Phytochemical Society of Europe

Annual report 2025-26

Charity number: 264348

Structure

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Objectives of the Charity

The Phytochemical Society of Europe (PSE) was founded in 1957. It aims to promote natural products research by supporting the organization of several international meetings a year. The Society's main interests are related to plant chemistry and biochemistry, metabolomics approaches, genetics, functional genomics, and biotechnology, which include natural products discovery, isolation, and synthesis; natural products metabolism; microbial endophytes; health and diseases of humans, animals, and plants; sustainability in ecosystems; formulations; cosmetics; and food supplements.

Names of Trustees

Prof. Krystyna Skalicka-Wozniak, Prof. Maria Jose Umbelino Ferreira, Dr. Evelyn Wolfram, Prof. Celine Riviere, Dr. Simon Vlad Luca, Prof. Randolph Arroo, Prof. Simon Gibbons, Prof. Miroslav Strnad.

Activities 16 Jan 2025- 15 Jan 2026

International conferences

PSE Trends in Natural Products Young Scientists' Meeting took place in ***Wroclaw (Poland)*** on **June 2-6, 2025**. The meeting was organized by Adam Matkowski from the Medical University of Wroclaw. More than 150 scientists from a wide range of disciplines within natural products, encompassing various topics, participated. The meeting began with a pre-conference workshop day, which included an ESCOP workshop and a workshop on chocolate factory production and R&D. During the conference, PSE offered the Dra Mariola Macias Award 2025, eight travel bursaries, the Jeffrey Harborne Award for the best oral presentation, and two Phytochemistry Reviews Awards for best poster presentations.

PSE Meeting Phytochemicals as Drugs, Foodstuffs, and Biocommunicators took place in ***Funchal, Madeira (Portugal)*** on **October 22-24, 2025**. The meeting was organized by Paula Castilho from the University of Madeira. Madeira is a small island, home to a 20-million-year-old subtropical forest, the largest surviving area of the laurel forest that once covered the Mediterranean coasts, classified as a UNESCO natural world heritage site. The meeting brought together over 130 expert scientists, young researchers, and students working on exciting discoveries in all aspects of the natural products world. The meeting included a special talk (T. Efferth), 4 keynote lectures, 10 plenary lectures, 30 oral presentations, and 97 posters. PSE offered 7 travel bursaries, while PSE journals (Phytochemistry Reviews, Phytochemistry Letters, and Phytochemistry) offered two awards each for best poster and/or oral presentations.

In addition, PSE supported a series of important meetings in the field of natural products in 2025:

The ***6th International Conference on Natural Products Utilization: from Plants to Pharmacy Shelf (6-ICNPU)*** took place in ***Bansko (Bulgaria)*** on ***May 27-30, 2025.*** The 6-ICNPU featured one workshop organized by Skalicka-Wozniak (Incoming PSE President) and Simon Vlad Luca (PSE Secretary), 1 keynote lecture, 2 plenary lectures, 11 invited lectures, 51 short lectures, and two poster sessions. PSE offered 2 awards for best poster presentations.

The ***3rd European Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food (3-EuSPMF)*** took place in ***Belgrade (Serbia)*** on ***July 1–4, 2025***. The program included 1 keynote lecture, 10 plenary lectures, 30 invited lectures, over 40 short lectures and PhD lectures, and poster sessions. PSE, represented by Francisco A. Macias (Outgoing PSE President) offered two best poster presentation awards.

The ***9th International Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food (9-ISPMF)*** took place in ***Yinchuan (China)*** on ***August 1–5, 2025***. 9-ISPMF was co-organized by the International Association of Dietetic Nutrition and Safety (IADNS), the Phytochemical Society of Europe (PSE), and the Phytochemical Society of Asia (PSA). The program included 8 plenary lectures, 30 invited lectures, 37 oral presentations, and numerous poster presentations.

The ***3rd Natural Cosmetics International Meeting (3-NCIM)*** was held at the Center for International Education in ***Kielnarowa/Rzeszów (Poland)*** on ***September 17-19, 2025***. Following the success of previous editions of NCIM in 2021 and 2023, NCIM connected more than 170 representatives from the scientific community and the cosmetics industry. There was one 1 opening lecture (Prof. Gunther Bonn), followed by 4 plenary lectures, 17 short lectures, and over 90 posters. PSE provided the 2 best poster presentations for young scientists.

PSE webinars

The ***Webinar "Computational AI Tools in Natural Products"*** took place on ***March 11, 2025,*** at **16:00 CET**. The webinar had two outstanding speakers, **Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr**. **Judith M. Rollinger** ("*The Impact of AI in natural product discovery"*) and Mag. **Dr. Andreas Wasilewicz** ("*Discovery of bioactives in the digital era: Application of biochemometrics and molecular networking"*) from the Division of Pharmacognosy, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria. The webinar, held on Zoom, was attended by an online audience of approximately 250 participants, who engaged in a lively discussion with the speakers, posing very interesting questions and comments.

A *Joint Webinar PSE and Natural Products Research Network for East and Central Africa (NAPRECA) "New chromatographic techniques for the isolation and separation of natural products"* took place on ***March 25, 2025, at* 16:00 CET**. From NAPRECA, **Prof. Dr. Sami A. Khalid** ("*Drug discovery of bioactive molecules against neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) with special reference to Africa"*) and **Mrs. Shereen Omer Elfarouk Abd Algaffar** ("*A novel strategy utilizing wide-spectrum antimycetomal activity: Pimpinella anisum as a promising in vitro and in vivo hit among all essential oils tested"*) from the University of Science & Technology (Sudan) offered outstanding talks. In addition, **Prof. Dr. Jean-Hugues Renault** ("*CPC for the purification of vinca alkaloids: from proof of concept to industrial scale*") from the University of Reims, France and **Mr. Lukasz Kulinowski** ("*Practical insights into liquid-liquid chromatography: A guide for natural product separation*") from the Medical University of Lublin, Poland provided two interesting lectures in the field of centrifugal partition chromatography (CPC). The Zoom webinar attracted an online audience of around 180 participants, some of whom actively engaged with the speakers through insightful questions and comments.The webinar opened the possibility of scientific exchange between researchers in Africa and Europe, which is a good start for new international collaborations.

PSE Webinar ***"Dereplicative and Metabolomic Approaches Applied to Natural Products"*** took place on ***May 13, 2025 at*** **16:00 CET**. The webinar had two outstanding speakers, **Assoc. Prof. Maria Halabalki** ("*Metabolomics in Natural Product Research: Where Are We Headed?"*) from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece) and **Dr. Francesca Guzzo** ("*Looking into the deep of the dereplication of saponins from Agave bracteosa"*) from the University of Cadiz, (Spain). The Zoom webinar attracted an online audience of around 120 participants.

A PSE Webinar **"*Cosmetic Applications of Phytochemicals*"** took place on ***December 16th at*** **16:00 CET**. The webinar had as speakers **Prof. Ilkay Orhan Erdogan** ("*Phytocosmeceuticals: Enhancing Nature's Efficacy with Nano-Inovation for Dermatological Care*") and **Dr. Pierre-Eric Campos** (*"Phytochemical Exploration of Locally Cultivated Plants as Sustainable Sources of Cosmetic Ingredients*").

Achievements and performance

The PSE has continued to be at the forefront of providing a mechanism by which the chemistry of plants may be discussed academically and, as such, has provided pubic benefit by ensuring that this important natural resource continues to be investigated for potential benefit to humanity.

Financial review

The charity remains in good financial health and has no debts. No funds are held with a custodian trustee.

The treasurer declares that the financial report has been checked by an independent auditor.

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Prof. Lutfun Nahar
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer
Date	10 Nov 2026

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Financial Reports

Yearly Statement 15 Jan 2025 - 15 Jan 2026

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Balance Brought Forward on 15 Jan 2025	45,005.96

Total Income

Membership fees	4,352.84
CCLA Dividend	4,829.03
CCLA Interest	5,053.33
Royalties Springer	2,589.06
Royalties Elsevier	20,957.39
Royalties Oxford University Press	22.60
Income balance on 15 Jan 2026	**37,804.25**

Total Expenditure

Committee Reimbursements	26,109.77
Evergreen Hosting	864.00
Evergreen Security	7,200.00
Evergreen database adjustments	198.00
Prizes & Bursaries	6,462.94
Zoom Webinars	290.28
Expenditure balance on 15 Jan 2026	**41,124.99**

Balance Brought Forward on 15 Jan 2025	45,005.96
Total Income on 15 Jan 2026	37,804.25
Total Expenditure on 15 Jan 2026	41,124.99
Final Balance on 15 Jan 2026	**41,685.22**

CCLA Savings Account

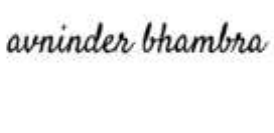
Balance on 15 Jan 2026	**122,500.00**

CCLA Investment Account

Total Charitie Deposit Fund as of 29 Dec 2025	**162,503.02**
(8512.29 Units @ 19.0904 P per Unit) *	

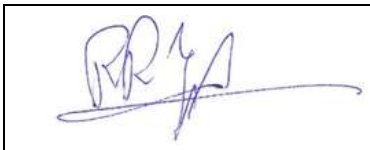
*** This is an investment in shares, and therefore the value fluctuates with the stock market**

The auditors declare that the financial report is a true reflection of the financial state of the Charity.

Signature		
Full name	Dr. Kenneth Ritchie	Dr. Avninder S. Bhambra
Position	Ex. Treasurer/Auditor	Auditor
Date	10 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Prof. Randolph Arroo	Prof. Dr Hab. Krystyna Skalicka – Nowakowska
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc,)	Trustee and Primary Administrator for the Charity	PSE President and Chair of Board of Trustees
Date	13 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026