

Scottish Charity Number SC019723

**BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE**

**Report for the period 1 January - 30 September 2006**

**and**

**Financial statement for the year ending 30 September 2006**

**BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Trustees**

Prof G R Brightwell (London School of Economics)  
Prof P J Cameron (Queen Mary, University of London), Chairman  
Dr K J Edwards (University of Dundee), Treasurer  
Mr M Higgs (University of Glamorgan)  
Prof A J W Hilton (Queen Mary, University of London)  
Prof J W P Hirschfeld (University of Sussex)  
Prof M R Jerrum (Queen Mary, University of London)  
Dr D B Penman (University of Essex)  
Dr S Perkins (University of Glamorgan)  
Prof P Rowlinson (University of Stirling), Secretary  
Dr B S Webb (Open University)

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**Charity registration number**

SC019723

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## BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report for the period 1 January - 30 September 2006, and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2006. Previous reports, to the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organizations, have covered calendar years; for this report, the end date has been changed so that the period covered by future reports coincides with the Committee's financial year.

#### Structure, governance and management

For the purpose of charity legislation, the Trustees are precisely the members of the British Combinatorial Committee. The Committee governs in accordance with its General Policy and Rules, copies of which are available on request. The Chair and six members of the Committee are elected biennially; the Editor of the *British Combinatorial Bulletin* is an *ex officio* member, and three further members have been co-opted.

#### Objectives and activities

The British Combinatorial Committee was founded in 1977 with the general aim of encouraging the study of Combinatorial Mathematics, and with the particular purpose of organizing (every two years) a conference in Great Britain devoted to this field of research. Previously five such meetings had been organized on an informal basis. The British Combinatorial Conference has since become one of the leading international conferences in this expanding area of mathematics. The Committee's activities have widened to include support for an annual postgraduate conference, various shorter meetings and occasional prizes. The Committee also publishes the *British Combinatorial Bulletin*, which has appeared annually since 1975; the current issue, edited by Dr D B Penman at the University of Essex, is available at <http://www.essex.ac.uk/maths/BCB/>

The following is a list of the activities for which the Committee provided partial financial support as indicated.

*25 January 2006*

7th OU Winter Combinatorics Meeting

The Open University, Milton Keynes

Attendance: 35 researchers

£400

*15 March 2006*

One-Day Meeting in Combinatorics

Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford

Attendance: 65 researchers

£300

*17-18 May 2006*

Two-Day Combinatorics Colloquium

University of Reading

Attendance: 100 researchers

£2500

*21-23 June 2006*

17th Postgraduate Combinatorial Conference

University of Glamorgan

Attendance: 24 postgraduate students

£120

## **Voluntary work**

The Society's officers and Committee members undertake all their work for the Committee on a voluntary basis. They therefore receive no payment beyond reimbursement of some of their expenses.

## **Financial review**

The Committee's finances generally follow a 2-year cycle, since the British Combinatorial Conference is held in alternate (odd-numbered) years. The net surplus from the sequence of previous conferences, including royalties from invited lectures published by Cambridge University Press, provides the funds used to support secondary activities. In round figures, income for 2005-06 (with no British Combinatorial Conference) was £1878 and expenditure was £3858. This leaves a balance of £26182, the bulk of which is held in interest-bearing bank accounts. The Trustees consider that the Charity is exempt from audit.

## **Plans for future periods**

The 21st British Combinatorial Conference has been arranged for 8-13 July 2007 at the University of Reading; details may be found at the website

<http://www.personal.rdg.ac.uk/~smx05mj/bcc2007/>.

The 18th Postgraduate Combinatorial Conference is planned for St Andrews in 2006-07. Additionally, the Committee has already agreed to support meetings next year at the Open University, the University of London and at Ambleside. It is intended to hold the 2009 British Combinatorial Conference in St Andrews.

Minor changes to the Committee's General Policy and Rules will be brought before the Business Meeting at the 2007 British Combinatorial Conference. These changes are intended to reflect current practice and the published recommendations of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

## **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The Committee's General Policy and Rules require accounts to be prepared annually on 30 September. It is the responsibility of the trustees to ensure that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity, and of its surplus or deficit for the year. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance of proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Committee. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Committee and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

## **On behalf of the trustees**

(signed)

**Prof P Rowlinson**

Secretary

(date) 23 December 2006

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF  
THE BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE**

I report to the Trustees, as a body, on the financial statement for the year ended 30 September 2006 set out on page 6.

Having carried out such investigations as were necessary, I am of the opinion that (i) the financial statement has been properly prepared, (ii) accounting records adequate for the purpose of the Charity have been kept, and (iii) the financial statement is in accordance with the accounting records.

(signed)

**Dr G E Thomas**

(date) 5 December 2006

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**Income and expenditure account for the period****1 October 2005 to 30 September 2006**

	Year to 30/9/2006 £	Year to 30/9/2005 £
<b>Income</b>		
Interest	947.29	634.03
Royalties from Cambridge University Press	931.09	114.21
Unused part of grant for PCC 2004		484.44
Unused parts of grants for one-day conferences		154.87
Surplus from 20th BCC, Durham, 2005		14039.73
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>1878.38</u></b>	<b><u>15427.28</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grants for one-day conferences	882.70	1234.29
Travel expenses for one invited speaker to BCC20, Durham	67.00	
Grant for Reading 2-day conference, May 2006	2500.00	
Grant for Oxford conference on Discrete Mathematics		500.00
Postgraduate Combinatorics Conference 2005		500.00
British Combinatorial Bulletin 2005	220.00	215.45
Open University Combinatorics Prizes	100.00	200.00
Deposit for PCC 2006		120.00
Committee expenses	88.23	100.28
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>3857.93</u></b>	<b><u>2870.02</u></b>
Excess of income over expenditure/(expenditure over income)	(1979.55)	12557.26
<b>Statement of Balances as at 30 September</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	£	£
Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	1717.97	1122.29
Scottish Widows Bank Treasury Tracker Account	24464.70	27039.93
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>26182.67</u></b>	<b><u>28162.22</u></b>

The committee has no other investments, assets or material liabilities.

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The financial statement for the period 1 October 2005 to 30 September 2006 was approved by the Trustees on

(date): 16 May 2007

and is signed on their behalf by :

**Prof P J Cameron** (Chairman)

**Dr K J Edwards** (Treasurer)