

Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

Report of the Council 2014

Council Positions

Dr M J Allen began his third year as President of the Society. The following Society Officers were elected: Hon. General Secretary Miss R E Hill, Hon. Treasurer Mr N Light, Hon. Membership Secretary Ms B M Eastabrook, Hon. Editor (*Journal*) Dr P G Oliver, Hon. Editor (*Mollusc World*) Mr P Topley, Hon. Marine Recorder Mr S. Taylor, Hon. Non-Marine Recorder Mr A Norris, Hon. Conservation Officer Dr M J Willing, Hon. Programme Secretary Dr S Payne and Hon. Webmaster Dr S B Wilkinson. New Ordinary members of Council were: Ms A Holmes and Mr T Walker. Mrs R Brooks, Mrs J Ridout-Sharpe and Mr D Worth began their second year and Mr R Boyce, Dr J Fisher and Dr A T Sumner began their third year. A vacancy remained on Council because Ms Eastabrook kindly agreed to become Hon. Membership Secretary.

Publications

Two issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 41: 5-6) and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 34-36, March, July and November) were published. The Society's website www.conchsoc.org provides up-to-date information on the Society's news, activities, book auctions and details of field and indoor meetings. Interesting photos are posted on the front page and photos and other contributions are welcomed by the Webmaster. *An illustrated guide to the land snails of the British Isles* was published jointly with the Malacological Society of London and proved very successful. A copy was sent to every member.

Other Council Matters

Four Council meetings were held. Amongst the matters considered by Council were: progress on digital (as well as paper) publication of the *Journal of Conchology* which has reached the negotiation stage; the revitalisation of Society Committees; improvement of the Society's logo; the verification of mollusc records reaching the Society via the iRecord website; and a proposal for a *Molluscs in Archaeology* book.

Four applications for research grants were received, one of which was subsequently withdrawn. The three remaining were from Manuel Lopes-Lima to study Unionids in Turkey, Giulia Ghedini to study the effect of sudden warm spells and increasing acidity on Turbinid gastropods in Australia and Chong Chen to study the taxonomy of skeneiform gastropods from the Okinawa Trench. Full grants were awarded to all three applicants.

The deaths of the following members were announced at Indoor Meetings: Hazel Meredith, member since 1979; and Dennis Seaward, member since 1969 who was Marine Recorder and produced the Society's first Marine Atlas.

I would like to thank all members of Council and Society volunteers for their valuable contributions to Society activities. If anyone would be willing to help in the running of the Society, please contact the President or any of the Society Officers.

Rosemary Hill
Hon General Secretary
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