

The BBS is managed by its Council, a friendly group which plays a crucial role in shaping the policies and activities of the Society. If you are a member of the BBS who values its contributions to the study of your favourite plants and would like to help shape its future initiatives, please consider standing for election to Council. All it involves is making an effort to attend the twice yearly council meeting (usually one at AGM and one at the spring meeting) plus occasional matters passed round by email. Also, Council members are the Trustees of the BBS.

Election of Officers and Elected Members of Council

Mr M.F. Godfrey, the current Vice President, will become President on 1st January 2018 and it is necessary to elect a Vice President who will take up office on that date and will become President on 1st January 2020.

Co-options : Dr J. Denyer stood down as Meetings Secretary at the end of 2016; Council co-opted Ms L. Ruffino to take her place. The meeting will be asked to confirm the appointment of Ms Ruffino as Meetings Secretary for a 2-year term from January 2017. Dr A. Baker became Website Editor on 1st January 2017; Council co-opted Mr A. McLay to take his place as an Elected Member of Council, serving until 31st December 2018. The meeting will be asked to ratify this co-option.

The terms of the following Officers expire at the end of 2017: General Secretary, Conservation Officer, Librarian, Membership Secretary, Recorder for Mosses, and Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary and the Conservation Officer are currently shared posts with a single representative on Council. The present incumbents of these offices are eligible for re-election for another 2-year term.

There are two vacancies for Elected Members, each to serve for a period of 3 years from January 1st 2018.

Members are invited to submit nominations for Vice President, Officers and Elected Members of Council, sending them to the General Secretary of the BBS, Dr R.H. Carter, 6 Church View, Wootton, Northampton, NN4 7LJ, (Carter.RH@gmail.com) to arrive no later than 7th September 2017. A nomination must not be made without the consent of the person whom it is wished to nominate. Elections will be held at the AGM at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge on 7th October 2017.

R.H. Carter, General Secretary, February 2017

BBS website – a call for ideas and website design expertise

All members are invited to send their thoughts, comments and suggestions about the future of the BBS website. As you may know, I am taking over as website editor and I am now learning from Jonathan how to maintain the current website. It would be good to think further ahead and start planning for the coming years how best our website should develop. The first thing I am trying to investigate is the aim and use of our website, as well as expectations that people may have. Also I would like to hear from any member who has a very good knowledge of website design, maybe professional, and who would be willing to provide some guidance, especially at a later stage when we'll know better what we want.

Finally, please, note that I will typically copy and upload without editing what I am sent for the website, so do not hesitate and let me know if you spot anything that should be corrected! As a non-native and being dyslexic, I will appreciate these contributions. Please, get in touch, preferably by email. Many thanks.

Ambroise Baker, BBS website editor, ambroise.baker@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting 2017

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, 7th October 2017 at the British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge.

The agenda will comprise the standard business: namely, Minutes of the 2016 AGM, the Annual Report of the Trustees for 2016, Accounts and Treasurer's Report for 2016, the President's report from Council, the election of Officers and Elected Members (see separate notice), the place and date of the 2018 AGM, and any other business. The full agenda, minutes and reports are in the booklet enclosed with this issue of *Field Bryology* (vol. 117).

R.H. Carter, General Secretary, February 2017

BBS journals require new home

Journal of Bryology from volume 29 parts 1-4, 2007 up to approximately vol. 36 parts 1-4, 2014.

Field Bryology from volume no. 91 (Jan) 2007 up to approximately vol. no. 114 (Nov) 2014.

All FREE if collected by recipient, or by a friend, otherwise I would be grateful for the cost of carriage.

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Council Newsletter no. 33: as given to the 2016 AGM at Manchester Museum, October 2016

My first year as President was fairly undramatic, thankfully lacking in crises or deaths of members. Of course, I have to a great extent been protected by the excellent work of officers of the Society. Liz Kungu deserves a special mention for her work with the Journal, guiding it through some very significant production problems during the past year. The BBS Field Guide has also had a few production issues, with one batch suffering from an oily leakage from the plastic cover. This has been resolved (although there are still some other issues being addressed), and it remains a valuable and accessible publication. Meanwhile the BBS website continues to provide a very attractive public face of the Society, and Jonathan Sleath deserves much praise and thanks for maintaining it; we now welcome Ambrose Baker as the new website editor and look forward to exciting new developments.

The website has been joined by the BBS Facebook page, which provides a useful forum for bryologists. Indeed, Facebook seems to be the developing forum for 'new' bryologists, with the Facebook group 'Bryophytes of Britain and Ireland' a very popular place for beginners to post photographs and exchange identifications. Some more experienced bryologists also contribute. I have been very struck by the plethora of good quality images of bryophytes on Facebook, both on our own page and on the 'Bryophytes of Britain and Ireland' group page. It is most encouraging to see so many unknown (to me) names being so enthusiastic about bryophytes. Perhaps the next step will be to try to attract some of these beginners and Facebook users into BBS membership.

There have been a series of very successful

meetings during the year. The spring meeting at Llandrindod Wells was extremely well attended and productive. A joint meeting with the Spanish Bryological Society in Andalusia was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, by all accounts, with stories of wonderful bryophytes and great hospitality: I was sorry to have missed it! The summer meeting was in Ireland, with a week in Co. Tyrone followed by a week in Co. Donegal. My thanks to both Jo Denyer and to all the local organisers for putting on such an interesting programme, and especially to Jo for her work over the last few years, now she is stepping down. We now welcome Lucia Ruffino as the new meetings secretary.

New records continue to come in, the core of active bryologists making some very significant contributions. The new recording cards produced by Oli Pescott of BRC are now in use, with the Atlas nomenclature, so thanks to Oli for those. Atlantic woodland was discussed in the Scottish parliament in January, providing welcome publicity for bryophytes and lichens, and a general acceptance of the international importance of our 'temperate rainforest'.

The Nagoya protocol came into force, resulting in some consternation among botanists, especially those in major herbaria, that this well-intentioned initiative might have unintended and negative consequences for botanical collecting. Consultations are still under way, but it seems that most governments and powers-that-be are willing to listen to the biological community so as to avoid any such problems.

Finally, it cannot have escaped anybody's notice that a small majority of the British public voted for Brexit in June. One can only hope that

this will not have any serious or detrimental impact on the Society, which will continue to be outward-looking and international in nature. Who knows, escaping from the Common

Agricultural Policy might even have a positive effect in the future.

Nick Hodgetts, BBS President

Changes to the Membership List, April 2017

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An overview of the BBS meeting programme for 2017 is given below (further details given on the BBS website). Many areas also have BBS local group meetings and details of these can also be found on the website. Please contact the local Secretary if you wish to attend.

Summer Field Meeting Week 1:

West Perthshire and Stirlingshire, 15-22 July 2017

Local secretary: Julie Smith

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Summer Field Meeting Week 2:

Applecross, 22-19 July 2017

Local secretary: David Long

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Autumn 2017 AGM and Paper-reading meeting:

British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, 6-8 October 2017

Local secretary: Chris Preston & Jonathan Shanklin

Email: cdpr@ceh.ac.uk

Scapania Workshop – 21 October 2017

Tim Blackstock is holding an intermediate level lab based workshop on the genus *Scapania* on 21 October 2017 starting at 1000 and ending at approximately 1600.

Venue: Treborth Botanic Garden laboratory (Bangor University), (turn left immediately before mainland side of the Menai Suspension Bridge). Dissecting and compound microscopes are available for each participant but they should bring their own dissecting equipment and favourite liverwort floras. The session will be based on examination of herbarium material and participants are encouraged to bring specimens causing difficulty. Tea and coffee will be provided but those attending should bring their own lunches. Participation will be limited to a maximum of 15. **Booking** – please email the Education and Training Officer, Martin Godfrey, on martinandrosie@aol.com.