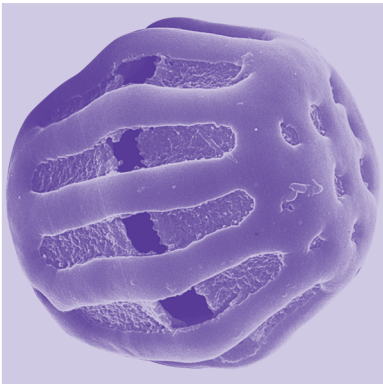
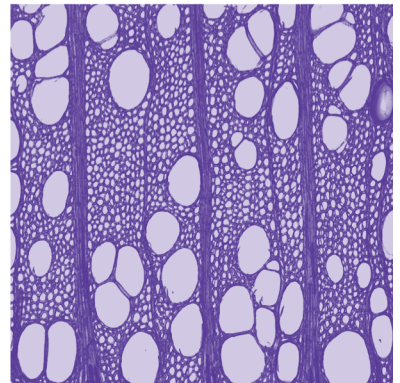
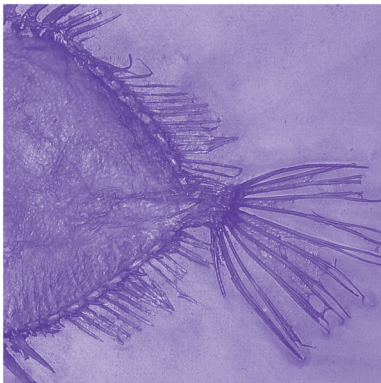
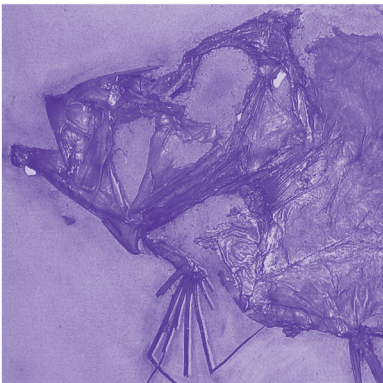




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The Linnean Society's purpose as a living forum for biology is to communicate scientific ideas and advances. It embraces the entire sweep of the natural sciences, but focuses particularly on over-arching themes such as biological diversity, evolution, taxonomy, science policy and conservation.

The Society works through a network of partnerships in the scientific community. In an era of specialisation the Society promotes the transfer of information across disciplinary boundaries. It collaborates with government and international organisations to highlight the urgency and magnitude of the task of documenting the world's flora and fauna.

The Linnean Society was founded in 1788 for "the cultivation of the Science of Natural History in all its branches". The Society is named after the great 18th century Swedish naturalist, Carl Linnaeus (1707 - 1778), who created the binomial system of biological classification now used throughout the world. The Society acquired Linnaeus's collection of plant and animal specimens, and his books and letters, from its first President, James Edward Smith.

The Society has been at the heart of many scientific and cultural developments relating to our understanding of the natural world. Most notably, Charles Darwin's and Alfred Russell Wallace's epoch-making papers on evolution by natural selection were first read at a meeting of the Society.

The Society is proud of its past, but is equally enthusiastic about its future. Today it encourages discussion and research by:

- ◆ publishing three leading international journals on biology, botany and zoology
- ◆ hosting a series of important scientific symposia, conferences, and evening meetings
- ◆ maintaining one of London's finest natural history libraries, with over 90,000 books, journals and pictures. The Society's internationally important collections contain many key resources for taxonomy and for the history of biology.
- ◆ encouraging research and recognising distinction by providing modest grants and awarding medals and prizes.

The Tercentenary of the birth of Linnaeus in 2007 will focus attention on his ideas. The Society will use the opportunity to highlight the need to devote more resources to systematics and taxonomy, as well as improving access to its collections and facilities.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since I took up the Presidency in May 2006, there has never been a quiet moment at the Society! This activity has not been mainly of my making however, Professor Gordon Reed, the immediate Past President, has laid a very sound and extensive foundation for the future of the Society, and in particular for marking and celebrating the Tercentenary of the birth of Linnaeus. He and the team, made up of Council, both elected and co-opted members, the Staff, and volunteers, have good reason to be proud of their efforts. It is my great pleasure to thank them all.



*The President, Prof. David Cutler in the courtyard of Burlington House.
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In the reports that follow, overseen by and in the greater part written by Professor Gren Lucas, our Treasurer, you can read about the very wide range of our activities, of improvements to our buildings, and how successful the year has been. There is no need for me to repeat what you can see here. I am pleased to acknowledge the importance of all the work and achievements reported, and those involved, but there are a few matters I wish to emphasise.

First the Tercentenary celebrations, so ably overseen by Dr. Jenny Edmonds, give us a unique opportunity to make clear our main aims and concerns to the world around us, and the need for substantial additional financial support to achieve them. We are most grateful to those to date who have given so generously in both money and time; they are mentioned particularly in the reports that follow. Our extensive plans for these celebrations have enabled us to work with many groups, sharing common interests. We are pleased

to recognise the part played jointly by our colleagues in other Societies and Institutions. It is a particular pleasure to be working with so many in Sweden, and we look forward to sharing in their own celebrations. In the UK we are glad to be able to work on joint meetings and events with the Ambassador and staff of the Swedish Embassy in London.

The launch of the Society's celebrations took place on 7th December, and we were delighted to share the time with guests from Sweden and the Embassy. It is particularly fitting that many of our very long-term projects will come to fruition next year. Please read the entries on the CARLS Programme to see what I mean, and look at the website to see details of the scientific and events programme.

We have been greatly helped by Elaine Shaughnessy in structuring our thinking on the reasons for our existence as a Learned Society in the 21st Century. Her influence

as Head of Development will be most apparent to those that look at the excellent new website. This alone has raised the Society's profile; the numbers of people visiting the site has increased in thousands each month. We are at work on the strategy for future development of the Society and the Officers, assisted by some members of Council, started this process in November with a very profitable day spent away from the Society at Winchester College. We hope during next year to have defined appropriate objectives for the near and mid-term, and the means of achieving them. These intentions and aspirations will then be presented by Council to the full membership.

One of my aims as President is to encourage growth in the involvement of all members in the activities and interests of the Society. Our richest resource is in our membership, which represents a breadth and depth of professional and amateur knowledge, expertise and skills and true enthusiasm for natural history in its modern sense almost beyond measure. In particular, I hope we can work together on determining the way forward and tackle the root problems in the apparent decline in taxonomy, and in the number of taxonomists. Taxonomy plays a key role in our understanding, conservation and management of the natural world; we need effective policies to ensure that a succession of new taxonomists is trained, and all major groups of organisms are covered.

DAVID CUTLER

INTRODUCTORY REVIEW

2006 has been a year of continuous activity at all levels, the staff, committees, officers and contractors have progressed all the Society's objectives with heightened vigour in preparation for the completion of many Tercentenary Projects and the special meetings programme for 2007.

The six CARLS (Computer Access to the Records of the Linnaean Society) Projects that are underway, three with the generous support of the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund, and three funded from the Society's own resources, have nearly all remained within budget and on time. In fact the first two phases of the Linnaean Correspondence Project have been completed well before schedule, if slightly over budget.

With the appointment of Julia Hoare as CARLS Project Officer the final element has been put in place to ensure that the 10.7 terabytes expected to be generated by all these projects will be securely stored and available on-line to all in 2007.

The refurbishment programme saw the whole of the second floor brought up to modern standards, with the provision of a new conservation studio, office and small meeting room as well as a new coffee point, two toilets and most importantly a fully modernised Council Room. Similarly, the Meeting Room has been 'modernised', with a new raised dais and improved air-management system. In both major rooms, state-of-the-art projectors and support equipment has been installed.

The Refurbishment of the Library had to be deferred for the usual, slow permission process that has been noted for previous applications in last year's report. This provides an apparent saving in this year's accounts that will swell the expenditure headings in 2007.

The Income side of the Society's Accounts is strong through the most pleasing increase in the income provided by the Joint Publishing Account. Blackwell Publishing has worked hard for the Society throughout the year and increased the sales of all three Journals, in electronic form, very significantly. This, along with a modest increase in income from the growing number of Fellows and their generous support through gift aid, added to the increased income from the use of the Society's newly refurbished rooms, gave the Society an overall record income of £580,215.

Expenditure was on budget for the day-to-day running expenses giving a final total of £456,501. This leaves a total surplus of £123,714.

The surplus has helped to reduce the overall deficit after all the projects and refurbishment costs are taken into account to £279,320.

This is well below the budgeted overspend, because as already indicated, the Library refurbishment has not yet taken place.

Plans for the Tower Room, Secondary Staircase and Lift have been drawn up and discussions begun with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and their Agents.

The details of the Meetings' Programme and Grant awards scheme show a constant level of high quality and relevance to today's society and scientific innovation.

The 'Forward Look' indicates the major elements that have yet to be funded or

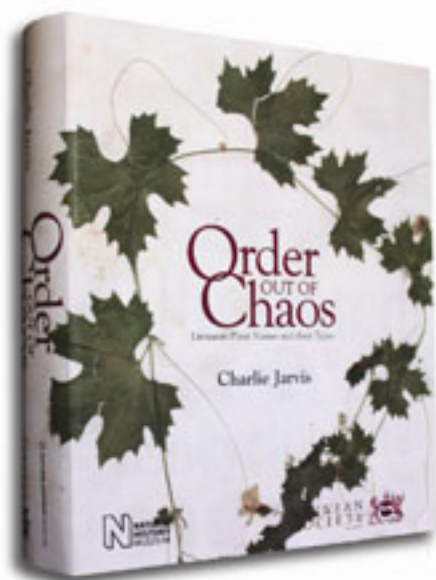
addressed. The appointment of Elaine Shaughnessy as Head of Development, as indicated last year, began by modernising both the Society's image, particularly through the web-site and addressing the equally important fund-raising needs. It is essential that the Society continues to fulfil these major development plans for both the outstanding CARLS Projects and the development of the Lift, Tower Room with associated facilities, and the new Archive facility. They all need substantial funds to bring to fruition and whilst the Society may be able to find a proportion of those funds from its own resources the revised target of £3M is substantial and will not be raised without hard work.

THE CARLS PROGRAMME

As explained in last year's Annual Report, the generous support of the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund (now renamed Arcadia) has allowed the Society to forge ahead with three of the main CARLS (Computer Access to the Records of the Linnean Society) projects. With three other projects already funded directly from the Society's own resources, the results are now becoming available for the final phase to begin. This last phase will have a very significant effect on many aspects of the Society's activities, not least as it will, for the first time, make the main collections available to all through the internet! This final key stage is also fully funded through the generosity of the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund.

The Linnaean Plant Name Typification Project

This project, after 27 years of hard work, led by Dr. Charlie Jarvis throughout with support from a worldwide range of hundreds of collaborators and various assistants, mainly funded by the Society, is now coming to a close. With Katherine Challis, on secondment from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Leonie Berwick appointed in January as production manager, the final phase was put in place so that '*Order out of Chaos*' can be published on May 23rd 2007. At the end of the year the full manuscript was with the printer, on schedule to fulfil this crucial birthday deadline! The pre-order forms are in circulation and the team are preparing the final details for the launch.



Although it would not seem to be appropriate to congratulate Dr. Charlie Jarvis and his team yet, it would also be inappropriate not to recognise this magnificent moment when the huge main task is complete, as far as it ever can be. The supporting chapters have been written, the massive text checked and rechecked and now everyone has to wait

to see the final, beautiful and most valuable volume appear. The Society owes Charlie and all his supporters over the years a huge debt of gratitude and our congratulations in staying the course! To our co-publishers, The Natural History Museum and all the Keepers and colleagues who have supported him in the Department of Botany over the years, we say thank you for a partnership that has lasted over so many years and that has yielded this exceptional outcome.

The Linnaean Correspondence Project

The University of Dundee's Library Conservation Unit completed its massive task of dismounting, cleaning, conserving, repairing and remounting the final volumes in August. The last volumes held some surprises, containing more pages than earlier volumes and with much more inserted material and folded illustrations that also had to be treated. This increased the final cost but hardly extended the completion time through the hard work of the Dundee team, led by Philippa Sterlini. The last material was collected by Gina Douglas in August for the digitisation process to be completed.



Staff of the Conservation Unit at the University of Dundee Library.

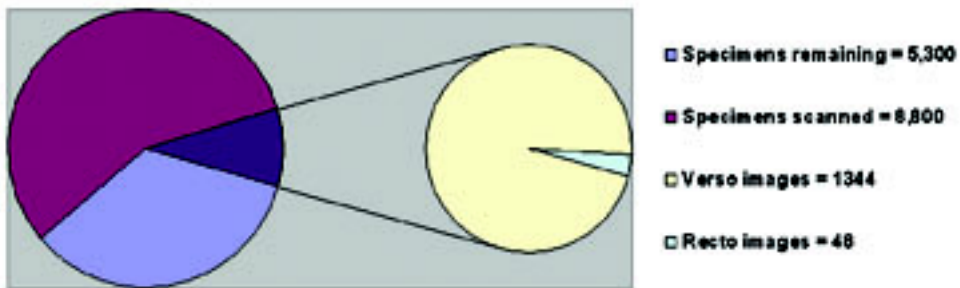
The digitisation contract was given to Capita Micromedia Solutions in February and they completed their element of the programme in December, ahead of schedule and to budget. The whole of this major work, funded by the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund, has been completed ahead of schedule and so in the New Year the final phase of making the whole of the correspondence available on line will begin.

All of the cleaned and conserved letters are now housed in their newly created fascicles and protected in custom-made Solander Boxes arranged together on shelves. This was made possible by the very sympathetic modification of one of the two island, library tables in the strong room. The displaced books being shelved where the original 17 volumes of letters were housed.

The Digitisation of the Linnaean Herbarium

As the pie chart of work finished up to the end of December shows, the final phase for this project has also now begun. Completion is expected in July 2007. Steve Cafferty and Tania Durt are to be congratulated for keeping the project on time and to budget

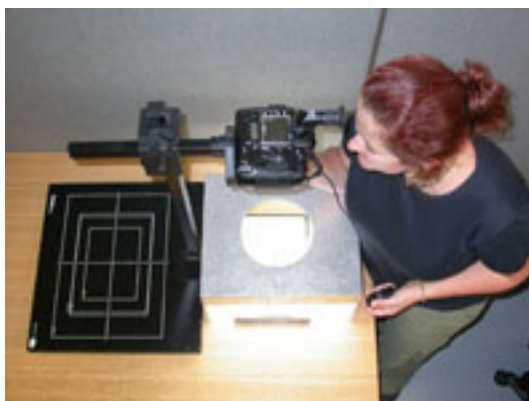
The Herbarium contains some 14,300 specimens with more than 4,000 being the type specimens for Linnaean names. By creating an electronic archive of the herbarium, research workers throughout the world will be able to have free access, on line, for the first time. Some specimens will have more than one image if they are heavily annotated. In some cases they have inscriptions on the reverse of the sheet whilst in others they have additional notes attached to the front of the sheet that may obscure the specimen itself. In both cases the annotations are imaged separately. This project is fully funded by the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund.



The Digitisation of the 'Insect' Collections

The team, led by Mike Fitton at the Natural History Museum with Kim Harman and Geoff Martin, are now well into the butterfly section of the collections. They are fully committed to completing the whole task as rapidly as this delicate material will allow. The labels were removed and specimens imaged on a glass-topped box to eliminate shadows. The labels were then imaged separately.

The seven major groupings, the Orders, are as Linnaeus classified the 'insects' in the 12th. edition of his *Systema Naturae* (1767) rather than those understood today, so the collection includes spiders, crustaceans and millipedes as well as insects proper. This will mean that many scientists with different interests will be helping to ensure all the relevant elements of the collections are imaged to help with identification and understanding the collections when they go on line. This project is also fully funded by the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund



Kim Harman digitising the 'insect' collection.



The Linnaeus Link Project

The Linnaeus Link Project is an international collaboration of partner libraries with significant holdings of Linnaean material.

The overall aim of the project is to extend, enhance and standardise the cataloguing of major Linnaean collections so that they can be brought together, through one primary interface, on the internet.

This primary target has also begun to reach the final phase. Led by Diane Tough and based in the Library of the Natural History Museum, progress has been steady on the cataloguing side of the project. Cathy Broad left to work on another project in the Library and we welcomed Rita Dockery to the team. It is hoped that May 2007 should see the completion of the cataloguing work at the Natural History Museum. Similarly it is hoped that this same time-scale will see the completion of the software programme that will handle the Union catalogue and all the associated data belonging to the nine founding partner libraries.

Smith Herbarium Conservation Project

With the completion of the redevelopment of the second floor rooms, our Conservator, Janet Ashdown, has for the first time appropriate facilities to carry out her skilful activities. The Solander boxes housing the Smith Herbarium have all been



Janet Ashdown, the Society's Conservator, in the strongroom where Linnaeus' letters and other archives are stored.



Linnaeus' specimens of Heliotrope sp. before (left) and after conservation.

transferred to the Herbarium and so steady progress has been made in cleaning and conserving the specimens. It would appear that there are rather more sheets (not specimens) than originally thought, the new total being 19,501. Since the commencement of this phase 9,893 sheets have so far been conserved with Janet having dealt with 2,466 of them

Funding to carry out the digitisation of the collection is now being sought.



Specimens of Conus marmoratus from the Linnean collection.

Digitisation of the Linnean Fishes and Shells Collection

The Society is still seeking support for this project although a small amount of money has been provided to ensure the fish collections are digitised. This element of the project will also come to fruition in 2007.

The Digitisation of the Fellows' Recommendation Certificates, Pictures, Prints and Artefacts

The Society is also still looking for support for this project, although work on the index of Fellows was progressed whenever possible.



Portrait of Georg Dionysius Ehret which hangs in the foyer of the Society's rooms.

Making the Society's Collections available

As identified in the introduction to this CARLS Programme, the final phase is to bring all the above elements together as a major portal to Linnaean information on the internet. The Society's website will be designed as a lead provider with access to images of the collections and supporting information for all users.

The steady creation of the digital images is a significant step in the preservation of the collections, but they are, in their own right, equally important as a long-term resource and asset that must be safely preserved. By putting in place the proper foundation blocks for the long-term storage and retrieval of all these data, it will be possible to enable a much broader audience to make use of the images and associated information in whatever format they need.

Julia Hoare was appointed in August to oversee the development of the specifications that would deliver this final phase. After months of detailed discussions with the curators of the collections, the contractors for the various digitisation projects and many outside bodies, she delivered in November the contract specifications along with a group of possible contractors to be approached. The contract will be awarded in January 2007. Julia's highly professional approach has clarified all the outstanding elements of this vast programme and the Society is greatly indebted to her. She has kindly agreed to oversee the completion of this project and the delivery of the mechanisms to make all the collections available on line in 2007.

The size of the task can be seen from the table below.

Collections	Specimens	Images	Estimated Storage Space
Linnean Herbarium	14,300	17,000	2.2Tb
Insects	9,000	36,000	1.5Tb
Shells/Fish	4,000	8,000	2.4Tb
Portraits	1,300	1,300	65Gb
Artefacts	100	100	5Gb
Smith Herbarium	19,500	30,000	3.9Tb
Totals	48,200	92,400	10.7Tb

LIBRARY

This has been a year of extremely hard work for the Library team and the valiant band of volunteers. The growing general awareness that 2007 is the Tercentenary anniversary of Linnaeus's birth has created a constant wave of requests for information, material, images, lectures and filming opportunities, over and above the normal day-to-day activities of the Library staff. Added to this there was the Society's own need to keep a constant record of the flow of material in and out of the building to the various CARLS project contractors. Our Librarian, Gina Douglas and our Deputy Librarian, Lynda Brooks, deserve the Society's congratulations and thanks for ensuring everything has run so smoothly for everyone!

It was probably a good thing that the Library refurbishment plans have been deferred to 2007 as a result of the severe delays in obtaining permission for this project.



Aquilegia ottonis painted by Bent Johnsen.

A major task that has been completed during the year, under the leadership of Gina with the magnificent support of the volunteers, was to deal with the manuscript collections. Drs Alan Brafield and John St Quentin, together with Miss Enid Slatter, tackled the huge task of re-boxing all the manuscripts in temporary storage as part of their move to more accessible and secure accommodation in the Executive Secretary's office. This involved checking contents against existing listings, replacing unsuitable paper with acid free folders, removing rusting paper clips and pins and checking with the conservator on any immediate conservation requirements. The resulting spread sheet listings of manuscripts, built up by the Librarian as a result of this work, identifies over 200 different manuscript collections of varying sizes. This mainly untapped resource through this hard work will now be accessible to all researchers for the first time!

The Society's manuscript collections continue to receive significant additions. This year it was given an outstanding bequest from the estate of Bent Johnsen, a superb botanical artist and winner of the Jill Smythies award in 1996. These comprise the majority of the original watercolours for the plates illustrating the *Endemic Plants of Greece, the Peloponese* by Kit Tan and G. Iatrou, published by Gad Forlag, Copenhagen in 2001.

The Society also received another generous donation of two albums of watercolours and line drawings of flowers and landscapes carried out on the island of Korkula by the late Edith Ziegler, a former Clerk to the Council of the Society (1952-63) and her husband, the professional artist Richard Ziegler. They were presented by their daughter, Cornelia Ziegler, along with a fascinating translation of her mother's diary from her early years at the Society. It includes her account of the Queen's Coronation Procession seen from the Society's windows.

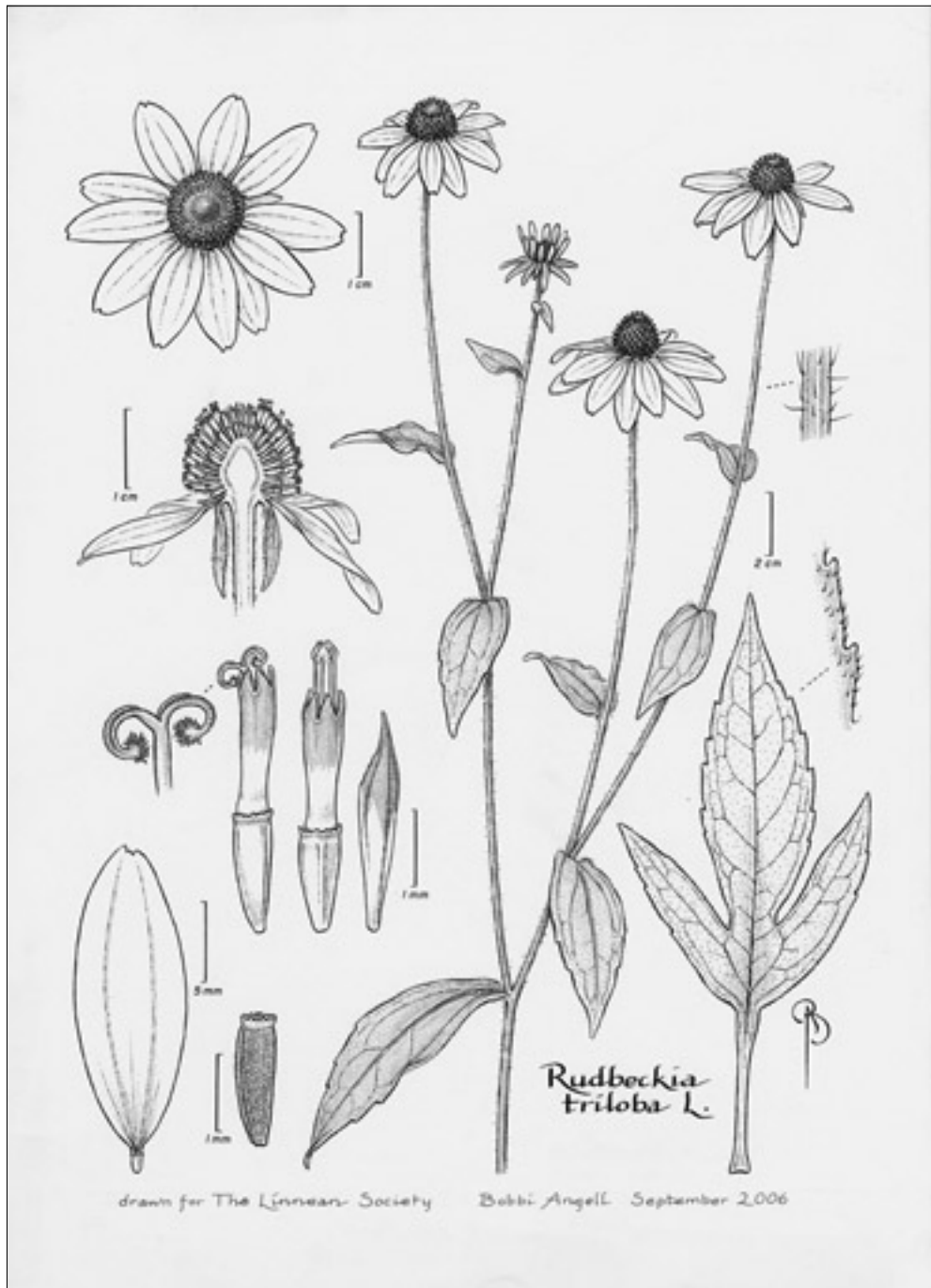
The winner of this year's Jill Smythies Award, Bobbi Angel, presented the Society with two superb examples of her line drawings, featuring *Mirabilis longiflora* L. and *Rudbeckia triloba* L.

Mrs Jeanne Pingree sorted and completed work on the papers of Cuthbert Collingwood and is finalising the listings for those of the J.C. Willis papers, now supplemented by a recent donation of some additional material. Mrs Iris Hughes also continues as a volunteer cataloguing the reprint collections.

Matthew Derrick, who comes in for two days a week continues with the cataloguing of incoming accessions. These included 140 donations and 159 purchases this year. Funding for some part-time help from Rita Docherty, allowed entries to be added to the database of past Fellows, bringing the entries forward to 1898.

The electronic catalogue available through the Society's web site (www.linnean.org) has had new accessions added throughout the year, though the majority of the portrait catalogue was added in 2006 thanks to the support of volunteers, notably the late Professor Arthur Bell and his grandson, Edward Bell.

Lynda Brooks has, as indicated earlier, devoted much of her time to dealing with the demands of the digitisation programme and the Linnaeus Link catalogue. Besides keeping track of the movement of specimens she has been responsible for the portable hard drives used to store all the project data and the checking of those data. This has been accompanied by all the increasing demands already identified. If this were not



sufficient she has also assisted the summer students in re-shelving the books in some of the Reading Room bays in order to improve their accessibility.

Use of the general Library facilities continued to be maintained with 685 (764 in 2005) visitors to the Library of whom 375 were Fellows. Loans were slightly down at 193 (214 in 2005) items. The visitor enquiry slips continue to provide additional information on Library items consulted but not borrowed and show broadly increased



The vacation students at work in the Library Reading Room – Summer 2006.

figures. There were 260 requests for books (157 in 2005), 88 for Journals (87 in 2005) and 30 for manuscripts, (69 in 2005). This significantly lower request level for manuscripts may reflect difficulties of access during the early part of the year when they were held in temporary storage. Significant incoming calls to the Library were 177 (228 in 2005) of which 67 referred directly to requests related to the Library, with their subject areas broadly reflecting the main topics covered by the e-mail enquiries. The Librarian responded to 3,168 e-mail enquiries (1,849 in 2005) about the Library, its collections and the Society. This is an average of 12.5 each working day!

The records show that 834 people visited the Linnaean Collection store. 537 of these were the Curators or staff removing and bringing back material for the digitisation projects or undertaking curatorial work. Of the rest 158 came as part of smaller groups with general interests whilst the remainder were part of pre-booked tours with specific aims.

London Open House on 16th September resulted in 420 visitors, from many countries, maintaining a steadily increasing total year-on-year.

PUBLICATIONS

Publishing is probably the Society's most important scientific activity. Our partnership with Blackwell Publishing under the guidance of Elizabeth Ferguson, 'our' publisher and Debbie Wright, the Journal Publishing Manager, has been very successful from the beginning, but this year has been outstanding with the gross income up by 26% on last year. The Society congratulates the whole team at Blackwell Publishing, led by these two ladies, for the very fine effort that allows the Society to strive successfully to fulfil all the Project targets it has! The net income increased to £344,245

some £59,029 more than last year. This was brought about mainly by increased consortia sales for all three Journals.

The Editorial team was led by Professor David Cutler who continued in post until the Anniversary Meeting in May when he was elected President. At the same meeting Dr John Edmondson was elected as the new Editorial Secretary. This is the appropriate place to thank Professor Cutler for the many years he has been Editorial Secretary. Under his careful stewardship and guidance the Society has witnessed the steady development of all three fine Journals that are in the top echelons of their respective fields. The Society owes him a deep debt of gratitude!

At the very end of the year we said goodbye to Dr. John Thorpe, the Editor of the Zoological Journal. The Society thanks him for all that he has done for the Journal over the years. John Thorpe, along with Professor John Allen and Dr. Stephen Jury with their networks of Associate Editors and reviewers, have provided a superb series of quality products for which we are all grateful.

A system of web-based submission and tracking of manuscripts has been implemented for the Biological Journal, and is under test for the Botanical and Zoological Journals.

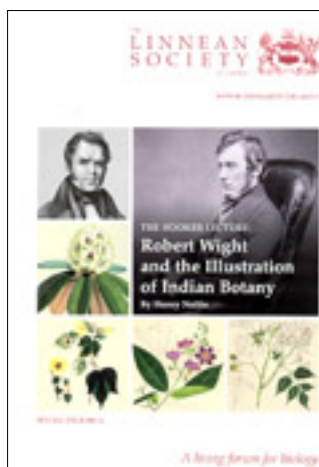
The Linnean under the editorship of Professor Brian Gardiner and the producer, Dr. Mary Morris, maintained an excellent and most readable newsletter yet again this year.

A new edition of the Charter and Bye-Laws, along with a new membership list was produced and sent to Fellows in January.

The 'new-look' Annual Report was also produced in April for distribution to the Fellows.

Special Issue no. 6 was published early in the year to celebrate the Hooker Lecture presented in December 2005 by Henry Noltie on '*Robert Wight and the Illustration of Indian Botany*'.

As mentioned and illustrated in last year's Annual Report, volume 56 in the Synopses series, *Echinoderms*, written by Eve C. Southward and Andrew C. Campbell also appeared at the very beginning of the year. The Synopses series is published by the Field Studies Council on behalf of the Society.



RESEARCH SPONSORSHIP, AWARDS AND MEDALS

The Systematics Research Fund, under the chairmanship of Dr. Tim Littlewood with a panel comprising representatives of the Linnean Society and the Systematics Association, reviewed a large number of project applications with the final 29 candidates receiving a total of £25,848 in Grants. As last year the majority of successful candidates came from the UK but researchers from Australia, Brazil, Germany,



The retiring President Professor Gordon McGregor Reid, with prize winners at the 2006 Anniversary Meeting.

Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Israel, The Netherlands, New Zealand and Uzbekistan also received awards. The Society is most grateful to Tim and the panel members for their careful consideration of all the applicant's projects. The Systematics Association provided £6,000 and NERC £1,952. The Bentham Moxon Trust has provided £3,000 for 2006 and has also generously given £5,000 for the 2007 round of grant giving. With the other grants given by the Society the final amount was £38,309.

At the Anniversary Meeting the President presented the 2006 Linnean Medal for Botany to Professor David Mabberley, the 2006 Medal for Zoology to Professor Richard Fortey FRS, the 2006 Bicentenary Medal for a biologist under 40 to Dr. Vincent Savolainen and the 2006 Irene Manton Prize for the best doctoral thesis in Plant Sciences in the UK to Dr. Yuki Yasumura. He went on to present the 2006 H. H. Bloomer Award for an amateur contributing to scientific knowledge to Eric Clement and the 2006 Jill Smythies Award for published botanical art to Ms. Bobbi Angel.

THE SOCIETY'S PREMISES

As indicated in last year's Report all the refurbishment work for the Council Room and the other changes planned for the second floor were put into action at the very beginning of the year. The new and up-to-date lecture facilities, the secondary glazing, along with a new ceiling, new carpet and chairs, besides the repainting of the Council Room, now provides a very distinguished and top-rate suite of rooms, both

for the Society's own use and for all the other 60 organisations that use our facilities. A Small Meeting Room, an office for the Head of Development, Elaine Shaughnessy, as well as a Conservation Studio for Janet Ashdown along with a modern tea point and two new toilets complete the facilities and modernisation plan for this floor.

The Meeting Room refurbishment with an improved air management system is almost complete with a new raised dais, modern lecture facilities as well as being totally redecorated, providing a first class facility for the Society and the other organisations that use it.

Victoria Smith who is our Buildings and Office Manager, has surveyed all the organisations that use our facilities on a regular basis. Her review covers the last two years and shows the following very interesting pattern of users: 21 Scientific, mainly Biological Societies; 12 Conservation organisations; 8 Medical and Veterinary organisations; 6 Agriculture and Forestry organisations; 5 Official and other NDPB's; 4 Arts based organisations; 4 others. It strongly confirms that Council's policy that the Society's rooms should provide a central London meeting place for as many as possible, like-minded organisations, at a reasonable rate, and this was achieved even through the refurbishment programme. All the staff are to be congratulated.

The refurbishment of the Library and Stairwell have had to be deferred until 2007 due to the lack of progress in granting permission from the agents as they were running down their activities whilst being replaced as managing agents in the new year. The new agents, it is hoped, will do better.

Plans for the Tower Rooms have been prepared and the partition walls and false ceilings of the two flats that were inserted into these fine rooms have been removed so the skeleton of the old grand rooms can be seen again. Fund raising has begun to cover



The Treasurer, Prof. Gren Lucas, and the Executive Secretary Adrian Thomas (left) inspecting one of the Tower Rooms which is due for restoration.

the cost of building a new lift and staircase, to service all existing floors of the Society's Rooms as well ensuring easy access to the Tower Rooms. Besides a major meeting room with appropriate support facilities of a tea point and toilets, it will be possible to provide a Manuscript and Archive Room, along with a fire escape into the Geological Society. It will also allow for a full sized fire escape door from the existing Council Room.

MEETINGS

The Meetings Programme once again provided a very wide range of lectures and conference topics as the list in the Appendix shows. A number of evening lectures were Associated with book launches, and there were 5 day meetings. A joint meeting with the Royal Institution occurred at the Waterloo Campus of King's College, London. With Lord May PPRS of Oxford presiding, Professor Sir Roy Anderson FRS (Chief Scientific Advisor to the Ministry of Defence) spoke, among other topics, about avian flu and other possible human pandemics and this now seems particularly apt with the recent outbreak of the H5N1 virus in turkeys in Suffolk.

The *Conversazione* was held in the Society's Rooms this year where a large gathering of Fellows and friends were able to see the newly designed posters and talk to all the project leaders about the full range of CARLS projects. For the first time everyone was able to climb the 96 steps to see the newly acquired Tower Rooms.

The life work of Ernst Mayr was celebrated with a day meeting, and the lectures will be published in *Systematics and Biodiversity*, the Journal of the Natural History Museum.

Towards the end of the year the annual debate, chaired by Professor Quintin Wheeler (Arizona State University), considered 'Should future classification be exclusively DNA based?' The motion was proposed by Professor Alfried Vogler (The Natural History Museum and Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine) and opposed by Professor Kipling Will (University of California). A vote was taken before and after the debate. Many people from the floor took part, and from the voting at the end of the debate it was clear that the interchange of views and ideas had changed some peoples minds. The motion was not carried: it was excellent to see the newly refurbished meeting room full to capacity.

TERCENTENARY PREPARATIONS and LAUNCH.

The Society's Coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Edmonds has been hard at work throughout the year as the 2007 Programme will show.

The highlight of the year was no doubt the official launch of the Tercentenary celebrations that was held on December 7th. They were launched by the President, Professor David Cutler, in front of a large audience that included the Swedish Ambassador, Mr Staffan Carlsson, the Chairman of the National Linnaeus Commission and County Governor of Uppsala, Mr Anders Bjork, and the President of the Swedish Linnaeus Society, Professor Carl-Olof Jacobson. Also present were many other Swedish Fellows and friends swelling the throng of the Society's own Fellows and friends. In



Sir David Attenborough with Prof. Richard Fortey, President of the Geological Society and the Linnean Society Treasurer Prof. Gren Lucas (right), at the event held in the Burlington House courtyard to celebrate completion of the external restoration of the societies' premises.

fact the Society, for the first time, provided a screen and sound link to the Library reading room in order to allow the overflow of attendees to watch and listen to the celebrations in the Meeting Room. It was a brave attempt and things will be modified to improve both sound and vision for 2007.

After the President's welcome he introduced the new Head of Development, Elaine Shaughnessy, who reviewed the progress of the CARLS Projects, the planned meetings programme, celebratory events for 2007 and the long-term targets of the Society.

Fellows and Friends were then invited to enjoy refreshments whilst looking at the specially prepared Poster displays in the Library and Council Room. These highlighted all the CARLS Projects that are underway, those that still require funding, and the plans for the Tower Rooms and Lift development.

There was unanimous agreement that the launch had been most successful and had truly started the year's celebrations in a most positive and pleasing way.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIETY

With six of the nine CARLS projects moving towards completion and with the Society's financial commitment to them and the refurbishment of the rooms now exhausting the previously earmarked funds, it was agreed to appoint a Head of Development. After a wide trawl, Elaine Shaughnessy, was appointed in May.

The totally revamped website was the first result of Elaine's activities and she is to be congratulated on the transformation that she has brought about to the Society's

electronic image with the electronic implementation provided by Sina Bahrami. The newly designed image for all printed matter was also brought to fruition under her guidance and with the skill of John Stone the graphic designer.

The coordination of all the posters and display material for the *Conversazione* and the launch of the Tercentenary Celebrations were her next major success.

These and the many other activities that she has undertaken with the staff form the groundwork for the Society to now develop the funding drive that will begin in 2007.

The end of the year saw her preparing for the Society's stand in the lifelong learning section of the Chelsea Flower show.

FORWARD LOOK

This report identifies all the projects that are underway and that the Society's own designated funds have been spent on or where they are fully earmarked to ensure their completion. Substantial support by the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund is also fully identified. It explains what action Council has taken to ensure that the next phase of the Society's development plan can be achieved. For clarification the major targets for 2007 and 2008 are identified here and may be seen as the focus of the Head of Development's activities, but she will only succeed if the whole of the Society is willing to help her reach them.

The primary target is to raise further funds to fulfil the ambitious primary CARLS plan to make all the Society's major collections available on line. Three Projects remain to be funded:-

- The Digitisation of the Linnaean Shells Project
- The Digitisation of the Fellows Recommendation Certificates, Pictures, Prints and Artefacts Project
- The Digitisation of the Smith Herbarium Specimens.



Linnaeus' pearls which have been on exhibition around the world.

With the acquisition of the rooms in the Tower and the secondary staircase it has become possible to plan to improve the Society's lecture and meeting room facilities. This would help fulfil another of the Society's main aims, that of promoting communication and supporting Natural History and its understanding by the widest possible public audience. By providing more high quality facilities for the Society and the 60 other Societies that already use our Rooms and as part of the closer ties that are being built with the other Learned Societies in the courtyard, this aim can be substantially improved.

The provision of a specifically designed, climate controlled, room to hold the archives and to provide working space for researchers in this field has long been overdue and this opportunity can now be taken up.

Equally importantly the acquisition of the secondary staircase has opened up the possibility of making all floors of the existing building available to disabled Fellows and visitors by providing a new fireproof lift and staircase.

The third strand of the Society's forward planning in need of increased funding is that for ensuring support for our small research grants scheme so it can be significantly increased. At the same time the Society wants to encourage and influence other funding agencies to increase their financial input into supporting young and developing researchers in the Biological Sciences.

Besides these relatively short-term aims it was agreed, by Council, that as the two key targets, set at the beginning of the new Millennium, of making the Society's collections available to all, both physically and electronically, were moving towards being fulfilled it was appropriate to set new targets. It was also felt appropriate that in the Tercentenary year there should be put in place a medium and long-term plan for the next phase of the Society's development. The process was begun in November and as the President identified in his report the process will seek to involve all the Fellowship in what these new targets will be.

The funding total for all these projects is £3 Million.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The summary accounts for 2006 show the day-to-day running costs with a surplus of £123,714. However, with the costs of the CARLS projects and refurbishment works supported from the Society's funds added in, the net deficit before other recognised gains and losses for the year is £279,320. This sum is again considerably under the budgeted deficit of £670,470 because of the delay in refurbishing the Library and main staircase, some £270,000 of this apparent underspend will increase the deficit in next years accounts.

The net income for the year was £580,215. This was £43,215 more than budget and £63,511 more than last year.

Fellows contributions, donations and grants

By the end of December there were 1,832 paying Fellows with a further 16 Associates and 3 students. The actual number of new Fellows elected in 2006 was 84. There were 56 defaulters. The total number of Fellows now stands at 2046.

The increase in contributions income is attributable to the growing Fellowship numbers but even more importantly to the tax recovered through those Fellows who have kindly signed the gift aid form.

The Society received a gift of £2,000 from the Golden Bottle Trust, which so generously continues to support the Society. Lisbet Rausing kindly donated £5,000.

The second tranche of the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund's magnificent grant in support of the CARLS Programme was provided at the very beginning of the year and this has allowed really significant progress to be made on all three projects. The individual reports have been covered earlier.

There were no bequests received during the year.

Investments

Most of the Designated funds built up over the years in order to carry out all the development plans for the building and for the fulfilment of the CARLS programme has been held in the form of shares. This is the second year that has seen the Society sell appropriate holdings to provide the money to cover all the major projects now underway. The reduction in the overall value of the investment portfolio to £2,446,031 compared with £2,755,930 last year is considerably less than expected because of the general and steady rise in stock market values.

Nearly all of the remaining Designated Funds (£102,127) have been spent in this year. Council agreed in January to the expenditure of a further £200,000 from the general funds for the refurbishment of the Library and main staircase but this has not been spent due to severe delays in receiving the appropriate permissions to carry out the work.

The Investment Income of £74,358, which excludes the income to the Trust and Special Funds, is down on last year due to the sale of shares as dealt with above.

The total income from all investments was £110,810.

Accounts

The Society was reviewed in August 2006 by the Charity Commission as part of their review of all charities and how they are managed. Their report was made public in electronic form on 13th November.

As their introduction says, 'A review visit is one of the primary methods that the Commission uses to engage in dialogue with the charitable sector. The purpose is to:

- Ensure compliance with the legal framework within which the Charity operates.
- Identify evidence of good practices already in place and advise on areas for improvement
- Learn about how charities in different parts of the charitable sector operate and what issues are currently influencing or concerning them.

The introductory statement of the report reads: 'The general impression, reinforced at the visit, was of a charity that had many of the characteristics of an effective charity!' What was not recorded was the fact that the Charity Commissioners said they, unusually, could find nothing in the financial accounts about which they wished to comment! We feel this was high praise for our Financial Controller, Priya Nithianandan.

The full accounts were prepared to conform to the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). However, for the Fellows, the layout of the text and summary accounts have been maintained, as far as possible in a similar format to previous years.

The ‘misleading’ financial management convention that insists that the Society has to ‘capitalise’ certain of our refurbishment work costs in our accounts, continues to confuse the clarity of the true expenditure incurred during the year. This year it means that although the Society has spent £151,786 to refurbish the second floor rooms, including the modernisation of the facilities in the Council Room and with the provision of two new toilets, the accounts will have to show a ‘capitalisation’ cost of £2,820. The modernisation of the Meeting Room and replacement of the air management system at a cost of £142,055 and the replacement costs of the computer and telephone network at a cost of £13,173, will, by using the same methodology, show the capitalisation costs in the accounts as £10,524 and £5,900 respectively. The accounts also show that we have to add in a further figure to cover the depreciation costs still outstanding from last year’s purchases and as explained in last year’s accounts, this results in a figure of £14,034 to be shown for this year.

The ‘Use of Rooms’ income of £29,336 shows a very significant increase over last year. This is the result of two important factors, firstly, that the main rooms have now been refurbished and form a most attractive venue for a very wide range of meetings and secondly, that Victoria Smith our New Building and Office Manager has worked extremely hard on the promotion and support of our facilities!

Catering for meetings gave rise to a deficit of £4,114, mainly associated with the conversazione and the launch of the Tercentenary celebrations in December.

Income from the sale of copies of Publications held by the Society was rather more healthy this Year at £1,482.

On the Expenditure side of the accounts the large, budgeted-for expenditure on Tercentenary Projects and refurbishment costs continues to considerably distort the normal annual expenditure figures. As in last year’s Annual Report the two newly created expenditure headings have been continued and are shown after the day-to-day costs total.

The first is the ‘CARLS Projects’ heading which covers the Linnaean Herbarium Digitisation Project, £31,459; The Linnaean Correspondence Project, £80,004; The Digitisation of the Entomological Collections Project, £83,525; The Linnaeus Link Project, £43,884; The Linnaean Plant Typification Project, £17,5000 and the Smith Herbarium Conservation Project £33,438. Julia Hoare was appointed in July as a consultant to oversee the development of the final phase of the CARLS Programme, bringing together all the newly generated data in such a way that it can all be made available on the web. The total overall expenditure of all the projects is £309,294 of which £211,469 has been kindly provided from the Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund grant.

The second heading, ‘Refurbishment Costs,’ covers all the inputs from our Architects, P. J. Carroll Associates, and Engineers, A. Jarman Partnership, at an overall cost of £21,895. Refurbishment costs for the second floor (£151,786) was some £16,000 below budget, but this saving was lost on the over expenditure for the Meeting Room, £142,054, some £51,000 above budget! These, with other small sums give a total expenditure of £305,209.

As with the income side, the figures show the net situation at the end of the year. For example the Scientific Meetings show a net cost to the Society of £11,329 whereas the total expenditure was £18,362 and Income £7,033. This includes generous grants from the *Annals of Botany* and Systematics Association with the final figure being made up of attendance fees etc.

Overall Library costs were down on last year's figures. A massive staff commitment to maintain all the necessary contacts and material flow to and from all the various CARLS contractors has had amazingly little effect on maintaining a steady output on all other fronts.

The cost of the newsletter, *The Linnean*, was up on last year. This was due to additional printing costs associated with the Fellows List, the Bye-laws and Annual Report.

Council agreed that the staff should be offered the opportunity to join a suitable stakeholder pension scheme and that the Society would pay an appropriate element to encourage and support anyone taking up the offer. This is reflected in the increased expenditure under the Salaries and National Insurance heading. It also includes the salary and support costs of the Head of Development for the first time.

It is pleasing to note that Legal and specialist advisor fees have been reduced to £6,321.

Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone costs have risen sharply this year. It was some £9,000 more than budget and last year's total at £25,853. This reflects the greatly increased activity in the production of materials in relation to the tercentenary activities particularly the Society's newly designed stationery. It is expected this may well be the new level of expenditure in future years.

As indicated in last year's report, expenditure on Office equipment would this year include the cost of replacing the Society's computers and telephone system. It is pleasing to report that this was carried out within £1,000 of the budget figure for a cost of £13,173 of which £5,900 was capitalised.

The massive improvements to the website which are covered elsewhere shows only a very modest increase in expenditure compared to last year at £2,010.

Although this year's expenditure on photocopying is much the same as last year it is important to note that this heading next year will see the figure dramatically rise as we seek to replace this trusty but temperamental old machine that has given the Society 15 years of service.

General Rates were lower than last year at £6,612, as were the Gas and Electricity bills total at £6,272.

Repairs, Maintenance, Renewals, were in line with the budget at £19,179 as no unexpected costs occurred this year.

Depreciation Costs for the current year have to be added to the figures generated in previous years and so, in the narrative, it is proposed to show the year in which each element of this total is generated with an 'expiry' date when that element will drop out of the reckoning. Last year being the first example it will be cited as, 2005, £7,619 (8), the (8) referring to how many more years it will remain in the accounts. Of course some items, like computers, will be written off in 3 years but more robust items will

be written off in ten years, as with the current situation! The total Depreciation charge for this year is £14,034.

Committee Expenses were again down this year, £4,229, despite a much heavier work schedule for committees involved with various elements of the Tercentenary programme. The commitment and generosity of all committee members is greatly appreciated.

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) relinquished responsibility for New Burlington House during the year and a new Department, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) took over responsibility as the landlord! As indicated last year, the first expenditure under this heading covered Building Insurance which this year, cost the Society £12,916 and Inter Society Fire alarm systems at a cost of £4,415, double last year's figure! It should be noted that in February 2007 the full charge for all facilities and the rent will be due for the first time

The Miscellaneous Expenses heading covers amongst various small items a translation loss of £3,343 due to the weak dollar and £1,300 as the Society's contribution to the Courtyard celebrations on completion of the restoration of New Burlington House by the government.

The BioSciences Federation affiliation costs rose by just over £1,000 in line with the newly calculated fee structure.

Tercentenary expenses form a new and temporary heading for this and next year's accounts as various elements of the full programme are prepared or take place. The expenditure of £6,368 for this year is significantly lower than that expected in 2007.

All other costs were in line with their appropriate budget headings. It is appropriate to thank all the Officers and staff for being, as usual, so careful in the control of expenditure in their areas of responsibility. It is also particularly appropriate to thank our Financial Officer, Priya Nithianandian, for his constant and careful oversight of all the Society's financial Activities.

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SUMMARY ACCOUNTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

GENERAL FUNDS	2006	2005
INCOME	£	£
Contributions	102,578	100,647
Tax Recovered	5,116	3,623
Publications – Joint Account (net of Editorial costs)*	344,245	285,216
Back Issues	876	701
Sale of Synopses	676	834
Other Publications	1,482	-
Investment Income	74,358	78,361
Donations Received	8,480	5,671
Legacies Received	-	5,000
Use of Rooms	29,336	17,858
Royalties	4,474	5,300
Contribution to Library Facilities	1,899	1,126
Sponsorship for Meeting	10,046	6,162
Other Income	763	3,344
Catering	(4,114)	2,861
TOTAL INCOME	£580,215	£516,704
EXPENDITURE		
Scientific Meetings (Net)	11,329	9,296
Medals	1,197	889
Library: Books and Periodicals	1,681	3,807
Binding Repairs etc.	8,130	8,230
Special Library Expenses	5,815	8,217
The Linnean	29,153	20,613
Salaries and National Insurance	240,867	188,322
Financial Services	5,343	3,297
Legal and Related Professional Fees	6,321	31,970
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone	25,853	16,080
Office Equipment	7,272	-
Photocopying	864	1,482
General Rates	6,612	10,057
Water Rates	984	797
Electricity and Gas	6,272	10,156
Repairs, Maintenance and Renewals	19,179	39,832
Depreciation	14,034	7,619
Committee Expenses	4,229	4,918
Miscellaneous	7,951	3,711

* Publication Income includes Editorial costs netted off of £79,324 (2005: £71,687) which was incurred by the Society.

<i>Expenditure continued:</i>	2006	2005
	£	£
Cleaning and Refuse	276	929
Affiliation Fees and Subscriptions	741	644
Biosciences Federation Costs	3,005	2,003
Grants and Awards	15,658	15,879
DCLG** Expenses (Insurance and Fire Alarm)	17,331	15,012
Website Costs	2,010	1,997
Tercentenary Expenses	6,368	-
Tercentenary Committee	8,026	6,886
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£456,501	£412,643
 EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE REFURBISHMENT & PROJECT COSTS	 £123,714	 £104,061
 PROJECT COSTS		
Smith Conservation Project	33,438	31,772
Linnaean Typification Project	17,500	34,250
Publication: Order Out of Chaos	1,523	-
Linnaean Herbarium Digitisation Project	31,459	8,239
Linnaean Insect Digitisation Project	83,525	-
The Linnaean Correspondence Project	80,004	66,718
IT Consultant and Hardware for Projects	17,961	-
The Lisbet Rausing Charitable Fund Contribution to the Correspondence and Digitisation Project	(211,469)	(74,957)
The Linnaeus Link Project	43,884	74,839
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	£97,825	£140,861
 Refurbishment Costs	 £305,209	 £72,689
 NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES	 £(279,320)	 £(109,489)
 RESTRICTED AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS		
Income	242,392	431,046
Expenditure	(223,329)	(86,069)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR YEAR	£19,063	£344,977

** Department for Communities and Local Government.

INVESTMENT ASSETS	£	£
Gain on Revaluations and Disposals of Fixed Asset Investments	195,370	341,017
INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)	£195,370	£341,017

BALANCE SHEET

	2006	2005
ASSETS	£	£
Investments	2,446,031	2,755,930
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	73,778	68,568
Net Current Assets	360,081	120,279
	£2,879,890	£2,944,777
FUNDS		
General	1,712,416	1,757,272
Designated (1)	147,755	249,882
Endowments (2)	446,597	411,456
Restricted (3)	573,122	526,167
	£2,879,890	£2,944,777

Notes

- (1) Designated Funds are those funds which have been earmarked for specific purposes by the Trustees and, together with the General Funds, comprise the Unrestricted Funds.
- (2) Endowments represent capital funds where only the income arising may be spent.
- (3) Restricted Funds may only be spent for the purposes prescribed by the donors.

TRUSTEES STATEMENT

The summarised Accounts set out above are a summary of information extracted from the Society's annual accounts. For a full understanding of the Society's financial affairs the full annual accounts, audit report and Trustees' statutory annual report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the Executive Secretary.

The full accounts, on which the auditors have given an unqualified opinion, were presented to the Audit Review Committee and signed by the Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees on 12th of March 2007.

On behalf of the Trustees

G. LI. LUCAS OBE FLS

AUDITORS STATEMENT

We have reviewed the Summarised Accounts set out above and, in our opinion, they are consistent with the full accounts.

KNOX CROPPER
Chartered Accountants

APPENDIX 1

Meetings 2006

- 19th January 2006 **“The Knife Man”:** John Hunter,
father of modern surgery
Wendy Moore
- 16th February 2006 **Joint presentation on Echinoderms**
Eve Southward FLS/Andrew Campbell FLS
- 2nd March 2006 **The Flora of the Central Sahara**
Aljos Farjon FLS
- 23rd March 2006 **Plagues and People: Planning for Pandemics**
Joint Meeting with the Royal Institution
Roy Anderson FRS
- 26th April 2006 **Pollen – particles of prolific virtue**
Madeleine Harley FLS/Rob Kessler
- 11th May 2006 **A Passion for Trees....John Evelyn’s legacy**
Maggie Campbell Culver FLS
- 24th May 2006 **Anniversary Meeting**
- 8th June 2006 **Curassows and their conservation**
Nigel Hughes FLS
- 22nd June 2006 **Entomological Enlightenment**
In conjunction with National Insect Week
Quentin Wheeler FLS
- 13th July 2006 **Tilapia in Aquaculture**
Roger Pullin
- 4th August 2006 **Advances in Economic Botany**
Plant Anatomy Group
- 21st September 2006 **Lichens in Churchyards**
Frank Dobson FLS
- 30th September 2006 **Conversazione**
The President
- 6th October 2006 **A Century of Evolution: Ernst Mayr 1904-2005**
Mike Claridge FLS/Vaughan Southgate FLS
- 12th October 2006 **Malmaison**
Walter Lack FLS
- 19th October 2006 **Evolution of Parasites**
Tim Littlewood FLS
- 25th October 2006 **Palaeobotany Specialist Group**
Jason Hilton FLS

26th October 2006	Palynology Specialist Group Carol Furness FLS
2nd November 2006	Evolutionary novelty in the deep sea: worms from whale carcasses Adrian Glover FLS
25th November 2006	Brogdale Lecture: Edward Bunyard FLS, 1878-1939 Edward Wilson FSA
30th November 2006	Debate: Should future classifications be DNA-based? Quentin Wheeler FLS
7th December 2006	Launch of the Tercentenary Year

APPENDIX 2.

Fellows and Associates Elected 2006

Mrs Helen Allen	Dr Balasundram Amavasai
Dr Hassan Amjad	Mr Cyril Aydon
Mr Timothy Bailey	Dr Robert Bergquist
Miss Alison Bessell	Professor Alope Bhattacharjee
Dr Andrew Brown	Dr Richard Buggs
Mr Ian Caldwell	Dr Lars Chatrou
Professor Michael Collins	Dr Edward Cook
Dr Aaron Davis	Dr Barry Denyer-Green
Emeritus Professor John Edgington	Dr Victoria Edmonds
Dr James Ellis	Mr Jonathan Elphick
Miss Oyomoare Eruogun	Professor Michael Evans
Mr Errol Fuller	Dr Carol Furness
Mr Santhana Ganesan	Mr Seán Gaoithín
Miss Elizabeth Gavin	Dr Adrian Glover
Mr Martin Godfrey	Dr Graham Hall
Mr David Hardman	Dr Julie Hawkins
Ms Angela Hayes	Dr Peta Hayes
Dr Mark Hill	Mr Craig Hilton-Taylor
Mr Harold Holthouse	Dr Sanjay Jadhao
Dr Stephen Jarvis	Professor Robert Kessler
Miss Christabel King	Miss Susan Kingsford
Dr Christian Klingenberg	Mr Mattias Klum
Professor Dr P Koul	Professor Thomas Kristensen
Professor Jerry Lincecum	Dr Brian Lovatt
Dr David Lyden	Professor James Mallet
Mr Christopher Mills	Mr David Moore
Dr Martin Nickol	Mr Robert O'Kennon
Sarah Oldfield	Professor Asim Kumar Pal
Dr Andreas Papadakis	Mrs Mary Peddle

Mr Alan Peterson
 Dr Helen Pickering
 Professor Peggy Redshaw
 Mr Anthony Ross
 Dr Paul Selden
 Professor Monique Simmonds
 Mr Thomas Sopwith
 Dr Miranda Stevenson
 Professor Glenn Summerhayes
 Ms Wendy Trollope
 Dr Timothy Upson
 Dr Anil Verma
 Ms Christine Watlington

Ms Nancy Pick
 Professor Hugh Pritchard
 Dr Edward Rix
 Dr Anne Secord
 Mr Hakeem Shittu
 Dr Jane Smart
 Mr Crispin Southgate
 Mr John Stringer
 Advokat Dr Per Tingbrand
 Mrs Jenny Uglow
 Dr Silvana Vallergera
 Dr Giselle Walker
 Dr Peter Williams

Deaths Reported to Council in 2006

Dr Kathryn Benson-Evans
 Associate Professor David Given
 Dr Audrey Le Lievre
 Mr Bruce Ritchie
 Dr Trevor Walker
 Mr Richard Wilding
 Professor John Hamerton
 Miss Stella Ross-Craig

Dr Winifred Curtis
 Dr George Horton
 Dr Philip Orkin
 Professor Sir Thomas Southwood
 Dr S Max Walters
 Dr John Dore
 Dr Richard Lester
 Professor E Arthur Bell

APPENDIX 3.

Officers and Council

PRESIDENT	Prof David F Cutler (elected 24 May 06) Prof Gordon McGregor Reid (retired 24 May 06)
VICE-PRESIDENTS	Prof Richard M Bateman Prof Mark R D Seaward Dr Jenny M Edmonds Dr Vaughan R Southgate
TREASURER	Prof Gren LI Lucas OBE (1995)
SECRETARIES	Botanical Dr Sandy D Knapp (elected 24 May 06) Dr John R Edmondson (retired 24 May 06)
	Zoological Dr Vaughan R Southgate (1997)
	Editorial Dr John R Edmondson (elected 24 May 06) Prof David F Cutler (retired 24 May 06)
	Collections Mrs Susan Gove (2004)

- COUNCIL The President, Treasurer, Secretaries and:
- * Dr Louise Allcock
 - * Prof John R Barnett
 - * Prof Janet E Browne
 - + Dr Joe A Cain
 - Dr J Sarah Churchfield
 - Dr John C David
 - o Prof Peter S Davis
 - * Mr Aljos Farjon
 - * Dr Michael F Fay
 - + Dr Shahina A Ghazanfar
 - o Dr D J Nicholas Hind
 - o Dr Sandy D Knapp
 - + Mr William M Alastair Land
 - o Dr D Tim J Littlewood
 - * Dr Keith N Maybury
 - + Dr George C McGavin
 - Dr Brian R Rosen
 - + Prof Mark R D Seaward
 - Dr Roger A Sweeting
-
- Retired 24 May 2006
 - * Due to retire 24 May 2007
 - o Due to retire 24 May 2008
 - + Due to retire 24 May 2009

The Editors and Dr Jenny Edmonds (2002), coordinator for the Linnaean Tercentenary in 2007, are co-opted to Council. Prof Richard Bateman (2003) is the observer of the Systematics Association.

APPENDIX 4.

Curators, Editors and Committees 2005–2006

Curators

Fish, Shells & General Zoology	Ms Kathie N Way (1994)
Insects	Dr Mike G Fitton (1976)
Plants	Dr Charlie E Jarvis (1990)

Editors*Biological Journal**Botanical Journal**Zoological Journal*

Synopsis Series

The Linnean

Reviews

Dr John A Allen (1997)

Prof Diane Edwards (1991)/

Dr Stephen Jury (2005)

Dr John P Thorpe (1995)

Dr John H Crothers (1991) &

Dr Peter J Hayward (2002)

Prof Brian G Gardiner (1980)

Prof Chris Humphries (2004)

Specialist Group Secretaries

Evolution

Herbaria

London Freshwater

Palaeobotany

Palynology

Plant Anatomy

Dr Sandy D Knapp (1993)

Dr John C David (2005)

Dr Steve Kett (1999)

Dr Jason Hilton (2004)

Dr Guy Harrington (2004)

Prof David F Cutler (1973)

Committee Chairs

Collections Committees

Editorial

Finance

Grants

Medals and Awards

Programmes

Mrs Susan Gove (2003)

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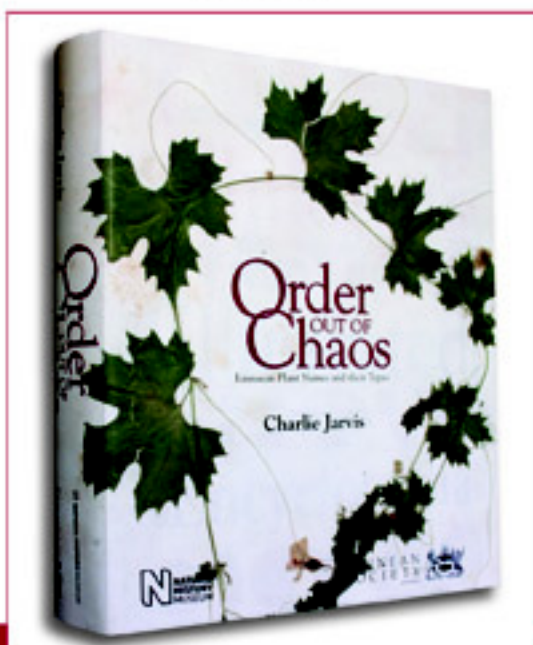
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