

**23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**NOVOTEL, READING, 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2007**

Before opening the business meeting, the chairman, Hugo Del Mar, made some introductory remarks. He announced the launch of a much improved association website which was linked to PayPal. This allowed subscriptions and donations to the association, to be paid via the website.

He told members that the newsletter was now being distributed by email, reducing the number of paper copies from 250 to 60 per issue. This was a great saving for us, and he urged members to register their email addresses on the website.

He thanked the London Marathon runners, Gary Baker, James Clarke and Luca Venditto, who had raised over £12,000 for the association. He also paid tribute to Sue Del Mar for her efforts in organising this and other conferences and thanked Genzyme for their sponsorship.

**MINUTES**

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies had been received from Henry and Janet Thompson, Jana Kulman, Bill Rome, Rosalind Martin, the Murphy Family, Andrea Thompson, Jenny O'Malley and Alison Mill.

**2) MINUTES OF THE 2006 AGM.** These had been circulated and were accepted. They were signed by the chairman.

**3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** None were raised.

**4) GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.** This had been circulated. Ann Phillips spoke to it, emphasising the need for new blood amongst the officers. She particularly thanked Rosalind Martin for her efforts in organising the newsletter. She also said that she had attended the annual meeting of the AGSD(US) on our behalf.

**5) TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.** These had been circulated. Sue Del Mar said that the accounts were self explanatory. We had had a good year for income and total funds were very healthy. We were actively looking for projects to fund.

**6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** No nominations had been received. It was proposed and seconded that the present officers be re-elected en bloc. This was done with no dissent, resulting in the following, General Secretary, Ann Phillips; Treasurer, Sue Del Mar; Honorary Secretary, Clive Tonks; Type 1, Hugo Del Mar; Type 2, Allan Muir; Type 3, Robert Wood. Although not trustees, Andrew Wakelin continued to represent Type 5 and Rosalind Martin continued to organise the newsletter.

Hugo Del Mar then made an impassioned plea for more help from the membership. He stressed that membership of the executive was not unduly onerous, involving only three meetings per year. He said that any help, even outside the confines of the executive committee, would be extremely helpful. The meeting was then closed.