# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

FOR

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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Laboratory Animals Limited is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The company was incorporated under the companies Act 1948. Each member has guaranteed to pay £5 in the event of winding up the company.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims** 

The Memorandum and Articles of Association obliges the company to apply all its resources to the advancement of public education in laboratory animal science, technology and welfare. The principal objectives of the company are to achieve these aims by publication of the Journal, "Laboratory Animals", and by funding a range of initiatives in the field of laboratory animal science, especially focused on "train the trainer" initiatives.

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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Significant activities

The principal objectives of the company have been achieved in 2020 by publishing the journal "Laboratory Animals" ("LAJ" or "Journal") and by continuing to provide grants to attend training courses, to fund speakers at scientific meetings, and to provide financial assistance for workshops, training courses and for other initiatives that are relevant in the field of Laboratory Animal Science, medicine, technology and welfare. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual General Meeting and all meetings of the Trustees, Executive Committee (EC) and Editorial Board were held virtually (via Zoom). The Trustees held two such meetings, and the EC, which oversees the day-to-day operation of the company, met on three occasions. A subgroup of the EC (Chairman, Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer), held three meetings, two of which were attended by our Senior Publishing Editor. The purpose of these meetings was primarily for discussions on the renewal of the contract with SAGE, the publisher of the Journal.

As was instituted in 2016, the publication frequency of the Journal has continued at 6 issues a year. As well as Original Articles, the Journal included two Working Group reports, four Review articles, Short Reports and Case Reports. The News, Notes and Comments (NNC) section has continued to attract material such as reports from Subscribing Associations (SAs) on conferences, announcements regarding future conferences and events, Editors' news and updates and reports on topical issues such as the impact of Covid-19 on education and training. One Special Issue (Severity Assessment in animal based research) was published in February. The Journal continues to publish translations of abstracts in French, German and Spanish.

The Journal continued to operate with one Editor-in-Chief (EiC) and two deputy-editors. In December 2020, the EiC retired from this position. The decision was taken that four editors be appointed, and that all editors should be equal (i.e. no EiC), but one be assigned to report to the Trustees. One of the current editors (PJ) would remain in position, and would serve as the liaison with the Trustees (Council of Management "CoM"). As a result of contacts within the editorial Board and an announcement in the June issue of the Journal, four additional editors have been appointed, two of whom began to receive articles in November 2020, and the remaining two to begin in February 2021. In 2020, the Journal maintained its efficient publication record, with the time to first and final decision on submitted manuscripts remaining relatively stable. The impact factor of the journal increased to 1.495 (2017:1.45; 2018:1.117).

Due to the Covid pandemic, no "live" conferences relevant to Laboratory Animals Limited ("LAL") were held in 2020, so there were no opportunities to display the LAL Exhibition Booth or other promotional materials. LAL, however, had a virtual stand at the annual AALAS Conference, which was held virtually from October until December 2020. LAL also sponsored the virtual ExpoBioterios conference in October, with our logo featuring throughout the programme. A free link to the Journal was also available at both events, and was activated 36 times. There was a slight reduction in visits to the LAL website in 2020 as compared to 2019, so the EC/CoM will be looking at ways of attracting more interest in the website.

LAL continued to work with SAGE under the contract that was signed early in 2017, and which ended at the end of 2020. Throughout 2020 LAL has been in close communication with SAGE regarding the terms of the new contract. SAGE had indicated in 2019 that, going forward, publication of the journal at the low, special rates offered to our Subscribing Associations could not be sustained due to increasing publication costs, particularly for paper and postage. SAGE presented LAL with a number of options for improving the profitability of the Journal under the next contract. These included (1) reduced royalties for LAL with no increase in subscription rates, (2) no change in royalties with an increase in subscription rates, or (3) moving to on-line publication with no change in royalties and a reduced subscription rate. The Trustees examined all options closely and took the decision to move to on-line only publication, effective Issue 55/1, February 2021. Since this format could lead to a fall in advertising income, the on-line only publication would include a "flippable", cover-to-cover format, which would be more attractive to advertisers. This format was trialled for three issues in 2020 (August 54/4, October 54/5 and December 54/6), and feedback from Subscribing Associations was generally very positive. The move to on-line only was approved by the CoM at the July meeting, and was formally announced to Subscribing Associations in August 2020.

In 2020, the Journal subscription rates for all take-up bands in the sliding scale remained the same as in 2019. Because of impending plans to move to an on-line only format in 2021, the subscription rates for 2020 for each Subscribing Association were not recalculated, so all Associations remained within the same band. As a result of cost-savings associated with publishing on-line only, the Association subscription rates for 2021 have been set at a 25% reduction compared to the 2020 rates. Additionally, the sliding scale of subscription rates has been eliminated, such that all Associations will receive the Journal at the same rate, irrespective of uptake by members. Our intention with the new rates is to allow LAL to continue to fund grants in the field of Laboratory Animal Science, while offering a high-quality Journal to our Subscribing Associations at a very favourable rate. Subscription numbers from our Associations remained relatively stable (2020: total 1,692; 2019: total 1,686).

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The global Plan S Open Access initiative is continuing to be monitored by both LAL and SAGE Publishing. Its implementation, scheduled to start in 2021 will have a significant impact on the publishing landscape of scholarly journals in general, hence also on LAJ and its generation of funds for its charitable purposes.

As a result of the Covid pandemic, there were significantly fewer grant applications than normally received. However LAL continued its charitable work by awarding individual grants to applicants from Russia, Cuba and the UK. Support was also provided for the SECAL annual meeting (held virtually), for development of a virtual platform for organizing a course in laboratory animal science for Spanish/Portuguese speaking people, and for making an video in Spanish re the use of animals in research (see Table).

#### Grants awarded in 2020\*:

Number	Purposes	Country	Individual/ Institutional	Amount
BA459	Training school in experimental design	Ethiopia	Individual	€925
BA461	Attend a course in the Autonoma University of Barcelona on project evaluation	Cuba	Individual	€3,808
<b>BA462</b>	Attend a course organised by FELASA	Russia	Individual	€550
BA465	Development of online platform to organise a LAS scientific congress for Spanish/Portuguese speaking people (Expobioterios)	Columbia/ Chile	Expobioterios	€2,500
BA466	SECAL LAS informative video in Spanish	Spain	SECAL**	€2,000
BA469	Publication of open access scientific report in Nature	ŪK	Individual	£1,668

<sup>\*</sup>Because of course postponements, not all grants awarded in 2020 have been paid to the applicants.

#### **Public Benefit Statement**

The charity's trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'. The charitable purposes of Laboratory Animals are set out in its constitution and the objects include 'the advancement of public education in laboratory animal science, technology and welfare'. The trustees ensure that the objects are achieved through the funding of a range of initiatives in the field of laboratory animals science and the publication of the Journal, "Laboratory Animals".

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

**Charitable activities** 

The extent of the Charitable Payments made is detailed in Note 5 to the financial statements.

#### **Investments**

Investments undertaken by the directors must safeguard the assets of the company and are in accordance with guidelines laid down by the charity commission. There are no specific environmental or ethical objectives taken into account. The investment portfolio is managed under an Investment Management Service Agreement with Coutts & Co and has an investment profile for long term growth with medium risks. Investments are reviewed annually by the trustees. As part of this review we have consolidated cash savings to Coutts to streamline management of our portfolio.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Sociedad Espanola para las Ciencias del Animal de Laboratorio (Spanish Society for Laboratory Animal Science)

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy** 

The company held reserves of £1,382,758 (2019: £1,271,195) as at 31st December 2020. The principal funding sources of the company are the sales of the journal and handbooks, revenue from advertisers and interest from investments. The company has a policy of holding reserves which are at least double the total resources expended in any one year so that: -

- The production costs of the journal could be underwritten as necessary
- The company's activities in support of longer-term charitable projects could be supported if required.

The directors have agreed to review the company's reserves policies on an ongoing basis.

#### **Investment Portfolio**

The investment portfolio is managed under an Investment Management Service agreement with Coutts & Co. The market value of the portfolio as per the report from Coutts dated 31st December 2020 was £1,092,746 against a market value of £1,038,255 as at 31st December 2019; realised loss during 2020 were £41,164 (2019: gain of £13,275) and unrealised gains for 2020 were £77,933 (2019: £116,524).

The company's results for the year and its financial position at the end of the year are fully disclosed in the attached financial statements. The net income for the year, before the unrealised investment gain of £77,933 (2019: £116,524) and the realised investment loss of £41,164 (2019: gain of £13,275) was a surplus of £74,794 (2019: £12,104). The directors advise that the overall surplus for the year of £111,563 (2019: £141,903) will increase the general fund at the end of the year and that the balance of £1,382,758 will be carried forward. Grants totalling £12,522 (2019: £57,866) were made during the year.

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The main source of income continues to come from the production of the journal, the success of this publication has enabled the ongoing commitment to the funding of institutional and individual grants.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

**Governing document** 

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 2nd March 1967 and amended 28th November 1969, 22nd June 1988 and 14th June 2004.

#### **Directors and Management**

The affairs of the company are regulated by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. A member of the company must first be a member of a laboratory animal science association which has been approved by the directors. The company's directors are elected by the members at an annual general meeting and serve on the Council of Management (Board of Directors). As the company is a registered charity, these directors also serve as charity trustees. They receive information on their responsibilities from the advisory material available from the Companies House and Charity Commission websites but the company has no policy for giving formal training to new trustees.

The Executive Committee is elected by the Council of Management and is responsible to the Council of Management for the day-to-day management of the company. The Council of Management meet twice a year and the Executive Committee hold formal meetings or teleconferences at least four times a year. The directors of the company are volunteers who are not paid for their services but are reimbursed for travel and other out of pocket expenses. The management of the company necessitates activities which can take a considerable amount of volunteer's time, particularly for officers and directors engaged on specific projects. However, professional office administration, bookkeeping, publishing, advertising management and website maintenance and development are funded on a commercial basis. Responsibilities of Sage Publications Ltd (previously the Royal Society of Medicine Press Ltd) include all aspects of production and distribution of the journal, co-ordination of the editorial process and collection of subscriptions.

The election of directors from approved laboratory animal science associations sometimes results in directors having an interest in associations or institutions to whom grants are awarded.

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered Charity number 261047

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#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Laboratory Animals Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 charitable 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 charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Hartley Fowler LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

E Weir - Trustee

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Laboratory Animals Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

#### In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Audit approach to identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

Our procedures for identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, included the following:

- Enquiring of management, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the company's policies and procedures relating to:
  - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance:
  - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
  - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Discussing among the engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.
- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the company.

The key laws and regulations we considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements included the and Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice and the Companies Act 2006 and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

The key laws and regulations we considered to have had a fundamental effect on the operations of the company was the Charities Act 2011.

Audit approach in response to identified risks

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the entity is in compliance with such laws and regulations.
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with the relevant licensing or regulatory authorities.
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and test to supporting documentation to assess compliance with reporting requirements.
- Reviewing meeting minutes where available for any indication of non-compliance.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business. We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.

Through these procedures, we have not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements. This is particularly true for those laws and regulations far removed from transactions reflected in the financial statements. As with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities that result from fraud, due to an implied intent behind this, than from those that result from error. As stated in the audit standards, we are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detection-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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28 June 2021

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020	2019
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Other trading activities	2	277,889	289,356
Investment income	3	16,468	23,216
Total		294,357	312,572
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	_	474.047	400 400
Other trading activities	4	171,945	188,188
		171,945	188,188
Charitable activities	5		
Expenditure on charitable activities		41,737	106,761
Support Costs		5,881	5,519
Total		219,563	300,468
Net gains on investments		36,769	129,799
NET INCOME		111,563	141,903
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		1,271,195	1,129,292
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,382,758	1,271,195

The notes form part of these financial statements

#### BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020	2019
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	11	1,092,746	1,038,255
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	12	1,132	1,536
Debtors	13	76,468	79,469
Cash at bank		259,222	243,174
		336,822	324,179
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(46,810)	(91,239)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		290,012	232,940
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITI	ES	1,382,758	1,271,195
NET ASSETS		1,382,758	1,271,195
FUNDS Unrestricted funds	15	1,382,758	1,271,195
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TOTAL FUNDS		1,382,758	1,271,195

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

E Weir - Trustee

J Gregory - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets, in particular fixed asset investments which are held at market value.

The presentation currency is £ sterling.

Laboratory Animals Limited was incorporated in England and Wales, under the Companies Act. The registered company number is 00899518. Laboratory Animals Limited is also a registered charity with the Charities Commission, registered charity number 261047.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern due to the net asset position and the continued net income.

#### **Incoming resources**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income generated from journal subscriptions and the sale of handbooks are recognised, net of VAT, when the income and period to which it relates has been communicated, in writing by the publisher.

Advertising income is recognised, net of VAT, when the income and period to which it relates has been communicated, in writing by the service provider. These statements are received as a bi-monthly income statement.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

#### **Resources expended**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures & Fittings - 25% on cost

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Fund accounting**

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

#### **Foreign currencies**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the dates on which the transactions occur. All monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange at the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising from foreign currency translations are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year.

#### **Investments**

Investments are measured at fair value. Fair value is deemed to be the market price, recognised from the relevant stock market, as at the year end.

Revaluations are the realised and unrealised movement of the investments' market value. Realisable gains and losses are recognised on the investments disposed of during the year, whilst unrealised gains and losses are recognised on the investments that the charity continues to hold as at the year end.

#### Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivables or payables within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in charitable activities.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

		2020	2019
		£	£
	Subscriptions	156,012	157,157
	Pay per view and aggregators	719	2,234
	Sale of Handbooks	1,772	598
	Journal advertising	64,564	77,782
	Online Licensing and Consortia	54,822	51,585
		277,889 =====	289,356
3.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
		2020	2019
		£	£
	Dividends - UK	16,156	22,293
	Interest received - UK Fixed	312	923
		16,468	23,216

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4.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES			
٦.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		2020	2019
			£	£
	Opening stock		_ 1,536	_ 1,673
	Purchases		31,806	38,536
	Closing stock		(1,13 <b>2)</b>	(1,536)
	Sage publishing costs		137,510	137,134
	Exhibition costs		2,761	11,868
	Foreign Exchange differences		(536)	513
			171,945	188,188
5.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS			
<b>J</b> .	CHARLIADER NOTIFITED COOLS	Grant		
		funding	of	
		activitie		
		(see not		
		•	note 7)	Totals
		6) £	note /) £	i Olais £
	Expenditure on charitable activities	12,522	<del>-</del>	41,737
	Expenditure on character activities	=======================================		=1,737
6.	GRANTS PAYABLE			
•			2020	2019
			£	£
	Expenditure on charitable activities		12,522	57,866
	The total grants paid to institutions during the year w	as as fo <b>l</b> lows:	<u>====</u>	<u> </u>
	<b>g p g y</b>		2020	2019
			£	£
	Grants Payable		5,969	53,705
			<u>====</u>	
	The total grants paid to individuals during the year w	as as follows:		
	see 3. and paid to mairiadate dailing the your in	viiviiv.	2020	2019
			£	£
	Grants Payable		6,553	4,161
		Grants to	Grants to	
	Activity/Project	institutions £	individuals £	Total £
	Training/education	5,969	6,553	12,522
	Total	5,969	6,553	12,522

See the Report of the Trustees for details of material grants to institutions.

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#### 7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance
	Costs
	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	29,215

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

**Governance costs** 

	2020	2019
	Expenditure	
	on	
	charitable	Total
	activities	activities
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	5,100	4,950
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	2,600	2,900
Meeting expenses	5,667	25,447
Insurance	-	916
Office expenses	5,934	5,540
Professional fees	1,154	107
Secretariat fees	8,760	8,760
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		275
	29,215	48,895

#### 8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	5,100	4,950
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	2,600	2,900
Depreciation - owned assets	•	275
•	<u>——</u>	

#### 9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No trustees were remunerated by the company during the year.

**Trustees' expenses** 

During the year office expenses were reimbursed to 1 trustee (2019: 19) in relation to their attendance at meetings. The office expenditures reimbursed to trustees during the year totalled £10 (2019: £10,790).

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10.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures and fittings
			£
	COST At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020		2,900
	DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020		2,900
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2020		
	At 31 December 2019		
11.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS		Listed
			investments
			£
	MARKET VALUE		1,038,255
	At 1 January 2020 Additions		1,038,255 608,845
	Disposals		(632,287)
	Revaluations		77,933
	At 31 December 2020		1,092,746
	NET BOOK VALUE		
	At 31 December 2020		1,092,746
	At 31 December 2019		1,038,255
	There were no investment assets outside the UK.		
12.	STOCKS		
14.	3100K3	2020	2019
		£	£
	Stocks of Handbooks	<u>1,132</u>	1,536
42	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
13.	DEDICKS. ANNOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE TEAK	2020	2019
		£	£
	Trade Debtors	12,961	<b>79,469</b>
	Prepayments and accrued income	63,507	•
		76,468	79,469
		<del></del>	

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14.					
	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE \	WITHIN ONE YEAR		2020	2040
				2020 £	2019 £
	Trade creditors			£ 6,728	13,472
	VAT			13,309	23,616
	Grants payable			3,490	31,112
	Accrued expenses			16,093	17,124
	Accrued grants payable			7,190	5,915
	nooraca grants payable				
				46,810	91,239
				===	====
15.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
				Net	
				movement	At
			At 1/1/20	in funds	31/12/20
			£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund		1,271,195	111,563	1,382,758
	TOTAL FUNDS		1,271,195	111,563	1,382,758
				<u> </u>	<del></del>
	Net movement in funds, included in the above	e are as follows:			
		Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement
		resources	expended	losses	in funds
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	294,357			
		274 <sub>/</sub> 331	(219,563)	36,769	111,563
			(219,563)	36,769	111,563
	TOTAL FUNDS	<del></del>	(219,563) ——— (219,563)	36,769 ———— 36,769	111,563
	TOTAL FUNDS	<u> </u>			
	TOTAL FUNDS  Comparatives for movement in funds	<del></del>			
		<del></del>		36,769	
		<del></del>		36,769 Net	111,563
		<del></del>	(219,563)	36,769  Net movement	111,563 At
		<del></del>	(219,563) At 1/1/19	36,769  Net movement in funds	111,563 At 31/12/19
	Comparatives for movement in funds	<del></del>	(219,563)	36,769  Net movement	111,563 At
	Comparatives for movement in funds  Unrestricted funds	<del></del>	(219,563) At 1/1/19	36,769  Net movement in funds £	111,563 At 31/12/19
	Comparatives for movement in funds	<del></del>	(219,563) At 1/1/19	36,769  Net movement in funds	111,563 At 31/12/19
	Comparatives for movement in funds  Unrestricted funds	<del></del>	(219,563) At 1/1/19	36,769  Net movement in funds £	111,563 At 31/12/19

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#### 15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	312,572	(300,468)	129,799	141,903
TOTAL FUNDS	312,572 ————————————————————————————————————	(300,468)	129,799	141,903

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

		Net movement At		
	At 1/1/19	in funds	31/12/20	
	£	£	£	
Unrestricted funds General fund	1,129,292	253,466	1,382,758	
TOTAL FUNDS	1,129,292	253,466	1,382,758	

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	606,929	(520,031)	166,568	253,466
TOTAL FUNDS	606,929	(520,031)	166,568	253,466

#### 16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Other than trustees expenses detailed in note 9, there are no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The trustees consider that there is no ultimate controlling party.

#### 18. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. In accordance with the company's Memorandum of Association, in the event of the company being wound up, all persons who were members in the year prior to the company being wound up are liable to contribute such amount as may be required to cover the costs arising, up to a maximum of £5 per member.