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1. FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

Prof. David Rhind, President of the Society.

This is my last Foreword as your President. It has been an honour and privilege to have served in that capacity for the last five years. But much as I have enjoyed it, I have an unshakeable conviction that no individual should serve in such capacities for long periods: ossification sets in! In addition, I am delighted that the Society has invited Professor Paul Curran – who has made a major contribution to remote sensing worldwide and who is a very old friend – to be my successor.

Not surprisingly, this is a time for personal reflection. What stands out most for me is the calibre, enthusiasm and range of skills amongst members of the Society and especially amongst its Officers. I rejoice in the fact that members come from many different backgrounds, range in age from those doing PhDs to pioneers in the field and that ours is not a male-only Society. If ever this diversity, professionalism and tolerance of others' views became obvious it was at the *Conversazione* held by the Society in June 2008 in memory of Professor Michael Barnsley. This well-attended meeting heard three talks on areas in which Mike – who tragically died at 47, cutting short a career in which he had achieved much but promised even more – had made major contributions. What could easily have been a depressing experience was actually a celebration of his life and work, graced by talks which were crystal-clear, dealing with matters at the research frontier, delivered to a very high standard and laced with humour. I went away rejoicing in the talents that the Society contains.

These characteristics make the Society very special. But perhaps most important of all is that what we do, what we know and care about, is of great importance to humanity. Our ability to monitor the entire globe to detect major hazards and to help in remediation after disasters is priceless. Our science helps us to describe and understand how climate, weather and other physical processes interact with human processes. As remote sensors, much of what our community provides cannot be contributed by anyone else – and it really matters.

Thank you all for making the last five years an utter delight. I wish the Society, its next President and all its members every success for the future.

David Rhind

2. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I'm now midway through my term as Chairman, so here I offer an update on progress so far. At the time of my appointment, I indicated my desire to see RSPSoc increase its impact as a professional body and further enthuse its members. I mentioned a few immediate targets like initiating an Annual Lecture and *Conversazione*, modernising the Newsletter and increasing student activities; and I have since focussed on RSPSoc fulfilling its natural role in influencing policy and in strengthening the scientific quality of Society activities. Well, we've had some success...

Two Lecture/*Conversazione* events took place over the last year. In mid 2008, the Mike Barnsley Lecture and *Conversazione* was held in University College London. This was a sober, but celebratory and hugely enjoyable event, honouring the late Prof Barnsley's great contribution to the discipline and the Society. In spring 2009, the first RSPSoc Annual Lecture and *Conversazione* took place in Nottingham, with the University of Maryland's Prof John Townshend delivering a provocative and entertaining lecture at the University, followed by a reception, tour and dinner at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. Both events saw marked success, with 70 or so participants engaged in cheerful, clinking chatter.

By now you should have seen the all-new RSPSoc Newsletter, and I hope you approve. Our aim is to offer a modern, informative summary of topical stories in remote sensing and photogrammetry, and the Society. This represents a first step and we will continue to review content in response to member feedback, and later format and delivery. As you know RSPSoc work is almost entirely voluntary and this initiative has taken a great deal of work from Mark Cutler and his team, so sincere thanks to them.

Student RSPSoc activities go from strength to strength, led entirely by the student members themselves. We actually appointed a Student Liaison Officer on Council after I became Chairman, but I'm not sure this individual has ever been troubled by an enquiry. The Annual Student Meeting is now a firm fixture in the Society's calendar, and enjoys continuing success. The decision to hold the event at a different outdoor activity centre each year is simple, but clearly very attractive. Congratulations to Student Representative Andy Hardy for his bold decision to increase the event to three days at the Lake District's Glaramara Centre around Easter. This paid off, with attendance from 29 student members, all well satisfied with their experience. Student activities have now expanded to include a student forum at the Annual Conference and I recently added to this, nervously, proposing a Chairman's 11 v Students' 11 football match. It's the taking part...

As the learned society representing remote sensing and photogrammetry in the UK and further afield, RSPSoc should have a prominent and continuing influence on policy affecting the discipline. This is an area where I feel we have underachieved in the past, so I'm pleased to report continuing developments here. In last year's Annual Review I remarked on our role in the UK Government's Research Assessment Exercise. This year, requests and invitations for advice and input have appeared more regularly, thanks in part to our persistent engagement with targeted collaborating organisations, particularly the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and the British Association of Remote Sensing Companies. We have contributed to developments in government (the recent consultation on the new European Space Agency Earth Observation facility at Harwell, Oxfordshire), industry (I have been invited to represent RSPSoc on DMC International Imaging's grant review panel) and research (in November 2008 I was asked as RSPSoc Chairman to give the keynote address at the Irish Earth Observation Symposium).

RSPSoc is committed to promoting the highest quality scientific endeavour and we are currently pursuing this in two main ways. In our own technical meetings and scientific curriculum we work hard to attract the world's leading researchers, showcase emerging topics and generate excellent publications. The RSPSoc Annual Conference continues to lead the way here, and Karen Anderson's 2008 event in Falmouth was a great success, featuring excellent keynote speakers, innovative field exercises and strong international attendance. Other, smaller meetings though, also contribute towards our goal of scientific excellence. The Land Cover/Land Use Special Interest Group meeting on Object-Based Landscape Analysis benefited from its topical theme, with very strong attendance from leading European practitioners and a themed journal issue to follow. Also important to our scientific aspirations though is our increasing collaboration with NERC's National Centre for Earth Observation (NCEO). Much excellent research goes on in both RSPSoc and NCEO, but communication and cooperation between these two has not always flowed as freely as it could. Both parties are now committed to further collaboration, seeking options for joint activity to ensure we benefit collectively from the strong UK research base in remote sensing and photogrammetry.

I would like to go on and say much more about all the Society's activities over the past year, but I must leave this for the reports that follow. I am delighted with the progress RSPSoc has made over the last 18 months and, while I have the pleasure to report this progress here, I cannot take the credit for it. This must go to the many members of the Society, the Council and its Committees who have worked tirelessly and without reward. My great admiration and earnest thanks to all of you. As ever, special thanks to Karen Laughton and Roger Hore in the RSPSoc office, and very many congratulations to Karen who will enjoy some reward at a summer Royal Garden Party in Buckingham Palace.

Paul Aplin

3. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Once again, this year seems to have flown by for RSPSoc. Council met in June and November of 2008 and in February of 2009, in London at University College.

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held during the highly successful Annual Conference at Exeter University in Tremough, in September 2008. Council elections at this AGM were more eventful than usual as there were 9 nominations for only 6 vacancies on Council. The vacancies were provided by Sam Lavender stepping into her new role as Vice Chairman, Jon Shears finishing his second term, Iain Woodhouse stepping down under pressure of work, and by Paul Zukowskyj, Richard Teeuw and David Holland coming to the end of their first terms on Council. After the ballot Paul, Richard and David were elected for their second terms and Alistair Graham, Colm Jordan and Tina Thomson were elected for their first terms on Council. The

remaining three nominees, Richard Armitage, Fakhar Khalid and Kevin Tansey were not elected but Council then co-opted them at the November Council meeting so that their talents should not be lost! As co-opted Trustees they serve for three years and then may stand again for election or step down. At this time Andrew Hardy steps up as Student Representative and Rob Brewin becomes his Shadow Representative. On behalf of Council and the Society, I take this opportunity to thank Sam, Jon and Iain for their hard work on Council, to congratulate those re-elected and to welcome the new members.

As is usual at this time, I would also like to thank Karen Laughton and Roger Hore for their vital contributions to the ongoing task of running the Society, on behalf of all of us.

Philippa Mason

4. REPORT OF THE HONORARY TREASURER

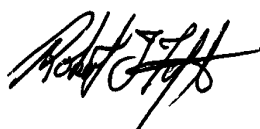
The accounts for the year 2008/09 are included in full at Annex 3 of the Annual Review. These are presented in the SOFA (Statement of Financial Activities) format as determined by the Charity Commission. Profit on the year is £40,697 after deduction of approved provisions. This compares with a profit in 2007/08 of £6,422 so I feel a few words of explanation are in order and I will highlight the pertinent points.

Positive aspects: Income from the RSPSoc 2008 Annual Conference was 64.1% higher than RSPSoc 2007. This obviously sets a target challenge for RSPSoc 2009, 2010 and beyond. Royalties from the Society's journals has grown by 24.9% but ever-increasing library cut backs around the world may result in fewer subscribers. Membership subscription income has increased by 12.9% following the rate rise last year but membership numbers are still falling.

Negative aspects: Administrative costs of running the Society have risen by 15.4% mainly due to rising postage, printing and stationery charges. These will probably only continue to increase. Interest income from investments has fallen by 8.2% and that may well fall further with predicted reduced interest rates.

Warnings: This has been an exceptional year for finances, rather than the start of a trend. I have also recognised some outstanding accruals from previous years that must now be considered as 'used'. Income includes the former ISPRS 'restricted fund'. This cash injection will not be repeated and the fund is certain to become an expenditure commitment in the future. Foreign currency accounts have grown in value but will reduce as the £ strengthens. Debtors include £10,053 advance payments for various events. These will become losses in 2009-10 if those meetings do not achieve their budgeted revenue generation.

In general the Society funds are healthy but 2008-09 has been an exception in terms of growth, very unlikely to be repeated in the short term. Nevertheless I hope / plan to provide a favourable report of financial conditions next year and hopefully in the meantime find a new Honorary Treasurer.



Robert J. Taft FRSPSoc
Honorary Treasurer

5. AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Society's awards are given either in recognition of the contribution made to the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry disciplines by their recipients, or to recognise younger professionals with potential to make significant contributions to those disciplines.

Below is a list of award recipients for this year. They will be presented with their awards at the Annual Conference in Leicester. It was felt appropriate to make both an RSPSoc award and a Founder's award in the period covered by this review to recognise significant individual commitments to service in support of the Society.

Several theses at both Masters and PhD level have been submitted and, although their quality remains high, we would very much like to receive more nominations. Applications for travel bursaries remain buoyant.

AWARDS AND TRAVEL BURSARIES

The Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society Award:

For 'services to Remote Sensing and/or Photogrammetry' through sustained and distinguished contributions to furthering the science and applications which use remote sensing or photogrammetry. The terms of the award state that it is "to be awarded on an occasional basis and never more than once in any year". This award consists of a suitably inscribed Gold Medal and Honorary Membership of the Society for Life.

Professor Giles M Foody, University of Nottingham

Citation - For services to Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry



Professor Giles Foody has an international reputation for the environmental use of remotely sensed data and is, without doubt, one of the leading remote sensing scientists of his generation. His current scholarly, editorial and advisory work have made him an eminent and influential voice within the Society and beyond.

Giles Foody completed B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Sheffield in 1983 and 1986 respectively and has, since 2007, held the Chair in Geographical Information Science at the University of Nottingham. Previous academic appointments have included Chairs at both the University of Salford and for ten years, and the University of Southampton.

His main research interests lie at the interface between remote sensing, biogeography and informatics. He is known internationally for research on image classification for land cover mapping that has addressed environmental issues at sub-pixel to global scales. His publications include 8 books and over 140 refereed journal articles.

A major recent publication is the SAGE *Handbook of Remote Sensing* (2009). This provides an authoritative account of recent developments in remote sensing within a single edited volume.

Professor Foody currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Remote Sensing* and is associate editor for *Ecological Informatics* and *Landscape Ecology* as well as serving on the editorial boards of *Remote Sensing of Environment*, *Geocarto International* and the *International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation*. He has refereed for over 90 academic journals and served on many national committees and panels, most notably for the UK Research Assessment Exercise in 2008.

Giles has been recognised widely for the quality of his research publications and holds the Leica Geosystems Award of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, in addition to three RSPSoc awards.

Giles is a regular and high profile presenter at conferences around the world, has supervised over twenty PhD students to completion and has been an enthusiastic contributor to the Society for over a quarter of a century.

Professor Giles Foody, scholar and leader in our field is a most worthy recipient of this, the Society's most senior award.

Founders' Award:

An award linked to the names of departed Founding Members who have made significant, original and personal contributions to the overall activities of the Society. Awarded occasionally by resolution of Council, the award consists of a Silver Medal and a cheque for £250.

John W Allan

Citation: For services to the RSPSoc

As a graduate of Physics and Materials Science from the University of Warwick in 1979, John's specialism was in material purity and in particular the study of glass as a potential storage media for radioactive waste. John then joined Johnson Matthey Chemicals in Cambridge as a graduate commercial trainee, where his highlight was buying and selling gold bullion. It is probably fair to say that John joined the remote sensing and photogrammetry industry almost by accident, which was by way of Cambridge Instruments. His grounding in materials science qualified him for heading up their crystal growing capability, but as fate would have it, they also developed image analysis equipment and this became his first exposure to image processing technology and thereby remote sensing – although the link to remote sensing was still quite tenuous!

He moved to GEMS of Cambridge in 1985 at a time when the research and commercial potential of remote sensing was only just beginning to emerge and the DTI had just established the National Remote Sensing Centre, so John showed he had good timing and visionary foresight too! He left an impressive legacy at GEMS, where he had headed up the new Gemstone geo-processing unit. It was clear from his time there that he was very ambitious and endlessly energetic, which later became apparent in his pursuit of developing a greater remote sensing awareness, almost evangelism, in the UK. Not that the remote sensing and photogrammetry industry has a Billy Graham character, but his dynamism, ambition and vociferous nature would make him a contender for this and in so doing, he has become a reputable professional in the commercial remote sensing industry.

John's pioneering attitude has created a notable signature of his, which is being the first employee in a range of companies, most notably ERDAS (UK) Limited in Cambridge which he was instrumental in establishing. He grew this company from three employees in 1993 and with increasing levels of profitability and market dominance, he went on to establish ERDAS International to develop the ERDAS brand overseas as well. Always at the heart of new initiatives, John has continued to plough a successful career along the same lines by being the first helmsman at BAE Systems' Geospatial unit (Incyte) in Cambridge in 2002 and in 2007 likewise was selected by Digital Globe Inc to help establish their first non-US office.

John has an infectious passion for new technology (matched only by his passion for golf), which he has found a good outlet for in software and latterly in high resolution data. Always one for seeing the potential in the technology, John has been a key figure in commercial remote sensing in the UK and it must be said that all the while he has added to the notoriety of Cambridge as being an epicentre for geospatial endeavour!

He has contributed substantially to the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society and its predecessor, the RSS, initially undertaking an unofficial role as 'Industry Advisor', where the main objective was how to get industry more involved with the Society, and he has continued to make this valuable contribution ever since. John was a member of the Edinburgh Fund Committee from 1993-95 and from 1995-1996 he was on Council and with Kathie Bowden co-convoked the Membership and Publicity Committee, following 5 years on the External Affairs Committee. All along John has been a stalwart supporter of the Annual Conference, ever-present at exhibitions and often organizing commercial sessions, but sometimes travelling miles just to pick up the bar bill. Few in the industry could claim not to have heard or met John and this is part of the person he is – generous, lively, energetic and personable. For later bar attendees he has also been known to show an impressive knowledge of progressive rock bands! For all these reasons John is fully deserving of this award and the Society wishes to recognise his valuable contribution.

The Len Curtis Award:

Given in recognition of an outstanding technical work published in the preceding year and in the *International Journal of Remote Sensing (IJRS)*. The award winner receives a certificate and books to the value of £200, normally given by Taylor and Francis.

This year's award is given for: "Estimating Structural and Biochemical parameters for grassland from spectroradiometer data by radioactive transfer modelling (PROSPECT + SAIL)" in the IJRS 29 (1,2), January 2008, 191-209 by M Vohland and T Jarmer.

E H Thompson Award:

Awarded to the author(s) of the most merit-worthy publication in *The Photogrammetric Record*. The award will be made primarily for originality of content and for its technical contribution to the science of photogrammetry. Selection will be made from eligible papers published in the two-year period up to and including April of the year in which the award is to be made (in this case 2007-2009). The award consists of a Certificate and a cheque for £200.

Awarded to G H Seedahmed for: "Autonomous initialisation of exterior orientation parameters using a colinearity search-based solution", PHOR, 23, (121), March 2008, 90-107.

The Taylor and Francis Best Letter Award:

Given for the best letter published in the IJRS during the previous calendar year. The award winner receives a certificate and one year's free subscription to the IJRS or books to the value of £100. The award is sponsored by Taylor and Francis.

This year's recipients are: F Maselli, M Chiesi, L Fibbi and M Moriondo, for their letter entitled: "Integration of remote sensing and ecosystem modelling techniques to estimate forest net carbon uptake", IJRS, 29 (8), April 2008, 2437-2443.

The Student Awards:

Awarded for the best Doctoral and Masters theses, on the subjects of remote sensing and/or photogrammetry, accepted by a University during the previous calendar year, and is restricted to student members of the Society. Certificates and cheques for £500 (Doctoral) and £250 (Masters) are awarded to the winning students. These awards are sponsored by Leica Geosystems Limited and this year's winners are:

PhD: Marc Bartels (University of Reading): Segmentation and Classification of Terrain Features in Airborne LIDAR Data

MSc: Ekaterina Shipigina (University of Cambridge): Spatial Variation in Land Cover Change using Multi-temporal satellite images of the Kola Peninsula, Russia

Poster Paper Prize:

This award is for the best poster paper displayed at the Annual Conference of the Society. A Main Award of £100 and a runner-up Merit Award of £25 are given; both are sponsored by the Society, ITT Visual Information Solutions and Whittles Publishing.

The following were awarded at RSPSoc2008 - Measuring change in the Earth system:

Main Award (£100): Anita H Perryman: "Land-use change impacts on food security using the FEEDME model and satellite data".

Merit Award (£25): Adrian Nowell: "Modelling hydrological effects of the Israeli Government's 'separation barrier' using GIS and remote sensing techniques".

Merit Award (£25): Karen Anderson: "Exploring the impact of skylight effects on reflectance factors".

President's Cup

This award is for the best oral presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society. The President's Cup was awarded at RSPSoc2008 – Measuring change in the Earth system to:

Peter Fretwell (British Antarctic Survey) for his presentation: "Detecting and Mapping Vegetation distribution on the Antarctic Peninsula from remote sensing data - a baseline for measuring possible future responses to regional climate change".

Professional Membership

AFRSPSoc: Warren Marks (June 2008)
AFRSPSoc: Adrian R Friend (November 2008)

Honorary Fellowship

This was awarded by Council to John Townshend FRSPSoc.

Travel Bursaries:

Awarded for travel that supports the aims of the Society, especially towards part of the costs of student and younger members of the Society presenting papers at international conferences. Varying sums (£75 - £250) were awarded to:

NJ Morris (University of Portsmouth), Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management (ISCRAM), George Washington University (GWU), USA, 3-7 May 2008, £250.

EK Tan (Loughborough University), 2008 ISPRS Congress, Beijing, China, 2-11 July 2008, £250.

K Viergever (University of Edinburgh), IGARSS Conference, Boston, USA, 7-11 July 2008, £150.

N MacBean (University College London), IGARSS Conference, Boston, USA, 7-11 July 2008, £150

R Anandakumar (University of Southampton), RSPSoc2008, Cornwall, UK, 15-17 September 2008, £150.

A Hoscolo (University of Leicester), RSPSoc2008, Cornwall, UK, 15-17 September 2008, £150.

ET Mitchard (University of Edinburgh), RSPSoc2008, Cornwall, UK, 15-17 September 2008, £150.

A Hamruni (University of Nottingham), RSPSoc2008, Cornwall, UK, 15-17 September 2008, £150.

D Bruno (Cranfield University), International Astronautics Congress (IAC), Glasgow, UK, 29 September – 3 October 2008, £100.

Jane Drummond

6. EDUCATION & TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Committee has been re-organized to provide a responsive approach to activities for future years. The revised membership achieves a balance between industry and academia, and has the experience to meet the challenges associated with curriculum development, awareness generation, and web delivery of remote sensing, photogrammetry and geographic information resources.

The major aims for 2008-2009 included (1) delivery of awareness and workshop events to schools, (2) participation of the Society in GIS Day 2009, (3) maintenance and development of teaching resources on the Society's website, (4) providing professional advice or consultancy to schools and industry on the development of geospatial and professional development curricula, and (5) provide support to the Student Representative in his/her role, and act as a referral point where representatives can seek support, guidance, and confidential, impartial and independent advice.

Committee activities during the 2009 review period have included:

- Delivery of advice on photogrammetric processing associated with data reliability of road safety cameras.
- Continued development and updates to the Learning Zone with a view to a re-launch of the entire web content during August 2009.
- Increased participation in GIS Day on 18th November 2009 with a series of planned visits to schools.
- The team have approached the British Education and Training Technology (BETT) and the British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (BECTA), to explore ways in which remote sensing, photogrammetry and geographic information sciences can support, contribute or are integrated into current and future national curricula.
- The committee have participated in consultation meetings on education and outreach in support of the proposed Harwell Innovation campus.

Alexander Koh

7. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Society has external relationships with organisations so that it can benefit the wider community through joint activities and a common voice. These are managed through the External Affairs Committee and include: membership of UKGeoForum (a national umbrella organization for societies concerned with geographic information), attending European Association of Remote Sensing Laboratories (EARSeL) Council meetings as both a European national remote sensing society representative and the UK representative; being the UK's adhering body for the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) and linked to this membership of the Royal Society Scientific Unions Committee. In addition there are close links with the British Association of Remote Sensing Companies (BARSC), British National Space Centre (BNSC) and Natural Environment Research Council (NERC).

EARSeL held a Council meeting in Toulouse (France) during January 2009 attended by Dr Paul Aplin (RSPSoc Chairman) where he presented a report on UK activities. The Annual Symposium is planned for Chania (Crete) in June and will be attended by Dr Samantha Lavender (RSPSoc Vice-Chairman).

At the end of January 2009, the UKGeoForum's Annual Lecture was held at the RAF Club. This year's lecture was given by Rear Admiral Moncrieff, The National Hydrographer, where he explained that the mission of UK Hydrographic Office was: 'To meet, defence, national and civil requirements for navigational charts, publications and other hydrographic information'. This is a very broad remit, which also includes a significant political element and work on flood prediction whether that might be as a result of tide surge or flooding on land.

RSPSoc chairs an ISPRS Committee with the Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) jointly funding the UK subscription. It's attended by Professor Ian Dowman (University College London) who transitioned from President to First Vice-President of ISPRS during the reporting period. At the ISPRS Congress in Beijing (July 2008) RSPSoc Council supported a successful UK bid for a Technical Commission led by Professor Jon Mills (Newcastle University). Since the Congress, the committee had met and discussed activities for the 2008-2012 inter-Congress period.

Bilateral relationships also continue to be important to the Society. BARSC are involved with the 2009 Annual Conference (Leicester), organising an industry-focused session, and the NERC Airborne Research and Survey Facility will be holding a workshop.

Samantha Lavender

8. MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The committee this year has been involved in developing a strategy to strengthen membership numbers and demographics. It has been recognised that the Society aims to cater for the needs of remote sensing and photogrammetrists from youthful and budding university students right through to retiring Directors in

industry and public service appointments. Furthermore we recognise that the nature of our industry is a dynamic one and we need to encompass all aspects of remote sensing and photogrammetry as it is practised, which consequently includes earth observation in the wider sense, geospatial technologies and the widening use of remote sensing platforms (such as UAVs).

Our plans for the coming year will therefore see a focus of attention towards retaining student members and to support them in their emerging careers, plus a greater focus on commercial and industrial application of earth observation technologies as they are practised today. As such we will look to introduce a graduate type membership category and the use of social networking forums to increase our accessibility for all members, young and old. And the use of the web site will also see the introduction of online payments for subscriptions and conference attendance as part of this move.

To that end we are eager to understand what you want from our Society and you will be hearing from the M&P Committee in due course about this.

Jonathan Shears/P Zukowskyj

9. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee have continued to pursue the Society's aim to disseminate and promote excellent research, application and innovation in remote sensing and photogrammetry produced by its members and the wider community.

Both of the Society's journals remain strong in terms of their financial standing and position within extremely competitive and expanding markets. This is the 30th year of publication of the *International Journal of Remote Sensing* and a special logo is being printed on the front cover of all issues this year. The journal has seen another rise in the number of articles downloaded (up 37% in 2007, figures for 2008 not yet available), with various marketing activities underway designed to increase the profile of the journal, particularly within the United States.

The profile of the *Photogrammetric Record* continues to rise, reflected in a marked increase in the impact factor (0.889 in 2007) and with early indications for 2008 encouraging (figures not released yet). The relationship with Wiley-Blackwell, our publishers, remains strong with a number of marketing campaigns proposed that will hopefully continue the rise in circulation and number of institutions that have access to the *Record*. This also includes making the *Record* freely accessible (or at very low cost) to over 1000 institutions in developing countries as part of the UN-coordinated Online Access to Research in the Environment (OARE) and International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) initiatives.

The success of both the Society's journals is a direct result of the huge input of time, energy and dedication by the Editors: Arthur Cracknell and Giles Foody (*IJRS*) and Paul Newby (the *Photogrammetric Record*). They are ably supported by our publishers, Taylor and Francis and Wiley-Blackwell, as well as their respective international editorial boards, all made up of individuals too numerous to mention but to which the Society owes a great deal.

You will no doubt have noticed that the *RSPSoc Newsletter* has changed in both style and content. A working group has now been working for over a year to bring about these changes, in line with feedback from members and the stated aims of the current Chairman. We hope that the result is one that provides a valid reflection of the enthusiasm and activity of our members and I'd urge all readers to consider submitting content, whether it is an item of news, an article, advert or responding to the new letters / views section. Your feedback on the new design and content is extremely welcome and should be directed to the new email address newsletter@rspsoc.org

We once again owe a debt of gratitude to Paul Mather for his work editing the *RSPSoc Newsletter*. Paul will continue to contribute to the new publication but from September a new Editor will be in place (to be announced shortly). Paul has edited this valued publication for many years now and I'm sure that all members will join with me in thanking him for the energy and commitment he has made over the years, and we look forward to his illuminating and entertaining editorials continuing in the 'Views' section of the new Newsletter.

As I am now coming to the end of my elected term I will be standing down as Chair of the Publications Committee in September 2009. I should like to thank all those that have made this role both an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Although some are mentioned above, there are many others who have given freely of their time, expertise and experience in contributing to the success of the Societies publications during my time in the Chair and I should like to express my thanks to them all.

Mark Cutler

10. SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

As mentioned last year, the website special project has persisted long after the initial setting up of the RSPSoc website itself, in 2006. During the year, David Holland and Fakhar Khalid have continued to negotiate with Purple Dogfish with the goal of signing over the site to RSPSoc. The negotiations went a little slower than planned, as we wanted to make sure that any outstanding issues had been resolved before the handover, but in early 2009 the contract was signed and RSPSoc was given full rights to its own website. This means that the RSPSoc webmaster can make changes to all areas of the website, without needing to refer to Purple Dogfish as an intermediary. Fakhar Khalid, David Holland and Karen Anderson now have 'superadmin' rights on the site, which will allow us to add pages and alter the structure as well as the content of the website. Fakhar Khalid has been familiarizing himself with Expression Engine, the content management software used to create and maintain the website and we hope he will be able to pass on some of this knowledge to the rest of the website authors during the coming months.

Now that we have better access to the website, we can concentrate more on its content. We know that several areas of the site are out of date, so we will be contacting the owners of these pages, helping them to use the Expression Engine software, and encouraging them to update their pages. We would also like to change the way some of the pages look, to make the RSPSoc website more dynamic and more welcoming to our members and to those who come across it while surfing the Internet. Once these changes are made, with a bit of luck, this will mean that the website special project will come to an end and the website will become just another method of communication to add to the remit of the publications committee.

David Holland

11. TECHNICAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

In 2008/9 the core RSPSoc activities overseen by the Technical Programme Committee remained strong, and links to external organisations were expanded.

The 2008 Annual Conference, at the University of Exeter Cornwall Campus, was a great success. Karen Anderson and her team produced a fantastic conference with strong scientific and social content, which appealed to a broad range of interests and attracted many new sponsors and commercial interests.

The annual *Conversazione*, an evening event that traces its roots back to the Photogrammetric Society, has been reinstated as a fixture in the calendar. The April 2009 event comprised a public lecture by Professor John Townshend of the University of Maryland, followed by a formal dinner for 80 guests at the Trent Bridge cricket ground. The *Conversazione* was held in conjunction with a two-day Object-Based Landscape Analysis workshop, and RSPSoc are grateful to Paul Aplin (University of Nottingham) and Geoff Smith (Specto Natura) for organising these excellent events. The workshop had a truly international flavour, with all the major software vendors strongly represented and technical papers coming from over 11 countries. No decision has yet been made on the theme or venue for the 2010 *Conversazione* or associated events, so if anyone has any ideas or strong preferences please contact the RSPSoc office. An event announcement will be made in late Autumn.

Activities within the RSPSoc student community remained strong in 2008/9, culminating in the Easter 2009 meeting in the Lake District, organised by Andy Hardy of Newcastle University. Bob Brewin from Plymouth

University takes over from Andy as the RSPSoc student representative for 2009/10, and an announcement on the 2010 student meeting is expected shortly.

Special Interest Group (SIG) activity was mixed in 2008/9, with the usual strong activity in the Ocean Colour and the Geological Remote Sensing Group (GRSG) Associated SIGs. However, other SIGs were less active, and anyone considering hosting an event related to a SIG theme is encouraged to contact the appropriate SIG convenor directly, or via the RSPSoc office. During 2008/9 RSPSoc continued to support UKGeoforum activities through jointly hosted meetings with organisations such as RICS, and further strengthen links with other organisations such as BARSC, EARSel and SPIE.

Looking to the future, some areas of the RSPSoc events programme are healthier than others. The trend towards fewer, shorter meetings continues. In contrast, the Annual Conference programme has never been healthier, with hosts lined up for the next 4 years. The 2009 conference (www.rpsoc2009.org), scheduled for 8-11th September at Leicester University, is shaping up to be one of the biggest and best yet. The event, theme "New Dimensions in Earth Observation" will encompass a wide range of photogrammetry and remote sensing topics. The first call for papers has passed, and attracted a very strong international input, with no second call planned. A strong social programme is scheduled to include a meal at the National Space Centre and the obligatory Leicester curry night. For 2010 the Annual Conference will be outside the mainland UK for the first time, hosted by Fiona Cawkwell (f.cawkwell@ucc.ie) at University College Cork. Dates are provisionally set for 1-3 September 2010, and the theme and further details will be announced at RSPSoc2009. Bournemouth University will be hosting RSPSoc2011, and an offer has recently been received from Fakhar Khalid for Greenwich University to host RSPSoc2012 on the Greenwich Campus immediately following the Paralympics.

The year 2010 will be the centenary of the birth of the respected photogrammetrist EH Thompson. To mark the centenary there will be an afternoon meeting on September 17th 2010 at University College London, followed by an evening social event. Full event details will be announced next year.

There is one more date to note for the 2010 diary. The mid-term symposium of ISPRS Technical Commission V (Close-Range Sensing: Analysis and Applications) will be an RSPSoc-associated UK event (www.isprs-newcastle2010.org), hosted in Newcastle upon Tyne on 22-24 June 2010 by Jon Mills, the Commission V president.

Finally, I would like to thank all the organisers of meetings for the considerable time and effort they have invested, and remind members that the vitality of the Technical Programme is dependent on active participation of the membership. The provision of a strong and interesting programme of events relies on the Society's members to attend and provide feedback on meetings and to volunteer ideas and assistance in organising future ones. Suggestions for future events should be provided to Meredith Williams (meredith.williams@ncl.ac.uk).

Meredith Williams

12. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

It has been noted in previous years that efforts should be made to improve the communication between student members of the Society. This year has seen a development in this area with RSPSoc representation on social networking sites such as Facebook. Hopefully momentum will gain over the next year to improve the impact of these resources. However, it should also be acknowledged that emails directly to student members through the RSPSoc office remain the most direct, and efficient way of maintaining contact.

The Annual Student Meeting was a great success. Located in an outdoor centre, the atmosphere was extremely relaxed and helped to promote networking between delegates. Considering the remote location of the Meeting, attendance was encouraging, showing that student members still feel the event is important. Response to requests for sponsorship were also extremely encouraging with many sponsoring companies from last year's meeting repeating their generous offers, and in some cases exceeding them beyond expectations. Efforts should be made to continue correspondence with these organisations and perhaps reach out to other companies that failed to respond.

For the first time, this year's meeting made an association with the ISPRS Student Consortium, whereby the chair was invited to speak at the Student Meeting to help promote ISPRS student activities. The offer was returned and the hope is that the current RSPSoc student representative can attend the ISPRS annual student meeting and help broaden the international profile of RSPSoc.

One of the key successes to the Meeting was inviting keynote speakers who bridge the gap between academia and industry. Students are continually interested in future prospects and feeling is that this is an area that could be developed. To my knowledge there is no facility to help organisations advertise potential careers to RSPSoc students. It is felt that perhaps the Newsletter could help facilitate this area, and could possibly make the publication more appealing to the student audience.

Andrew Hardy

13. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

Archaeology SIG (Chris Brooke)

Archaeology SIG will have a session at RSPSoc2009. The steering group are planning two further meetings in 2010.

Geological Remote Sensing Group (Dan Taranik)

GRSG's 2008 Annual Conference was on the theme of *High Resolution Remote Sensing* and attracted over 100 participants, with speakers from 14 countries. There will be a GRSG-chaired *Earth Science* session at RSPSoc2009. The GRSG 2009 Annual Conference (15-16 Dec, Burlington House, Piccadilly) will be on an *Exploration* theme. A joint conference on *Engineering Geology Applications of Remote Sensing* is being planned with the Engineering Geology Group of the Geological Society of London, for Autumn 2009 or Spring 2010 (tbc).

Land Cover & Land Use

The main activity for the SIG was the Object-Based Landscape Analysis meeting in Nottingham (<http://www.rspso.org/events/info/object-based-landscape-analysis/>), plus a strong link-up with the RSPSoc Annual Lecture.

Laser Scanning and Lidar SIG (Sarah Smith-Voysey and Doreen Boyd)

A training workshop on Airborne Lidar has been arranged for RSPSoc2009 (provided by the Unit for Landscape Modelling, Cambridge University).

Models & Advanced Techniques SIG (Tristan Quaife)

MATSIG will be holding a joint session with VegSIG at RSPSoc2009.

Ocean Colour SIG (Samantha Lavender)

Sam Lavender will be chairing a Marine / Atmosphere session, in collaboration with ISPRS, at RSPSoc2009.

SAR SIG (Andrew Sowter and Steve Hobbs)

SAR SIG will be running a radar session at RSPSoc2009.

Unmanned Airborne Vehicles – this is not yet a SIG, but it attracts considerable interest! Please email the RSPSoc SIG Coordinator (richard.teeuw@port.ac.uk) if you are interested in helping to organise a UAV SIG.

Vegetation SIG (Heiko Balzter and Paul Zukowskyj)

VegSIG will be holding a joint session with MATSIG at RSPSoc2009.

Special Interest Group	Chair	Contact email
Archaeology	Chris Brooke	chris.brooke@nottingham.ac.uk
Geological Remote Sensing Group (GRSG)	Dan Taranik	dtaranik@angloamerican.co.uk
Land Cover & Land Use	Carolina Hernandez & Geoff Smith	Carolina.Hernandez@ordnancesurvey.co.uk geoffsmith@specto-natura.co.uk
Laser Scanning and Lidar	Sarah Smith-Voysey & Doreen Boyd	Sarah.Smith-Voysey@newcastle.ac.uk Doreen.Boyd@nottingham.ac.uk
Models & Advanced Techniques (MAT) SIG	Tristan Quaife	tquaife@geog.ucl.ac.uk
Ocean Colour	Samantha Lavender	s.lavender@plymouth.ac.uk
Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)	Andrew Sowter & Steve Hobbs	Andrew.Sowter@nottingham.ac.uk s.e.hobbs@cranfield.ac.uk
Vegetation	Heiko Balzter & Paul Zukowskyj	hb91@le.ac.uk P.M.Zukowskyj@herts.ac.uk

Richard Teeuw, SIG Coordinator

Annex 1 - Council Membership at the End of the Reporting Period, 31st March 2009

EX-OFFICIO (TRUSTEES)

Dr P Aplin*
(University of Nottingham)
Chairman

Dr P Mason *
(HME Partnership)
Honorary General Secretary

Dr S Lavender *
(University of Plymouth/ARGANS Ltd)
Vice-Chairman

Mr R Taft FRSPSoc *
Honorary Treasurer

(* = Directors of RSPSoc)

ELECTED MEMBERS (TRUSTEES)

Dr K Anderson
(University of Exeter)

Dr M Cutler
(University of Dundee)

Dr J Drummond
(University of Glasgow)

Dr A Graham
(Atkins)

Dr D Holland
(Ordnance Survey)

Dr C Jordan
(British Geological Survey)

Mr A Koh
(Bath Spa University College)

Dr S Robson
(University College London)

Dr R Teeuw AFRSPSoc
(University of Portsmouth)

Ms M-K Thomson
(RMS)

Dr M Williams
(Newcastle University)

Dr P Zukowskyj
(University of Hertfordshire)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS (TRUSTEES)

Dr Richard Armitage
(University of Salford)

Dr F Khalid
Webmaster
(University of Greenwich)

Mr J Shears
(Infoterra)

Dr K Tansey
(University of Leicester)

IN ATTENDANCE

Prof D Rhind
President
(City University)

Mr P Newby
Editor of *The Photogrammetric Record*

Prof A Cracknell FRSPSoc
Editor of the *International Journal of Remote Sensing*
(University of Dundee)

Prof P Mather FRSPSoc
Editor of the Newsletter
(University of Nottingham)

Mr R Brewin
Student Representative
(University of Plymouth)

Mr A Hardy
Student Representative
(Newcastle University)

Ms K Laughton
Executive Secretary, (RSPSoc Office)

Annex 2 - Committee Membership and Terms of Reference (November 2008 - March 2009)

AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- To make timely recommendations for the awards and professional membership of the Society.

Jane Drummond (Convener)
Mark Cutler
Neil Entwistle
Stuart Robson

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- To develop, co-ordinate and carry out the Society's objectives towards promoting awareness of remote sensing and photogrammetry among teachers and students at all levels
- To promote and co-ordinate cross-training and non-technical training among members
- To support, in the form of seedcorn grants or loans where appropriate, promising initiatives in remote sensing and photogrammetry

Alexander Koh (Convener)
Ester Edwards
David Holland
Christopher Mewse
Andrew Skellern

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- To advise the Chairman, Hon. Gen. Secretary and Executive Secretary on such day-to-day management, executive or administrative affairs as may be necessary. The quorum is three.

Paul Aplin (Convener)
Karen Laughton (in attendance)
Samantha Lavender
Philippa Mason
Robert Taft

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

- To review existing alliances
- To consider new alliances
- To liaise with UKGeoforum, EARSeL, ISPSRS and other relevant national and international organisations

Samantha Lavender (Convener)
Paul Aplin
Philippa Mason

Affiliated members:
Maria Adams (BNSC)
Graham Deane (BARSC)
Susan Mecklenberg (NERC)

ISPRS Sub-committee:

Samantha Lavender (Chairman)
Jim Chandler (RSPSoc)
Ian Dowman (ISPRS)
Jon Mills (ICES)
Paul Newby (RICS/Hon. Secretary)
Rory Stanbridge (ICES)
Martin Smith (RICS)
Robert Taft (RSPSoc/Treasurer)

FINANCE

- To advise the Treasurer on all aspects of the Society's Financial Affairs

Robert Taft (Convener)
Roger Hore (in attendance)
Karen Laughton (in attendance)
Samantha Lavender
Philippa Mason

MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY

- To promote and publicise the Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society and to undertake any special project work determined by the Council of the Society
- To promote membership
- To ensure that the services provided to members are appropriate and value for money
- To provide relevant material for the RSPSoc website
- To monitor and analyse membership trends and recommend actions
- To provide a transcription service for meetings as determined by Council
- To provide brochures and publicity/promotional material as requested by Council
- To identify on an annual basis the events at which promotional material should be displayed and to ensure that display material is available
- To coordinate press releases on the work of the Society and provide a spokesperson

Jon Shears (Convener)
Alastair Graham
Colm Jordan
Fakhar Khalid (Webmaster)
Richard Teeuw
Paul Zukowskyj

PUBLICATIONS

- To be responsible for the editing and production of the Society's publications and ensure their technical quality.

Mark Cutler (Convener)
Karen Anderson
Jim Chandler (Co-ordinator, IEB)
Arthur Cracknell (Editor, *IJRS*)
Alastair Graham
Fakhar Khalid (Webmaster)
Karen Laughton (in attendance)
Paul Mather (Newsletter Editor)
Paul Newby (Editor, *The Photogrammetric Record*)

Tina Thomson
Iain Woodhouse

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- To coordinate and facilitate communications between the Society's affiliated and wholly owned Special Interest Groups

Richard Teeuw (Convener)
Chris Brooke (Archaeology)
Tristan Quaife (MATSIG)
Samantha Lavender (OC SIG)
Sarah Smith-Voysey and Doreen Boyd (LiDAR)
Andrew Sowter and Stephen Hobbs (SAR)
Dan Taranik (Geology)
Paul Zukowskyj and Heiko Balzter (Vegetation)
Carolina Sanchez-Hernandez and Geoff Smith (Landcover and Landuse)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- To organise special projects and functions as determined by the Council of the Society

David Holland (Convener)
Fakhar Khalid (Webmaster)
Karen Anderson
Karen Laughton (in attendance)

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

- To advise the Technical Programme Committee Convenor on the content of the Society's meetings Calendar
- To encourage remote sensing and photogrammetry related meetings with other societies and professional bodies

Core Members:

Meredith Williams (Convener)
Jane Drummond
David Holland
Colm Jordan
Richard Teeuw (SIG Co-ordinator)

Advisory Members:

Paul Aplin
Paul Bryan
Fiona Cawkwell
James Kavanagh (RICS Liaison)
Jon Shears
Kevin Tansey

Annex 3 – Accounts



**The Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society
(A company limited by guarantee)**

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31st March 2009

Charity no: 292647

Company no: 01436807

THE REMOTE SENSING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY SOCIETY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2009

Legal and Administrative Information

Constitution

The Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. Charity Number 292647. Company number 1436807.

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the charitable company ("the charity") are trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The trustees are appointed by the members of the Society at their annual general meeting and serve for three years.

The officers of the charity viz., the chairman, vice chairman, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer are appointed ex-officio by the trustees and have no term of office.

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Ex-Officio

P. Aplin (Chairman)
S. Lavender (Vice Chairman)
P. Mason (Hon. Gen. Secretary)
R. Taft (Hon. Treasurer)

Elected

K. Anderson
M. Cutler
J. Drummond
A. Graham (new)
D. Holland
C. Jordan (new)
A. Koh
S. Robson
R. Teeuw
M. Thomson (new)
M. Williams
P. Zukowskyj

Co-opted Members (Trustees)

R. Armitage
F. Khalid
J. Shears
K. Tansey

Resignation

I. Woodhouse

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Legal and Administrative Information (continued)

Secretary

**Dr Philippa Mason
HME Partnership
PO Box 3036
Romford
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Registered Office

**C/O The School of Geography
The University of Nottingham
Nottingham
NG7 2RD**

Bankers

**LloydsTSB Plc
Tolworth
HSBC
Tottenham Court Road W1**

Independent Examiner

**D. T. Cooke F.C.A.
34 Cromwell Road
Henley-on-Thames
Oxfordshire
RG9 1JH**

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Report of the trustees

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended March 31 2009.

The legal and administrative information set out on pages 1 and 2 form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Objects of the charity

The charity exists to advance the education of the Public in the many fields of Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry. In pursuance of these objectives the Society conducts a number of technical meetings throughout the United Kingdom and other members of the Society participate in similar activities around the world.

Organisation

A board of trustees of up to 16 Members, who meet quarterly, administers the charity. There are sub-committees covering:-

Awards and Professional Standards	External Affairs	Publications
Education and Training	Finance	Special Projects
Executive Decisions	Membership and Publicity	Technical Programme
Investment powers		

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit.

Review of the activities and future developments

The Society produces an Annual Review giving details of the activities by all committees during the year. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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Report of the trustees (continued)

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examiner

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to appoint a new Independent Examiner for the ensuing Year.

By order of the trustees:


Chairman

Date

24/7/09

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended March 31 2009.

The trustees of the charity have delegated their responsibility to prepare the accounts for the Society to the members of the Council.

As the trustees delegates you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

D. T. Cooke
F.C.A.
34 Cromwell Road
Henley-on-Thames
Oxfordshire RG9 1JH



May 2009

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2008-2009 £	Restricted Funds 2008-2009 £	Total Funds 2008-2009 £	Total Funds 2007-2008 £
Incoming Resources	2)				
Subscriptions -		39,514		39,514	35,014
Symposia		200		200	1,525
Annual Conference		15,875		15,875	9,673
ISPRS			7,550	7,550	3,300
IJRS		5,906		5,906	15,864
Royalties		52,910		52,910	41,561
Other		2,582		2,582	10
Interest Receivable	4)	15,592		15,592	17,356
Total Incoming resources		132,580	7,550	140,130	124,303
Charitable expenditure					
Cost of charitable activities:-					
Committee		7,777		7,777	3,691
Publications		27,545		27,545	36,091
ISPRS			2,779	2,779	9,769
Other charitable activity costs		1,734		1,734	2,499
Managing and administering the charity:-					
Council Expenses		2,585		2,585	2,046
Administration		57,013		57,013	52,444
Promotion Costs					11,519
Total resources expended		96,654	2,779	99,433	118,059
Movement in total funds for the year -		35,926	4,771	40,697	6,244
Net Income for the year	3)	35,926	4,771	40,697	6,244
Transfer to Unrestricted Funds	12)	6,140			
Total funds brought forward		264,653	1,369	266,022	259,778
Total funds carried forward		306,719		306,719	266,022

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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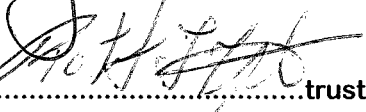
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BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2008-2009 £	Restricted Funds 2008-2009 £	Total Funds 2008-2009 £	Total Funds 2007-2008 £
Library:					
Library at valuation	1)	3,000		3,000	3,000
		<u>3,000</u>		<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Current Assets:					
Debtors	5)	10,053		10,053	386
Bank and cash balances	6)	382,705		382,705	331,883
		<u>392,758</u>		<u>392,758</u>	<u>332,269</u>
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	7)	86,039		86,039	66,247
Net Current Assets		306,719		306,719	266,022
Net Assets		<u>309,719</u>		<u>309,719</u>	<u>266,022</u>
Capital Account:					
Accumulated surplus	8)	306,719		306,719	266,022
Reserve arising from the library		3,000		3,000	3,000
		<u>309,719</u>		<u>309,719</u>	<u>269,022</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees
and signed on their behalf by:


.....trustee


.....trustee

date 24/07/2009

date 24-07-09

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT MARCH 31 2009

1 Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been used for dealing with items that are considered material to the financial statements:-

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical accounting convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 23 March 2000).

Cashflow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the basis that it qualifies as a small company.

Depreciation

No depreciation is charged on the Society's Library.

Foreign currencies

Asset values held in US\$ have been converted at an exchange rate of £1 = US\$1.4805, average rate for 2008/2009.
(07/08 rate:£1 = US\$2.001762)

2 Incoming Resources

Turnover represents member's subscriptions and income arising from the activities of the Society.

3 Net Income

The net income is stated after charging or crediting:-
Staff Salaries

2009 2008

£ £

40,697 37,811

4 Income from deposits

Bank interest

2009 2009

£ £

15,593 17,356

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AS AT MARCH 31 2009

	2009	2008
5 Debtors		
Annual Conference 2008		386
Annual Conference 2009	6,754	
Conversazione 2009	1,576	
OLBA Meeting 2009	805	
Student Meeting 2009	918	
	<u>10,053</u>	<u>386</u>
6 Bank Balances		
C.O.I.F. Deposit account	255,212	224,942
C.O.I.F. Investment account (See Note 11)	71,953	71,953
HSBC plc - Treasurer account	881	619
HSBC plc - US\$ deposit account	2,497	8,094
Lloyds - Current account	52,153	26,195
Cash in hand	9	80
	<u>382,705</u>	<u>331,883</u>
7 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Bank Charges	28	50
Committee and Council Expenses	3,914	1,250
Annual Conference 2009	3,650	
Annual Conference 2008	5,291	
Day Symposia	11,116	200
IJRS	9,871	6,460
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,420	1,370
Newsletter	1,400	1,500
Nottingham University	6,214	4,624
Postage	22	1,089
Printing/Copying	992	400
Promotion Fund	481	11,519
Record Publication Costs	11,377	10,805
Subscriptions Corporate	10,601	3,348
Subscriptions Individual	6,212	7,930
Subscriptions Corp. Individual	8,638	240
Subscriptions Concession	320	1,602
Subscriptions Payable	1,173	1,139
ISPRS (Restricted)	1,789	7,550
Stationery	333	507
Website Costs	1,197	4,664
	<u>86,039</u>	<u>66,247</u>

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AS AT MARCH 31 2009

8 Reserves

The Company is a private company limited by guarantee and as such has no share capital. Every member of the Society undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Society, in the event of the Company being wound up during the time of his membership, or within one year thereafter, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company to an amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

	2009 Unrestricted Funds	2009 Restricted Funds	2009 Total Funds	2008 Total Funds
Capital Account as at 1st April 2008	264,653	1,369	266,022	259,778
Net Income for the Year	35,926	4,771	40,697	6,244
Transfer to Unrestricted Funds	6,140	6,140		
Capital Account as at 31st March 2009	306,719		306,719	266,022
Reserve arising from the Library	3,000		3,000	3,000
	<u>309,719</u>		<u>309,719</u>	<u>269,022</u>

9 Charitable Status

No provision for Corporation Tax has been made in these Accounts.

10 Contingent Liabilities

Honoraria are paid to volunteers who serve the Society without deduction of tax. If any person fails to declare their honoraria for tax, the Inland Revenue could have recourse to the Company for the tax due.

11 COIF Investment units are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

(Market Valuation at March 31 2009 was £74,118)

12 Following agreement with the members of the "ISPRS Committee Restricted Fund"

the net balance of £6,140 has been transferred to the RSPS Unrestricted Fund.

This amount will remain available for ISPRS activities as a "regulated" fund.

Annex 4 - Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

Membership of the SIGs is open to all RSPSoc Members. For details of SIG activities please contact the Conveners listed below via the Society's office or website.

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