

# Annual General Meeting, 11th April 2006

## Marriott Hotel, Cardiff

Chairman's report  
Dr. Adam Fraise

*(selected from the minutes of the annual general meeting)*

What an honour and privilege it was to be elected Chair of the Club and my thanks to the committee for the work they had put in to arranging this year's Scientific Meeting. Particular thanks to Peter Hooper for his part in putting The Club in a sound financial position; we now have more than £30k, held in two bank accounts. Peter will be standing down at this Conference and Tina Bradley has agreed to pick up the remit. I am confident that she would do a good job.

Gerry McDonnell is now Editor for the CSC and had dived into the role with typical enthusiasm. Contents of previous meetings have been put onto CD and distributed as the modern equivalent of the "Bulletin". The presentations have been provided as PDF formats for reference. Gerry has also completed and distributed the first Newsletter under his Editorship and has another on the way. It would help if other members of The Club would consider contributing articles.

A survey of the membership had been conducted, using a questionnaire included in the Newsletter. This mainly focussed on feedback on achievements, the future direction and relevance of the content of the Scientific Meetings. Only a small number of members had responded but those who did were happy that the meetings were of suitable calibre. The issue of incorporating a Trade Show was generally felt to run counter to the ethos of the Club and this view had been accepted by the committee.

The membership numbers were stable and a reminder to pay dues will be sent out.

Bill Pratt had resigned from the committee as the nature of his job had changed. The committee had agreed unanimously to offer Peter Hooper and Geoff Ridgway Honorary Life Membership for all the work they had done on behalf of the Club.

A total of 146 delegates had registered for this year's Annual Scientific Meeting and the Kelsey Lecturer, Dr Kajander, had provided a thought-provoking presentation to start the meeting off well.

A number of members were/had been involved in national consultation on:

- ESAC-Pr
- Microbiological Advisory Committee (MAC) manual Part III
- Health Technical Memorandums 2010 and 2030 (now to become "HTM 01")
- British Society for Gastroenterology (BSG) guidance