

5.0	Treasurers Report.(GMG)	
	<p>Fungal Biology Ltd Accounts have been circulated to council prior to this meeting for their perusal by email from the BMS office.</p> <p>GMG presented the accounts of the BMS up to the end of 2010. He highlighted the areas such as the reports of the trustees and the allocation of costs and expenses. Further to discussions at past Council meetings, the auditors used in previous years were dispensed with, as the income of the BMS was below the threshold where it was a legal requirement. The accountants had used an individual within their organization to audit the finished accounts independently, for a much smaller fee. No issues had been raised.</p> <p>The saving to the BMS from not employing separate auditors was £8000.</p> <p>GMG went on to explain various sections to those Council members present, which he would reiterate to the attendees at the upcoming BMS AGM. This included the ‘<i>Summary of Income</i>’ section where multiple transactions may not always be easily distinguished but are grouped together for ease of accounting. He also highlighted pages 8&9 detailing the shifts in comparative income and outgoings between 2009 and 2010, with emphasis on the use of the ‘<i>Special Resources</i>’ funds used in IMC9 and to commission the new BMS website.</p> <p>CH queried various aspects of the accounts information presented. GMG reminded everyone of how costs are grouped together and therefore cannot always be clearly delineated. He emphasised the ‘<i>funds recouped</i>’ that would show up on the next accounts to offset the perceived drop in monies available at year end 2010. A discussion ensued about the budgeting and limits of expenditure, citing IMC9 as an example. NM suggested setting a range of expenditure for future projects, rather than a fixed amount.</p> <p>NM asked if Council members present were happy to take these accounts forward to the AGM. The consensus from those present was that they were</p>	
6.0	Fungal Biology Research (SA)	
	<p>The 2011 Main Scientific meeting in Exeter was going well and attendance was good. The next meeting in 2012 is to be held in Alicante and is being organized locally by Dr Luis Lopez-Llorca. Budgets have been approved and the program of events and speakers is being finalized. The Chairs of the various sections will be encouraged to have greater input and assist with the overall delivery of the meeting. It was suggested at the FBR meeting previous to this Council meeting that BMS field events could be linked in with the meeting, as they were with the 2011 Exeter meeting. SJS of the FMCC committee replied that 2012 field events were already organized but would be open to ideas from the Alicante organizer Dr Luis Lopez-Llorca about possible ideas. Dr Lopez-Llorca has requested some funding assistance from the Spanish government and awaits a response.</p>	
	<p>The proposed meeting venue for 2013 is Cardiff.</p> <p>This will take place from September 10th-13th and will be organized locally by Prof Lynne Boddy. A request for a deposit to secure venues has been brought forward from the FBR meeting of the amount £139. A theme for the meeting has yet to be decided upon .A volunteer will be sought to identify the potential Chairs of the various sections/topics. Members of the FBR committee were requested to feed any possible candidates back to the incoming Chair of the FBR Prof Nick Read.</p>	

	Prof Nick Read is to be appointed as the new Chair of the FBR committee from 2012 He has indicated that a clear mission statement is needed to clarify the vision of the FBR committee in coming years. He will circulate his ideas amongst the committee and discuss these with its members. New members of the FBR committee for 2012 are Prof Mick Tuite and Dr Sue Crosthwaite. They replace Dr Peter Crittenden and Dr Fordyce Davidson who step down at the end of 2011.	
7.0	Fungal Education & Outreach	
	A request received from committee member Sue Assinder to allow translation of BMS children's materials to be translated in to the Dutch language. Agreed.	
	A BMS member Mr. Alan Williams has offered to take on the role of Secondary Education Officer within the FEO in 2012 and beyond. He is a school teacher in a secondary school in Dorset.	
8.0	Field Mycology & Conservation Committee.(SJS)	
	SJS presented a report on the activities of the FMCC committee and the field events programme for 2011 and those proposed for 2012. This included the proposed budgets and associated costs for approval by Council. Council approved the budgets presented as these were inline with those of previous years, with no noticeable increase in expenditure. Field activities have been well attended and the training workshops funded by the Heritage Lottery Grant secured by CH have exceeded expectations, and it is hoped these could be expanded in 2012/2013.	
9.0	Publications (PvW)	
	PvW has spoken to Alina Helsloot of Elsevier and she informed him that of the BMS journals, <i>Fungal Biology Reviews (FBR)</i> based on current citations it is predicted that the journal will soon be awarded an impact factor of 3-4. <i>Fungal Ecology (FE)</i> has been awarded an impact factor of 1.8, very good for such a relatively 'young' journal. This will also increase from 4 to 6 issues a year from 2012. The BMS website - online payments have not yet been implemented as SJS was requested to seek comparative estimates to add this to the website, and as yet none have been decided upon. SJS asked how Council would wish to proceed with this important issue. The cost from two Companies approached was remarkably similar, around £9000. Action: NM proposed GMG, GR and himself meet, discuss and pass forward to the next meeting of the publication committee, provisionally organized for the start of December 2011 in the Charity Centre, London.	GMG, GR, NM
10.0	General Secretary Correspondence - None received.	
11.0	A.O.B. None raised.	
Meeting closed at 17:35pm		