The British Microcirculation & Vascular Biology Society

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Registered Charity Number 243589

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Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. They are satisfied that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

The British Microcirculation & Vascular Biology Society (formerly British Microcirculation Society) was created by a constitution adopted on 3 February 1965. It was registered with the Charity Commission (Registration No. 243589) on 22 July 1965.

Trustees

The Trustees who acted during the year were as follows:

Dr Andrew Benest
Dr Dean Kavanagh (Honorary Treasurer)
Prof. Lopa Leach

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's constitution.

The principal office of the charity is:

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Objectives and Activities

The Society's objectives are to advance the study of the circulation of the blood and other tissue fluids especially, but not exclusively, in the small vessels, and of matters relating thereto.

The Society was founded in July 1963 "to advance the study of circulation of the blood and other tissue fluids especially, though not exclusively, in the small vessels and of matters relating thereto". The membership is drawn largely from the medical sciences - anatomy, biophysics, pathology, pharmacology, physiology and clinical medicine and surgery - but the pharmaceutical industry and the veterinary and physical sciences and mathematics are also represented.

The Society maintains close links with other national societies in Europe and with the European Society for Microcirculation and acted as hosts and organisers of the 4th, 7th, 17th and 22nd Conferences of the European Society in Cambridge (1966), in Aberdeen (1972), in London (1992) and in Exeter (2002) and the Third World Congress for Microcirculation in Oxford in 1984. The Society is also active internationally, and hosted a Joint Meeting between the German Society for Microcirculation and Vascular Biology and the British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society in July 2022 at the Kaiserin-Friedrich-Foundation in Berlin (Mitte), Germany. The society's most recent domestic meeting to which this report pertains was the 75th meeting, held at the University of Surrey, Guildford, on 3rd-4th July 2025. The 76th meeting took place in April 2026 in Birmingham, and the 77th meeting is scheduled for 2027 in Nottingham.

Objectives and Activities (continued)

We have continued to provide the following student assistance schemes.

1. *Student Assistance Scheme (SAS)*
The purpose of the grant is to cover the direct costs of eligible student members attending a BMS Scientific Meeting (namely travel by the cheapest route, standard accommodation and registration), and to allow the student to attend the Society's dinner in order to promote integration into our scientific community. The total sum set aside for this purpose will be a minimum of 250GBP per annum or some larger sum depending on current circumstances. If there are several applicants and the total sum applied for exceeds the sum allocated by the Treasurer, grants will be awarded on the basis of competition.

2. *Terence Ryan European/International Microcirculation Conference Grant*
The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance for up to two eligible student members to attend the relevant International Microcirculation Conferences in the years when these are held, and to assist one student member to attend a national microcirculation society meeting abroad (e.g. American Microcirculatory Society) on the alternate years. The initial grant is set at 500GBP per student, subject to revision according to the Society's current financial circumstances.

3. *Laboratory Visit Grant*
The purpose of the grant is to provide a sum to assist an eligible student member to visit a laboratory in this country or abroad for the purpose of learning new techniques or other worthwhile scientific purposes related to microvascular research. The initial grant is set at a maximum of 600GBP per annum, subject to revision according to inflation and the Society's financial circumstances. A maximum of two grants are awarded per annum with a deadline of January 31st or June 30th. The eligibility of these grants has been extended to encompass junior postdoctoral workers (defined as postdoctoral workers within the first two years of their first postdoctoral position). In the event of contending applications from postdoctoral workers and postgraduates, postgraduate applications will receive priority. No applications were made to this scheme in this period.

4. *Early Career Investigator Award*
This award is open to postdoctoral researchers and PhD students. The award consists of the opportunity to chair and run the BMS Early Career Investigator Symposium (ECIS) at a World Congress for Microcirculation or a European Conference on Microcirculation. The Society has agreed to sponsor symposia at the World and European Conferences on Microcirculation hosted by an early career investigator. Application for the award will take place at the same time as abstract submission for a BMS meeting (with sufficient lead time before the conference).

Objectives and Activities (continued)

It will provide the successful applicant with the opportunity to host a symposium of his/her choosing (approved by the committee) at the following WCM or ECM. The successful awardee will select speakers for the symposium in the first instance from abstracts and presentations at the Spring Meeting of the Society. It is expected that the awardee will be one of the speakers. In the event that sufficient quality abstracts within the appropriate area of research are not available, the awardee may, in consultation with the President and Editor of Proceedings, invite early career investigator speakers from outside the abstract submission, but from within the Society membership. The Society will pay the costs of the symposium (within reason), which will be chaired by the awardee and co-chaired by one of the committee (the President if possible).

5. *BMS Summer Studentship*
This award was new for 2018 and is open to any PI who has been a society member for longer than 12 months, with priority given to more junior members. Initially at least one summer studentship will be offered each year from 2018-19, with the option to extend the award should it prove successful and funds are available. The awards consist of a weekly bursary to the student and some consumables funding for the PI to a total of £2,500. The award is advertised round the whole society and awarded in spring each year ready for the student to have eight weeks lab experience over the summer. This valuable award provides the successful applicant with evidence of gaining grant funding and research supervision to assist their future careers. Due to budgetary constraints, this award scheme has been suspended since early 2024 and remained suspended during 2025.

Other Matters

In 2025, the Society held its 75th Annual Meeting at the University of Surrey, Guildford, on 3rd-4th July. The meeting was hosted by Dr Paola Campagnolo, run in collaboration with the London Vascular Biology Forum, and attended by approximately 130 delegates and 13 exhibitors. The two-day programme comprised seven scientific sessions spanning large vessel diseases, organ-specific vascular biology, the microvasculature in communicable and non-communicable diseases, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, and endothelial mechanisms in disease. Each session was co-chaired by an established and an early-career researcher and opened with an invited talk, followed by short talks selected from submitted abstracts (22 in total). A highlight was a panel discussion with funders, publishers and research organisations on applying the 3Rs (replacement, reduction and refinement of animal use) in research. Early-career researchers also attended an informal event with the invited speakers on building resilience in scientific careers. Delegate feedback was very positive, with the scientific programme rated 9.0 out of 10.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. To this end the Society holds a scientific meeting and AGM each year, usually in the spring. Additionally, it contributes symposia to International and European Microcirculation Congresses which are held in the summer biennially.

The Society also works to advance the careers of researchers in microcirculation by providing grants for attendance at meetings and visits to laboratories for the purpose of developing new techniques.

Achievements and Performance

In the 2025 period, the British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society (BMVBS) has seen a continued increase in membership, reflecting the growing interest and significance of microcirculation and vascular biology research. This expanding membership base spans a diverse range of countries and institutions, underscoring the society's international reach and interdisciplinary appeal.
The society's efforts to attract members at all career stages (from students and early-career researchers to established scientists) have been particularly successful, bolstered by targeted initiatives such as the BMVBS Summer Studentship and grants for professional development. During 2025, the Society supported early-career members through the Student Assistance Scheme, the Terence Ryan Travel Grant, which enabled a doctoral student to present at an international conference in the USA, and a Laboratory Visit Grant supporting a collaboration between two UK universities. By fostering a global community of researchers and practitioners, BMVBS strengthens collaborative networks and enhances knowledge exchange, solidifying its role as a central hub for advancing vascular biology and microcirculatory science. Whilst our Summer Studentship has been suspended due to financial constraints, we are reintroducing our ECR seminar series, which has been productive in increasing ECR membership of the society.

This growth in membership not only expands the society’s influence but also enriches its events, discussions, and research initiatives with perspectives from various academic and clinical backgrounds worldwide.

Reserves

The target level of the Charity’s reserve funds is £20,000, agreed by the Society’s Committee. The Trustees have been taking steps to reduce the current level of reserves to get closer to the target. Our current financial position is now, essentially, at this target. However, we must be prudent to ensure that we do not over-reach and draw our balance down too far.

Financial Review

During the financial period the Society’s receipts totalled £26,708 (2024: £9,058) and its expenditure was £9,465 (2024: £8,651).



Dr J El-Awaisi
On behalf of the Trustees 29/10/2026

The British Microcirculation & Vascular Biology Society
Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ended 31 December 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Microcirculation & Vascular Biology Society for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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30 October 2026

The British Microcirculation & Vascular Biology Society
Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Meeting Profit	**6,426**	1,550
Members' subscriptions	**9,251**	8,188
Members' subscriptions (refunds and unpaid DDS)	**(980)**	(680)
Conference Receipts	**12,011**	-
Total receipts	**26,708**	9,058
Payments		
Charitable activities		
Awards - Student grants (SAS)	**2,757**	2,455
ESM subscription	**2,187**	2,170
Society of Biology	**340**	340
Microcirculation Access Fees (final)	**-**	-
Website / promotional	**-**	844
Bank charges	**212**	184
Sponsorship of IVBM 2024	**-**	1,725
Conference Payments	**2,169**	-
	7,665	7,718
Governance costs		
Accountancy	**660**	618
Committee meeting expenses	**1,140**	315
	1,800	933
Total payments	**9,465**	8,651
Surplus of receipts over payments	**17,243**	407
Bank balance brought forward	**17,615**	17,208
Bank balances at 31 December 2025	**34,858**	17,615

Trustees' expenses of £1,140 (2024: £315) in respect to administrative expenses were paid or reimbursed to a Trustee and are included in Governance costs above.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets		
Bank balances	**34,858**	**17,615**
Current liabilities		
Accountants' fees	**(1,140)**	**(660)**
	33,718	16,955

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Dr J El-Awaisi Trustee