

Conchological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

Report of the Council 2013

Council Positions

Dr M J Allen began his second 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 Mrs C Topley, Hon. Editor (*Journal*) Dr R Anderson, 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: Mrs R Brooks, Mrs J Ridout-Sharpe and Mr D Worth. Mr R Boyce, Dr J Fisher and Dr A T Sumner began their second year. Mr K Brown and Mrs C J Pain began their third year.

Publications

Two issues of the *Journal of Conchology* (Volume 41: 3-4) and three issues of *Mollusc World* (Numbers 31-33, 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. Any feedback about the content or organisation of the website is always useful.

Other Council Matters

Four Council meetings were held including a full day meeting in October. Amongst the matters considered by Council were: progress on a land snail leaflet for the British Isles; the subject content and plans to digitise the *Journal of Conchology*; British mollusc reference specimens for the Angela Marmont Centre; filling vacant Society Officer positions; and plans for a 'Molluscs in Archaeology' conference to be held jointly with the Association for Environmental Archaeology.

Five applications for research grants were received, and a grant of £900 was awarded to Ting Hui Ng, Singapore 'Investigating the phylogeography of *Pila scutata* (Ampullariidae) in the Malay peninsula'.

The deaths of the following members or former members were announced at Indoor Meetings: Eric Philp, former member; Beryl Rands, Former President, Secretary and member since 1967; and Philip Vlasto, member since 1971

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, particularly someone to deal with Sales of back publications, or to stand as Membership Secretary, please contact the President or any of the Society Officers.

Rosemary Hill
Hon General Secretary
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