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OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

A YEAR IN REVIEW

2010 - 2011



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Here are just some of the highlights from a very successful year at the AAGBI.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

As a professional body, our members are at the heart of our work to protect, advance and represent the profession. Our membership grows by 45 new joiners a month.

In early 2010 the AAGBI went through an organisational restructure and in the past year, three new specialist staff have been introduced. We also welcomed new General Manager, Karin Pappenheim, who has brought extensive management experience from the charitable sector.

At the Annual Members Meeting in Harrogate in September 2010, Dr Abhiram Mallick, Dr Samantha Shinde and Dr Sean Tighe took up their positions on the AAGBI Council. Dr Iain Wilson began his two year presidency. The GAT Committee also welcomed two new members, Dr Kate O'Connor and Dr Richard Paul.



"I joined the AAGBI to keep up to date with current activities and publications involving anaesthesia in the UK"

Dr Sarah Freeman, joined AAGBI March 2011

Specialist Societies

The AAGBI supports 20 specialist societies and has helped to facilitate 40 of their events. The specialist society department goes from strength to strength and delivers a professional service across all aspects of administration. We are entirely flexible, providing as much or as little support as needed.

21 Portland Place

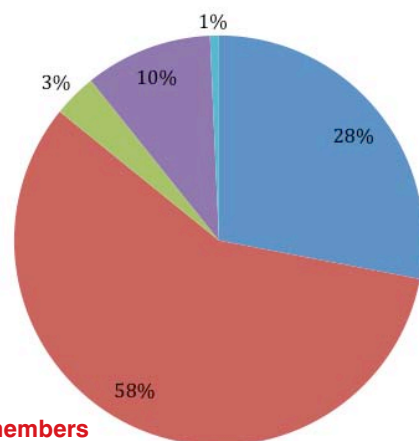
21 Portland Place is the London home of the AAGBI. We held 284 meetings for external clients with NHS Blood & Transplant being our most regular, holding 65 meetings.

In an average month the reception at 21 Portland Place receives 466 queries

Membership Categories

Snapshot of March 2011

■ Trainees ■ Ordinary ■ Overseas ■ Retired ■ Honorary



Total members
10,405



GETTING GREENER

In the past year the AAGBI has recycled 3.6 tonnes of paper. That equates to 49 trees saved!

SAFER ANAESTHESIA

The AAGBI provides innovation, leadership and guidance to make anaesthesia safer for everyone. Over the past year the AAGBI safety and standards committees have worked with industry and government departments to advise and act on safety matters that affect anaesthetists and their patients.



Never Events

In January 2011 the AAGBI made submissions to the consultation on the Department of Health's Never Events policy which resulted in changes to the final policy.

Working Party Report on Needlestick Injuries

In February 2011 AAGBI President, Dr Iain Wilson contacted the GMC to request clarification on the issue of patient testing for blood borne viruses in the event of a staff member receiving a needlestick injury. The view of the AAGBI Needlestick Working Party and its report is that healthcare workers should receive the best possible care in the case of an occupational injury, a major step to achieving a resolution on the current legal position of needlestick injuries.

GMC Consultation on Fitness to Practice procedures

The GMC has proposed major changes to the way it handles cases involving concerns about doctors. The aim is to deliver a quicker system while still maintaining fairness to doctors and patients. The AAGBI made representations that any new system should be fair to patients and doctors and that decisions should be objective, transparent and not subject to political or media pressure.

Safer Neuraxial Connectors

Throughout 2010 the AAGBI, RCoA, OAA, Regional Anaesthesia UK and the RCoA Patient Liaison Group have been working with the NPSA towards facilitating the introduction of new connectors into the NHS. This work continues and the Councils have recently produced a risk assessment to look at the concerns and considerations in more detail.

Non-invasive blood pressure

AAGBI made an addendum to guidance on monitoring during anaesthesia to recommend that any monitor providing continuous values should only display a static non-invasive blood pressure for a maximum of five minutes.

SUPPORTING ANAESTHESIA OVERSEAS

The Overseas Anaesthesia Fund (OAF) has been running since 2006 to enable individuals and organisations to donate directly to AAGBI programmes that support training and promote safer anaesthesia in developing countries.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our donors including all our regular givers, the World Anaesthesia Society, the Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association, the Difficult Airway Society and all those who have given one off gifts.

The International Relations Committee (IRC) offers travel grants to members who are seeking funding to work, or to deliver educational training courses or conferences, in low- and middle-income countries. In January 2011 Dr Rachel Stoeter, a ST5 trainee, was awarded funding to work in a cleft lip and palate camp in Nagpur, India.

"Taking part in this trip has been a fantastic and hugely rewarding experience. My sincere thanks and gratitude go to the AAGBI for their donation towards the camp." Dr Rachel Stoeter



With your help we have raised a total of £60,755 this year, allowing us to:

- Distribute over 2,000 up-to-date anaesthesia textbooks in 14 different countries. We have distributed up to 15,000 books in 25 countries over the life of the project
- Run training workshops for anaesthetic clinical officers (ACO) in Liberia and Uganda
- Donate anaesthetic monitoring equipment to Mercy Flyers
- Provide £21,000 to support 14 trainee anaesthetists in Uganda
- Donate 100 pulse oximeters.



Dr Rachel Stoeter

A WEALTH OF RESOURCE

Anaesthesia

The official journal of the AAGBI is free to all members to access through the AAGBI website and in paper copy.

Impact Factor	3.008 ranking it 7/26 titles in the Anesthesiology category of Thomson Reuters 2010 JCRs
Downloads	Over 500,000 full-text downloads in 2010, a rise of 23% from the previous year
Environment	Changes in printing and distribution processes have reduced <i>Anaesthesia's</i> carbon footprint by 91%, from 219 tonnes per annum to 19 tonnes per annum!

Anaesthesia is also pleased to introduce its new International Advisory Panel: George Djaiani (Canada), Nicolai Foss (Denmark) and Mike Irwin (Hong Kong)



Anaesthesia News

Anaesthesia News is now being designed in-house, saving over £10,000 a year in external agency fees. It is also now printed in the UK significantly reducing the AAGBI's carbon footprint



New Guidelines

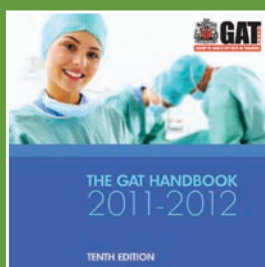
Guidelines are consensus statements from the AAGBI Working Parties that cover a wide range of clinical and non-clinical issues and are free to download from the AAGBI website. In the last year we have produced eight Guidelines including:

- Blood Transfusion and the Anaesthetist: Management of Massive Haemorrhage
- Working Arrangements for UK Consultant Anaesthetists
- Drugs and Alcohol Abuse amongst Anaesthetists

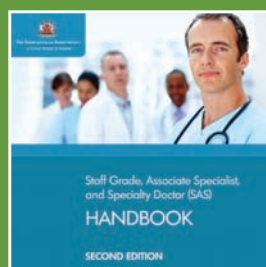
Six active working parties are working on further publications

Handbooks

In 2010 work was going on behind the scenes on two important handbooks:



The tenth edition of the GAT Handbook. This summer the handbook was mailed to over 2900 trainees (that's 28% of our total membership) and is the most comprehensive and informative edition to date.



The second edition of the new Staff Grade, Associate Specialist and Specialty Doctor (SAS) Handbook. This new edition updates SAS doctors on the new developments in the NHS including the new SAS contract.

AAGBI online

We strive to provide quick, convenient and effective communication and to reduce our carbon footprint by doing more online. In the past year we launched various web based initiatives as first steps to making this happen including:

- The fortnightly e-Newsletter @aagbi allowing us to communicate with members more rapidly and at a low-cost.
- The new look website (www.aagbi.org) with updated design, added features and functionality including a new members' area, weekly web-based tutorial Anaesthesia Tutorial of the Week and new updated Safety and International sections.

MORE TO FOLLOW ONLINE SOON

- Our Video Platform to enable members to watch lectures and view PowerPoint presentations from recent seminars and main meetings.
- Our new *Anaesthesia Cases* website. Registered users will be able to submit and search anaesthesia related case studies
- Smartphone Applications



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EDUCATE AND INFORM

The AAGBI has a long track record in educating anaesthetists in the UK and continues to develop new resources for its members.

Events

In the past year the AAGBI has run 88 diverse events from one-day seminars to three day conferences. Members of the AAGBI receive attractive discounts on all our conferences and in 2010-2011 4600 delegates attended our educational events.

Events and delegate attendance in 2010-2011

Event type	Number of events held	Delegate numbers
Seminars	69	1756
Core Topics	10	889
Conferences	4	1557
One day meetings	5	398

Our major conferences continue to be a success. In September 2010, 560 delegates and over 49 exhibiting organisations attended Annual Congress in Harrogate. Eminent speakers included Professor Hugh Hemmings from Cornell, New York and Dr Brian Sites from Dartmouth Medical School and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, New Hampshire.

WSM London (Winter Scientific Meeting) in January 2011 saw overall delegate attendance of 618, up by 3.7% from 2010. Topics included the effect of anaesthesia on cancer outcomes by Professor Donal Buggy from Dublin and a practical description of techniques to improve communication with our patients by Dr Alan Cyna from Adelaide.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In the last year the AAGBI have delivered 44,420 hours of CPD



“Very worthwhile, well organised, presented and stimulating!”

Dr J Klein, delegate at Military Anaesthesia 22 Feb 2011

In an average month the AAGBI events team takes 753 queries over the phone

Heritage Centre

The AAGBI recognises the importance of recording the experiences of those who have made significant contributions to the specialty. In 2010, the Anaesthesia Heritage Centre began a new oral history project with several interviews being recorded including Dr Archie Brain and the now late Dr Michael Tunstall. Watch out for our Misuse of Anaesthesia exhibition starting this October.

PROMOTING RESEARCH

The AAGBI Foundation is one of the UK's largest single grant providers for anaesthetic research.

In the past year we allocated £200,000 for research funding through the National Institute for Academic Anaesthesia (NIAA).

In 2010, Dr I Moppett, Associate Professor/Honorary Consultant of the Division of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, University of Nottingham was a successful applicant of the Anaesthesia Departmental Grant and was awarded £17,371. The funding was used for a pilot study into the effect of intravenous iron on postoperative transfusion requirements in hip fracture patients.



IMPLEMENTING CHANGE

Looking after the professional aspects of the specialty and the welfare of our members has always been important to us.

OFT investigation into private healthcare market

In December 2010 the AAGBI referred Bupa and AXA PPP, the UK's two largest Private Medical Insurers to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). The AAGBI asserted that the PMIs were abusing their dominant market share. The evidence was submitted to the OFT in 2011. We await the outcome of the investigation



"The AAGBI will work with the BMA, FIPO and the OFT to try to make sure that both patients and their consultants are treated fairly."

President Elect, Dr William Harrop-Griffiths

House of Commons Select Committee report into revalidation

AAGBI submitted evidence to the House of Commons Health Select Inquiry into revalidation in January 2011. Key concerns raised were multi-source feedback, the role of the medical royal colleges, the role of responsible officers and measures for remediation.

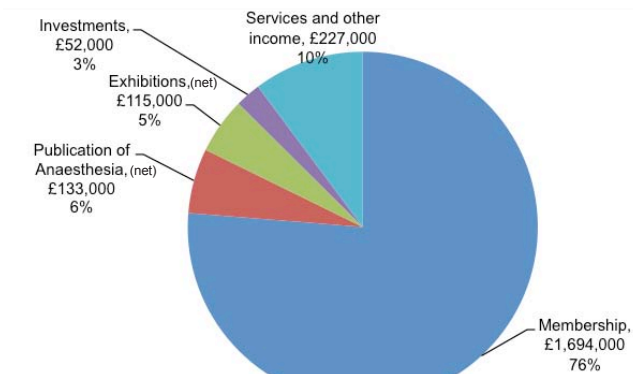
Clinical Excellence and Distinction Award schemes review by the DDRB

In November 2010 the AAGBI submitted a paper in response to the Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration Body (DDRB) review of compensation levels, incentives and the Clinical Excellence and Distinction Award schemes. The AAGBI proposed any changes must ensure work done by doctors over and above their contracted hours is recognised and remunerated equitably. In July 2011 the DDRB submitted its report to Ministers and we are now waiting for the results to be published.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our members for your continued support!

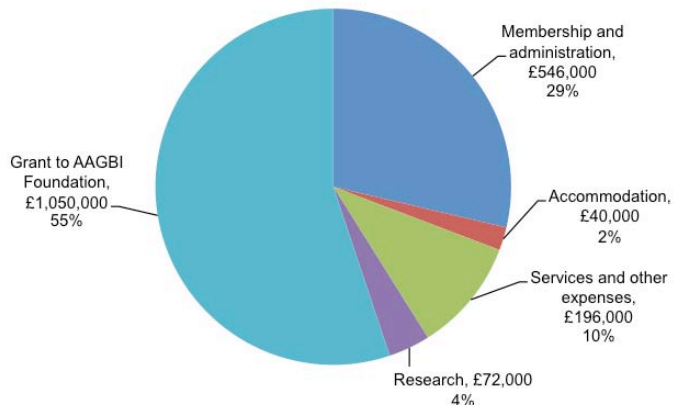
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AAGBI - Where our income came from



Total AAGBI income for 2010-2011 - £2,221,000

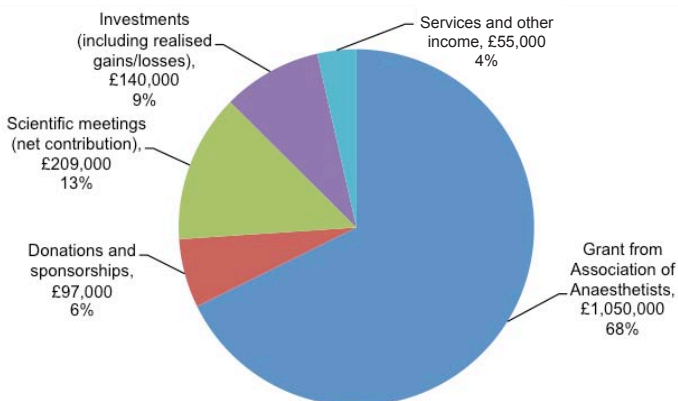
AAGBI - How we used our income



Total AAGBI expenditure for 2010-2011 - £1,904,000

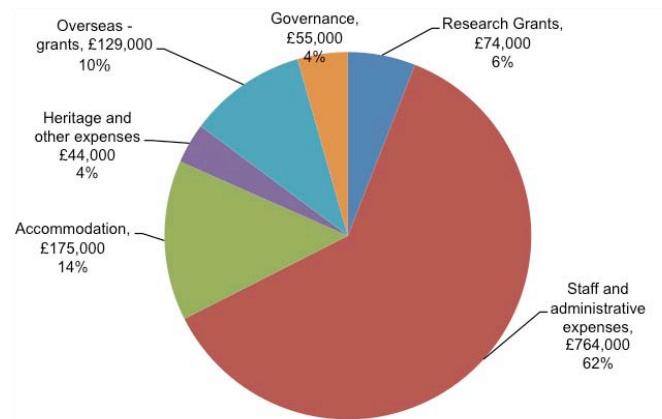
AAGBI Foundation - Summary of financial statement - Finance Overview

AAGBI Foundation - Where our income came from



Total AAGBI Foundation income for 2010-2011 - £1,551,000

AAGBI Foundation - How we used our income



Total AAGBI Foundation Expenditure for 2010-2011 - £1,241,000