitable company will be able to continue its activities and meet all of its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the adoption of these financial statements. Therefore, these financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

INCOMING RESOURCES

General donations and other similar types of voluntary income are brought into account when received, except that donated income is included gross of any attributable tax recoverable, where relevant. Donations given for specific purposes are treated as restricted income.

Investment income is accounted on a receivable basis once the dividend or interest has been declared.

Credit is taken in the accounts for the proportion of subscriptions, which are receivable in the financial period. All other similar types of income are also accounted for on an accruals basis.

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Resources expended are allocated to the charity's principal activity where the costs can be identified as being directly related to that activity. All costs that cannot be identified as relating directly to the charity's principal activity are categorised as either support costs or governance costs. Any costs that cannot be specifically categorised are allocated in proportions based upon a suitable ratio applicable to the nature of the cost involved.

Grants payable are recognised in the period in which the approved offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised only when the conditions attaching to the award are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions, which have not been met at the balance sheet date, are noted as a potential commitment, but are not treated as a liability.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

All tangible assets purchased that have an expected useful economic life that exceeds one year are capitalised and classified as fixed assets. Fixed assets are stated at historical cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write each asset down to its estimated residual value evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	over 5 years
Office & computer equipment	over 3 years

Inalienable and historic assets acquired by, donated to, or entrusted to the charitable company are not capitalised.

INVESTMENTS

The charitable company's investments are included in the balance sheet at their market value. The gains or losses arising upon their annual revaluation are included in the statement of financial activities.

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.

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.

PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

The charitable company used to make contributions into defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of certain of employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charitable company in independently administered funds. The amount charged to the statement of financial activities in respect of pension costs is the total contributions payable for the year.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The general fund comprises the accumulated surpluses of unrestricted incoming resources over resources expended, which are available for use in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company.

Designated funds are a particular form of unrestricted funds consisting of amounts, which have been allocated or designated for specific purposes by the trustees. The use of designated funds remains at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by donors. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts. Amounts unspent at the year end are carried forward in the balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
1. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Bank interest receivable on short term cash deposits	977	2,542
Income from investments listed on a recognised stock exchange:		
UK investments	26	2,226
Overseas investments	-	757
	<u>£ 1,003</u>	<u>£ 5,525</u>
	=====	=====
2. INCOME FROM DISSEMINATING INFORMATION		
Subscription income from members	113,365	84,334
Annual Scientific Meeting income	144,596	319,027
Other meetings income	32,756	14,999
Journal advertising income	30,432	11,404
Sponsorship	11,750	-
CASE contribution to Secretariat & support costs	8,328	8,396
Other sundry income	2,152	1,489
	<u>£ 343,379</u>	<u>£ 439,649</u>
	=====	=====
3. FINANCIAL RESULTS OF MEETINGS		
Annual Scientific Meeting:		
Income	144,596	319,027
Less: Expenditure		
Direct costs	(114,118)	(284,119)
Secretariat & support costs	(47,691)	(56,758)
Net deficit	<u>(17,213)</u>	<u>(21,850)</u>
Other scientific & educational meetings:		
Income	32,756	14,999
Less: Expenditure		
Direct costs	(27,346)	(7,616)
Secretariat & support costs	(29,559)	(35,946)
Net deficit	<u>(24,149)</u>	<u>(28,563)</u>
	<u>£ (41,362)</u>	<u>£ (50,413)</u>
	=====	=====

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
4. COSTS OF DISSEMINATING INFORMATION		
Direct costs:		
Direct costs of the Annual Scientific Meeting	114,118	284,119
Direct costs of other scientific & educational meetings	27,346	7,616
Journal publishing costs	49,530	61,504
Website costs	2,667	5,415
Printing costs	6,365	-
EFSUMB – subscription	13,391	13,010
UKAS & other subscriptions	1,580	1,841
CASE - contribution	500	500
Grants, awards and prizes	2,019	7,900
Travel costs and other Council & committee meetings expenses	7,615	23,705
Archiving of historic collection	6,930	3,346
	<u>232,061</u>	<u>408,956</u>
Secretariat & support costs (note 5)	164,159	194,694
	<u>£ 396,220</u>	<u>£ 603,650</u>
	=====	=====

Included within grants, awards and prizes are amounts paid to 3 (2007: 7) individuals.

Included within travel costs and other Council & committee meetings expenses are expenses of £1,281(2007: £6,812) reimbursed to 9 (2007: 14) of the trustees of the Society, who held office during the year.

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	Secretariat & support costs	Governance costs	Total 2008	Total 2007
5. SUPPORT & GOVERNANCE COSTS				
Staff costs (note 6)	108,720	3,362	112,082	109,414
Staff recruitment & training costs	-	-	-	2,424
Rent, rates and service charges	24,666	763	25,429	32,427
Printing, postage & stationery	8,219	254	8,473	11,732
Telephone	956	29	985	1,485
Insurance	1,575	49	1,624	1,889
Computer costs	669	21	690	5,526
Depreciation - owned assets	2,056	64	2,120	9,987
Hire and maintenance of equipment	10,111	313	10,424	6,035
Bookkeeping & management accounts	2,963	92	3,055	2,430
Auditor's remuneration:				
Audit fees	-	3,231	3,231	3,466
Accountancy services	2,390	796	3,186	5,744
Legal & professional costs	3,215	99	3,314	30
Bad debt provisions	(9,163)	-	(9,163)	11,087
Bank & credit card charges	3,389	105	3,494	2,594
Sundry expenses	4,393	136	4,529	-
	<u>164,159</u>	<u>9,314</u>	<u>£ 173,473</u>	<u>£ 206,270</u>

Included within insurance are the costs of an insurance policy amounting to £1,485 (2007: £1,552) that includes an element of professional indemnity cover for the trustees of the charity.

Included within auditors' remuneration are amounts payable to Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP in respect of audit services of £3,231 (2007: £3,466) and amounts payable to Baker Tilly Tax and Accounting Limited in respect of accountancy and advisory services of £3,186 (2007: £5,744).

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		2008	2007
6.	STAFF COSTS		
		No.	No.
	The average monthly number of persons employed by the Society during the year (excluding trustees) was:		
	Secretariat	3	3
		=====	=====
		£	£
	Staff costs for the above persons:		
	Wages and salaries	101,159	94,251
	Social security costs	10,923	10,126
	Pension costs	-	5,037
		£ 112,082	£ 109,414
		=====	=====

The trustees and directors were paid no remuneration for their services provided to the Society during the current or previous period.

		Fixtures and fittings	Office & computer equipment	TOTAL
	Cost:			
	1 July 2007	34,934	26,556	61,490
	Additions	-	2,745	2,745
	30 June 2008	34,934	29,301	64,235
	Depreciation:			
	1 July 2007	34,934	25,350	60,284
	Charge for the year	-	2,120	2,120
	30 June 2008	34,934	27,470	62,404
	Net book value:			
	30 June 2008	-	1,831	£ 1,831
		=====	=====	=====
	30 June 2007	-	1,206	£ 1,206
		=====	=====	=====

The Society is the custodian of a historical collection of artefacts and other material relating to diagnostic and therapeutic ultrasound in the United Kingdom. These inalienable and historic assets are currently held in a commercial storage facility. The collection was initially established in 1984, and includes items such as equipment, documents and photographs relating to medical ultrasonics. The collection can be made available by appointment for exhibition or research.

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		2008	2007
8.	INVESTMENTS		
	Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange in the UK at market value:		
	1 July 2007	157,059	335,336
	Additions at cost	767	339,426
	Disposal proceeds	(51,069)	(545,607)
	Realised gains	440	22,002
	Unrealised (losses)/gains	(12,515)	5,902
	30 June 2008	£ 94,682	£ 157,059
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
	Represented by investments in unit trust funds, as follows:		
	Courtiers Total Return Balanced Risk Fund	94,079	106,960
	RBS Global Treasury Fund	603	50,099
		£ 94,682	£ 157,059
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
	Historical cost of investments	£ 101,452	£ 151,157
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
9.	DEBTORS		
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade debtors	13,327	2,300
	Prepayments and accrued income	45,071	55,394
		£ 58,398	£ 57,694
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
10.	CREDITORS		
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade creditors	-	12,423
	Subscriptions in advance	66,115	47,000
	Other creditors	10,930	24,650
	Accruals	10,974	15,817
	Annual Scientific Meeting income received in advance	36,588	6,129
	Other meetings income received in advance	420	-
		£ 125,027	£ 106,019
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

	1 July 2007	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Losses on investments	30 June 2008
Unrestricted income funds:					
General Fund	£ 155,834	344,382	(406,303)	(12,075)	£ 81,838
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

Included within the general fund are net unrealised losses arising on the revaluation of investments totalling £6,770 (2007: net unrealised gains of £5,902)

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Fixed assets	Net current liabilities	Total
Unrestricted income funds:			
General Fund	96,513	(14,675)	81,838
NET ASSETS	=====	=====	£ 81,838
		2008	2007

13. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 30 June 2008, the Society had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Land and buildings:

expiring between 2 and 5 years

payable in year one	£ 17,358	£ 20,658
payable in year two	£ 17,358	£ 17,358
payable in year three	£ 17,884	£ 17,621
payable in year four	£ 18,410	£ 18,147
payable in year five	£ -	£ 9,205
	=====	=====

Plant and machinery:

expiring between 2 and 5 years

payable in year one	£ 4,007	£ 4,007
payable in year two	£ 4,007	£ 4,007
payable in year three	£ 4,007	£ 4,007
payable in year four	£ 3,006	£ 4,007
payable in year five	£ -	£ 3,006
	=====	=====

14. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Society used to make contributions into defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of certain of employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Society in independently administered funds. The amount charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in respect of pension costs (as shown in note 6) is the total contributions payable for the year.