



THE ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS
of Great Britain & Ireland

A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

Company Number 1888799

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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2008

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited Financial Statements for the year to 31st March 2008.

1 Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and of the income and expenditure of the Association for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- follow applicable accounting standards;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in business;

The directors have taken all the steps required to make the auditors aware of any relevant audit information in connection with preparing their report.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UKGAAP). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors have established systems of internal control, comprising financial estimates and annual budgets, delegated authorities for operational management and segregation of duties, reviews of financial and investment performance and the identification and management of risks.

The internal controls are subject to ongoing assessment and evaluation by the directors. At least two meetings a year are held to consider financial management and performance in detail. In addition, the Honorary Treasurer reports on financial matters to each Council meeting of the Association, comprising directors and co-opted members. These meetings record the formal review and approval of all aspects of finance, internal controls and accounts.

2 Review of Activities

The principal activities of the Association were the promotion of the development and study of anaesthetics and the fostering of research into anaesthetics and allied subjects.

A full review of activities is given in the Annual Report.

3 Nature of the Company

The Association is a Company limited by Guarantee and does not have a share capital.

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4 Results

The Association made a surplus for the year amounting to £62,042 after a transfer of £200,000 to the Development Fund (2007: a surplus of £42,381 after a transfer of £100,000 to the Development Fund). The Association is prohibited by its Memorandum of Association from paying a dividend to its Members.

Total income exceeded the previous year, primarily from growth in membership subscriptions. Exhibition income associated with scientific meetings held by the Education and Research Trust increased and the net surplus forms part of the Gift Aid grant to the Trust. The Association generated a higher net income from the publication of its prestigious scientific journal "Anaesthesia", together with "Anaesthesia News", the journal for members. In addition, the Association generated significant income from services, including administration and event management for a number of specialist societies related to anaesthesia.

Common administrative expenses continue to be shared with the Education and Research Trust. In total, Membership and Administrative costs were slightly lower, principally due to membership survey cost in the previous year. The membership and events database to provide member access via the website continued to be refined and further costs of development have been capitalised.

Other expenses include representation of the Association at European and world anaesthesia conferences. In March, the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists was held in Cape Town and additional expenditure was incurred for this event.

During the year, the Association increased the level of donation by Gift Aid to the Education and Research Trust to advance its educational programme and to support the cost of its activities. For the first time, this exceeded £1 million.

The Association's investments in the stock market decreased in value during the year, reflecting the downturn the stock markets after several years of rising values. At the market prices ruling on 31st March 2008, this resulted in a significant reduction in unrealised gains. Disposals during the year realised an overall gain of £96,127, which is reported as a loss of £37,120 in the year, after deducting previously recognised gains of £133,247. Cash is held on deposit as part of reserves to meet future operating costs and grants. The Association's Investment Committee takes professional advice in the selection of ethical investments and reviews portfolio performance against investment objectives. The Association has set risk objectives, and adopted guidelines on diversification of the portfolio.

A Development Fund, re-launched in 2005 to enable the Association to fund future developments, received a further transfer of £200,000 in the year.

5 Directors

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

Dr Richard John Scriven Birks
Dr David George Bogod
Dr Valerie Elizabeth Bythell
Professor William Alastair Chambers
Dr Nicholas Malcolm Denny
Dr Leslie William Gemmell

Dr Andrew James Hartle
Dr Allan William Harrop-Griffiths
Dr Ian Gordon Johnston
Professor Chandra Mohan Kumar
Dr Sean McDevitt
Professor David John Rowbotham

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5 Directors – *continued*

Professor John Robert Sneyd
Dr Michael Yoong Kan Wee
Dr David Kenneth Whitaker

Dr Iain Henry Wilson
Dr Ranjit Verma

The following directors served until 13th September 2007:

Dr Hilary Anne Aitken
Dr John Anthony Carter
Professor Michael Harmer

Dr Jayne Sara Hunt
Dr Leslie Roderick McNicol

The following directors served from 13th September 2007:

Dr Janusz Bernard Liban
Dr Christopher Ian Sutherland Meadows

Dr Ellen Patricia O'Sullivan
Dr Steven Mark Yentis

Dr Jane Sturgess served as a director until 15th February 2008 and Dr Felicity Emma Howard served as a director from 15th February 2008.

6 Political and Charitable Contributions

During the year the Association made gross charitable contributions of £2,000 to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, £1,000 to the Royal Humane Society and £1,010,000 to the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland Education and Research Trust.

7 Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Hartley Fowler LLP as the Company's auditor will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the Board

A W Harrop-Griffiths Secretary

Dated *6th June 2008*

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS
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We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 12 of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland for the year ended 31st March 2008 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007), under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of investments) and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding director's remuneration and other transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the company's directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st March 2008 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. The Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Dated *12 June 2008*
44 Springfield Road
Horsham RH12 2PD

Hartley Fowler LLP
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2008

2007 £		<i>Note</i>	£
	Income		
1,314,692	Membership Subscriptions		1,413,200
303,706	Publication of "Anaesthesia"	2	328,008
215,468	Exhibitions	3	231,469
82,148	Investment Income	4	99,354
6,000	Sponsorship and Donations		40,311
144,081	Services and Other Income		135,045
<u>2,066,095</u>			<u>2,247,387</u>
	Expenditure		
157,481	Publication of "Anaesthesia"	2	164,245
145,080	Exhibitions	3	132,023
464,708	Membership and Administrative Expenses	5	454,749
35,355	Accommodation costs		34,410
136,104	Travel, Services and Other Expenses	6	152,798
993,500	Grant to Education and Research Trust		1,010,000
<u>1,932,228</u>			<u>1,948,225</u>
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure before disposal of investments		299,162
133,867	Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Investments		(37,120)
8,514			
<u>142,381</u>	Surplus of Income over Expenditure		<u>262,042</u>
(100,000)	Transfer to Development Fund	16	(200,000)
<u>42,381</u>	Retained Surplus for the year		<u>62,042</u>

Continuing Operations

None of the Association's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current or previous years.

Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

£		£
42,381	Surplus for the year	62,042
318,671	Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Revaluation of Investments	(410,895)
<u>361,052</u>	Total Recognised Gains and Losses since last Annual Report	<u>(348,853)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2008

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention except for fixed asset investments which are valued at market value.

All individual assets with a cost of more than £100 or forming part of a larger capital project are capitalised and included in the balance sheet at cost, including software in the course of development. Depreciation is provided at the following rates on a straight line basis:

Furnishings	10%
Office Equipment	33%

The Association operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as they become payable under the scheme.

Investments are valued at market value. The unrealised gains or losses are taken to the Revaluation Reserve.

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

The subscription year runs to 30th June and one quarter of the subscriptions received for the year are carried forward as subscriptions paid in advance. No accrual is made for outstanding subscriptions.

2 PUBLICATION OF "ANAESTHESIA"

2007			£
303,706	Income from Publication		328,008
<u>157,481</u>	Less: Expenses		<u>164,245</u>
<u>146,225</u>			<u>163,763</u>

3 EXHIBITIONS

2007			£
215,468	Income from Marketing		231,469
<u>145,080</u>	Less: Expenses		<u>132,023</u>
<u>70,388</u>			<u>99,446</u>

The surplus on exhibitions was donated by Gift Aid to the Education and Research Trust.

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4 INVESTMENT INCOME

2007		£
£		
28,430	Interest on Cash Deposits	46,855
15,297	Fixed Interest Securities	16,563
38,421	Other Investments	35,936
<u>82,148</u>		<u>99,354</u>

5 MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

2007		£
£	<i>Gross Costs</i>	
223,259	Salaries and Other Staff Costs	221,543
79,371	Printing and Office Expenses	60,290
126,495	Travelling Expenses	119,672
49,143	Public and Membership Communication	13,040
40,946	Computer Services	42,620
9,255	Insurance	9,848
49,086	Depreciation of Office Equipment	53,301
<u>577,555</u>		<u>520,314</u>
	Recovered from Education and Research Trust	
45,000	Special Activities	45,000
257,278	Administrative Expenses (50%)	228,657
<u>302,278</u>		<u>273,657</u>
275,277	Retained by the Association	246,657
<u>18,000</u>	Special Activities	<u>18,000</u>
257,277	Administrative Expenses (50%)	228,657
34,661	Publications	30,379
9,582	Standing Committee expenses	16,542
38,600	Meetings - sundry expenses	50,348
52,998	Personal Accident Insurance for members	51,513
14,703	Linkman Conference	12,906
31,124	Legal and Professional Charges	25,270
21,548	Other Governance Costs	34,859
4,215	Audit Fee	4,275
<u>464,708</u>		<u>454,749</u>

Administrative costs for common services are shared with the Association of Anaesthetists Education and Research Trust. The remaining costs related to membership and administration have been directly attributed, such as printing publications and governance.

Standing Committees generated income which offset their costs.

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6 TRAVEL, SERVICES AND OTHER EXPENSES

2007		£
39,336	Travelling Abroad	57,063
4,959	Subscription – WFSA	6,300
2,123	Subscription – CENSA/ESA	2,439
52,059	Specialist Society Support	41,103
8,666	Investment Management Fees	13,348
25,461	Rechargeable and Miscellaneous Expenses	29,545
2,500	Donation - Royal Medical Benevolent Fund	2,000
1,000	Donation - Royal Humane Society	1,000
<u>136,104</u>		<u>152,798</u>

7 EMPLOYEE COSTS

The average number of people employed by the Association during the year was seven, including Specialist Societies support (2007: 7). The payroll costs comprised:

The Association operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are made for eligible staff and assets are held in independently administered funds.

8 TAXATION

There is no liability to Corporation Tax arising on the surplus for the year ended 31st March 2008 (2007: Nil). Provision for deferred tax is not required.

9 FURNISHINGS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

2007		Furniture & Furnishings	Office Equipment	Total £
475,484	Cost at beginning of year	86,269	421,342	507,611
(4,327)	Disposals this year at cost	-	(9,133)	(9,133)
25,017	Additions this year at cost	7,424	17,718	25,142
11,437	Development costs	-	1,687	1,687
<u>507,611</u>	Cost at end of year	<u>93,693</u>	<u>431,614</u>	<u>525,307</u>
	Depreciation			
379,118	Provided at beginning of year	60,259	368,145	428,404
(4,327)	Disposals this year	-	(9,133)	(9,133)
53,613	Charge for the year	5,269	53,301	58,570
<u>428,404</u>	Provision at end of year	<u>65,528</u>	<u>412,313</u>	<u>477,841</u>
<u>79,207</u>	Net Book Value at end of year	<u>28,165</u>	<u>19,301</u>	<u>47,466</u>

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Costs incurred in developing the Association's database have been capitalised and depreciation has been charged.

10 INVESTMENTS

2007		£
£		
1,991,338	Market value at beginning of year	2,067,820
325,958	Additions - at cost	763,984
(277,499)	Disposals	(458,797)
<u>28,023</u>	Net unrealised gains or losses on revaluation	<u>(410,895)</u>
<u>2,067,820</u>	Market value at end of year	<u>1,962,112</u>
	<i>Analysis of investments - at cost</i>	
1,456,584	Investment and Unit Trusts - UK listed	1,270,365
<u>60,122</u>	Shares - UK Listed	<u>551,528</u>
<u>1,516,706</u>		<u>1,821,893</u>

11 STOCK

2007		£
£		
-	Medals	7,710
<u>4,735</u>	Souvenirs for sale	<u>4,606</u>
<u>4,735</u>		<u>12,316</u>

12 DEBTORS

2007		£
£		
61,140	Trade Debtors	209,279
100,587	Education and Research Trust Current Account	210,420
25,234	Other Debtors	31,967
<u>27,589</u>	Prepayments	<u>26,666</u>
<u>214,550</u>		<u>478,332</u>

13 LOAN TO THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH TRUST

The loan to the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland Education and Research Trust is unsecured and repayable on demand.

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14 CREDITORS

2007 £	<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>	£
29,641	Trade Creditors	31,700
93,232	Other Creditors and Accruals	131,315
19,385	Receipts in Advance	93,501
-	Grant for future publications	55,000
<u>19,972</u>	Taxes and Social Security Costs	<u>46,175</u>
<u>162,230</u>		<u>357,691</u>

15 REVALUATION RESERVE

2007 £		£
523,091	At beginning of year	551,114
<u>28,023</u>	Movement during the year	<u>(410,895)</u>
<u>551,114</u>	At end of year	<u>140,219</u>

The revaluation reserve arises on the valuation of investments at market value.

16 DEVELOPMENT FUND

2007 £		£
200,000	At beginning of year	300,000
<u>100,000</u>	Transfer from Income and Expenditure	<u>200,000</u>
<u>300,000</u>	At end of year	<u>500,000</u>

The Development Fund is a designated fund established to promote the future development of the specialty of anaesthesia.

17 GENERAL FUND

2007 £		£
2,353,516	At beginning of year	2,522,158
42,381	Surplus for the year	62,042
<u>126,261</u>	Transfer of realised gains	<u>133,247</u>
<u>2,522,158</u>	At end of year	<u>2,717,447</u>

The Association is prohibited by its Memorandum of Association from paying a dividend to its Members. The company is controlled by its members and managed by a Council elected by the members.

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18 FUTURE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

There were no amounts contracted but not provided for in the Accounts.