



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **April 2007 –April 2008**

- Five travel awards were made to assist CMGS members to attend and present at foreign conferences. We have made efforts to publicise the availability of these awards more widely and there has certainly been an increased number of people applying this year. Further details and application forms are to be found on the CMGS website.
- Following the commencement of Graham Taylor's term as Chair of the CMGS, David Baty was elected as Vice-Chair.
- Rebecca Treacy has moved off the CMGS Executive Committee and we all thank her for all the support and hard-work that she has contributed during her term of office. She has been replaced on the committee by Lisa Strain.
- Geraldine Malone and John Short (junior member) have also reached the end of their terms of office on the CMGS Executive Committee and nominations for replacements will be sought very shortly. It has been disappointing that so few people are prepared to stand for Committee membership and to help represent their professional body.
- A problem that has persisted throughout the year is that of obtaining responses to requests for information from laboratories on a variety of matters. I realise that everyone is extremely busy and also that our system of communication with laboratories is not of the best. Any suggestions for improving communications and the dissemination of information would be gratefully received.

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