

Scottish Charity Number SC019723

BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE

**Report and financial statements for the year ending
30 September 2011**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Prof P J Cameron (Queen Mary, University of London), Chair
Prof S Blackburn (Royal Holloway, University of London) from 6 July 2011
Dr R Chapman (University of Exeter) until 6 July 2011
Mr A Drizen (Queen Mary, University of London) from 6 July 2011
Dr K J Edwards (University of Dundee), Treasurer
Prof J van den Heuvel (London School of Economics)
Dr S Huczynska (University of St Andrews) from 6 July 2011
Prof J W P Hirschfeld (University of Sussex)
Dr D B Penman (University of Essex)
Prof O Riordan (University of Oxford) until 6 July 2011
Prof P Rowlinson (University of Stirling), Secretary
Dr B S Webb (Open University)

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The Secretary
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Independent examiner of accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011.

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 on 6 July 2011, to serve until the meeting of the Committee in May 2012.

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 postgraduate conferences, 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 in 2010-11 for which the Committee agreed to provide partial financial support.

3 November 2010

One-Day Meeting on Combinatorics

University of Reading

Attendance: 35 researchers

£500

2 February 2011

10th OU Winter Combinatorics Meeting

The Open University, Milton Keynes

Attendance: 40 researchers (including 12 postgraduate students)

£450

16 March 2011

One-Day Meeting on Combinatorics

Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford

Attendance: 70 researchers (including 21 postgraduate students)

£450 (payment in 2011-2012)

18-19 May 2011

Two One-Day Colloquia in Combinatorics

Queen Mary College (18 May), London School of Economics (19 May)

Attendance: 80 researchers (including 26 postgraduate students)

£1500

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4-8 July 2011
23rd British Combinatorial Conference
University of Exeter
Attendance: 157 researchers
£1000 (deposit)

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 2011 conference will be finalized in the following financial year. In round figures, income for 2010-11 was £3900 and expenditure was £9850 (including the payment of a deposit of £5500 for the next British Combinatorial Conference in 2013). This leaves a balance of £14109, 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 Committee has agreed to support Combinatorics meetings at the University of Reading in November 2011 and at the Open University in January 2012. It has been arranged for the next British Combinatorial Conference to be held at Royal Holloway, University of London, from 1 to 5 July 2013.

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 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) 16 May 2012

(signed)

Prof P Rowlinson
Secretary

(date) 16 May 2012

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 2011 which are set out on page 5.

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: 7 May 2012

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 2010 to 30 September 2011**

	Year to 30/9/2011	Year to 30/9/2010
	£	£
Receipts		
Interest	229.31	34.57
Royalties from Cambridge University Press	109.55	1299.43
Unused parts of grants for conferences	178.88	21.64
Surplus from 22nd BCC, St. Andrews, 2009	3391.65	
Total receipts	3909.39	1355.64
Payments		
Grant for London 2-day conference (Queen Mary/LSE), May 2010	1400.00	
Grant for London 2-day conference (Queen Mary/LSE), May 2011	1500.00	
Grants for one-day conferences	950.00	1250.00
Expenses for committee meetings	397.37	250.58
Open University Combinatorics Prizes	100.00	100.00
Deposit for 24th BCC, Royal Holloway, 2013	5507.00	
(Grant for London 2-day conference (Queen Mary/LSE), May 2009)		1400.00
(Postgraduate Combinatorics Conferences 2009, 2010)		404.55
(Workshop on Extremal and Probabilistic Combinatorics, July 2010)		800.00
(QUB Workshop on Algebra, Combinatorics and Dynamics)		500.00
Total payments	9854.37	4705.13
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(5944.98)	(3349.49)

All funds are unrestricted

Statement of Balances as at 30 September

	2011	2010
	£	£
Bank accounts:		
Opening balances	20049.07	23398.56
Surplus (deficit) for year	(5944.98)	(3349.49)
Closing balances	14104.09	20049.07
Made up of:		
Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	1220.42	9894.71
Scottish Widows Bank Charity Deposit Account	12883.67	10154.36
	14104.09	20049.07

Signed:

Date: 16 May 2012

Dr K J Edwards (Treasurer)