



MINUTES OF CMGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**April 3rd, 2008
Liverpool**

1. Minutes from 2007 AGM

2. Attached
3. Apologies for non-attendance received from Graham Taylor and Sian Ellard. In Graham's absence, David Baty (Vice-chair of the CMGS) chaired the meeting.
4. David thanked Roger Mountford and all his team in Liverpool for organising the meeting and providing an excellent venue.
5. There was no Chairman's Report at present but David raised the following points for consideration:
 - a. Greater collaboration between CMGS and ACC
 - b. Maintenance of the best interests of the profession w.r.t. national initiatives
 - c. BP development in the best interests of patients and users
 - d. The adherence to national reporting times
 - e. The proposals for modernising healthcare science careers
 - f. The introduction of new sequencing technology into diagnostic service
6. The Chair's report along with reports below will be posted on the CMGS website.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Attached, along with the 2007 accounts.
- The CMGS now has 510 members.
- BACS has now been introduced for the payment of expenses
- One travel award was paid out in 2007 but there have been a number of applications received since the beginning of 2008.

8. Secretary's Report

- Attached

9. TAB Report

- Attached
- The TAB is improving communications with the CMGS and other organisations
- There are named roles for each committee member (see website)
- There are training links between TAB and ETC
- Thanks to David Cockburn and Lindsey Sutherland for the work they did in their regional trainer roles. Nicky Wolstenholme (North) and Gemma Monaghan (London) have been appointed as new regional trainers.
- Technologist training is being developed in conjunction with the ETC and a draft Training Manual will be circulated shortly.

10. Audit Report

- Attached
- Ann Curtis warned that labs not responding to UKGTN requests for information will be deregistered

11. Report on BP

- Simon Ramsden reported that BP guidelines over 4 years old are now retired but can still be obtained from him. There is now 'draft' and 'approved' status for guidelines and a protocol for producing new sets of guidelines.
- Su Stenhouse suggested an extra day be added to BP meetings for the drafting of guidelines.

12. Web Committee Report

- Attached
- David Gokhale stated that the Web committee were all volunteers and had spent a huge amount of time getting the website established. He wondered whether the CMGS would be willing to fund outside consultants when required to help with the website.

13. NEQAS Report

- Attached

14. A.O.B.

- Su Stenhouse is now scientific advisor to UKGTN & advised of improvements to their website. Any comments to Jane Deller please.
- Roger Mountford suggested that there should be a CMGS Spring Meeting subcommittee formed to help organise the annual spring conferences. This is in line with the CGS who have such a group to organise meetings.