

Scottish Charity Number SC019723

BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE

**Report and financial statements for the year ending
30 September 2010**

BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Prof P J Cameron (Queen Mary, University of London), Chair
Dr R Chapman (University of Exeter)
Mr A Drizen (Queen Mary, University of London) until 9 July 2010
Dr K J Edwards (University of Dundee), Treasurer
Prof J van den Heuvel (London School of Economics)
Prof J W P Hirschfeld (University of Sussex)
Dr D B Penman (University of Essex)
Prof O Riordan (University of Oxford)
Prof P Rowlinson (University of Stirling), Secretary
Dr B S Webb (Open University)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2010.

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 the Constitution (available on the Committee's website, or from the Secretary on request). The Chair and six members of the Committee are elected biennially. The local organizer of the next British Combinatorial Conference and the Editor of the *British Combinatorial Bulletin* are *ex officio* members. One further member of the Committee was co-opted for the period 1 October 2009 to 9 July 2010.

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/math/BCB/>

The following is a list of the activities in 2009-10 for which the Committee agreed to provide partial financial support.

4 November 2009

One-Day Meeting on Combinatorics

University of Reading

Attendance: 35 researchers

£500

20 January 2010

9th OU Winter Combinatorics Meeting

The Open University, Milton Keynes

Attendance: 40 researchers

£450

17 March 2010

One-Day Meeting on Combinatorics

Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford

Attendance: 70 researchers (including 25 postgraduate students)

£300

19-20 May 2010

Two One-Day Colloquia in Combinatorics

Queen Mary College (19 May), London School of Economics (20 May)

Attendance: 95 researchers (including 38 research students)

£1400 (payment in year 2010-2011)

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7-9 July 2010

18th Postgraduate Combinatorial Conference
Queen Mary, University of London
Attendance: 30 postgraduate students
£300

18-25 July 2010

Workshop on Extremal and Probabilistic Combinatorics
Petersfield (Hampshire), organized by DIMAP, University of Warwick
Attendance: 32 researchers
£800

30 August - 2 September 2010

Workshop on Algebra, Combinatorics, Dynamics and Applications
Queen's University, Belfast
Attendance: 27 researchers (including 4 postgraduate students)
£500

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 underwrite future conferences and to support secondary activities. Accounts for the 2009 conference will be finalized in 2010-11. In round figures, income for 2009-10 was £1350 and expenditure was £4700. This leaves a balance of £20049, the bulk of which is held in interest-bearing bank accounts. (Note that at 30 Sept 2010 the current account included £9000 transferred in anticipation of a requirement to pay a deposit for the 2011 conference; in the event it was not needed and has since been returned to the deposit account.) The Trustees consider that the Charity is exempt from audit.

Plans for future periods

The 23rd British Combinatorial Conference has been arranged for 3-8 July 2011 at the University of Exeter; see <http://empslocal.ex.ac.uk/people/staff/rjchapma/bcc23/index.html> for details. Additionally, the Committee agreed to support Combinatorics meetings at the University of Reading in November 2010, at the Open University in February 2011, and at the University of Oxford in March 2011.

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 J Cameron
Chair

(date) 18 May 2011

(signed)

Prof P Rowlinson
Secretary

(date) 18 May 2011

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of the British Combinatorial Committee, registered charity number SC019723.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2010 which are set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 3 May 2011

Name: Dr G E Thomas

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body (if any):

(Formerly) Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society

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Receipts and Payments Account for the period

1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010

	Year to 30/9/2010 £	Year to 30/9/2009 £
Receipts		
Interest	34.57	429.67
Royalties from Cambridge University Press	1299.43	91.62
Unused parts of grants for one-day conferences (Surplus from 21st BCC, Reading, 2007)	21.64	3694.25
Total receipts	<u>1355.64</u>	<u>4215.54</u>
 Payments		
Grant for London 2-day conference (Queen Mary/LSE), May 2009	1400.00	
Grants for one-day conferences	1250.00	740.46
Workshop on Extremal and Probabilistic Combinatorics, July 2010	800.00	
QUB Workshop on Algebra, Combinatorics and Dynamics	500.00	500.00
Postgraduate Combinatorics Conferences 2009, 2010	404.55	
Expenses for committee meetings (paid to 3 committee members)	250.58	393.26
Open University Combinatorics Prizes	100.00	100.00
(Birmingham Workshop on Extremal Combinatorics, September 08)		500.00
(Deposit for 23rd BCC, Exeter, 2011)		1000.00
Total payments	<u>4705.13</u>	<u>3233.72</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3349.49)	981.82

All funds are unrestricted

Statement of Balances as at 30 September

	2010 £	2009 £
Bank accounts:		
Opening balances	23398.56	22416.74
Surplus (deficit) for year	(3349.49)	981.82
Closing balances	<u>20049.07</u>	<u>23398.56</u>
Made up of:		
Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	9894.71	2278.77
Scottish Widows Bank Charity Deposit Account (Scottish Widows Bank Treasury Tracker Account)	10154.36	21119.79
	<u>20049.07</u>	<u>23398.56</u>