

Bi-Annual Newsletter



Animals in Science - Education Trust

Message from the Trust Chairman

Welcome to the second AS-ET Newsletter. You will notice the appearance of this edition is much more professional than the first, and our sincere thanks for this are due to Agenda Marketing and Communication who have produced it for us.



I am pleased to report that the Trust continues to go from strength to strength. Not only have our funds grown steadily since the last Newsletter, but we have now awarded several grants. Once again, I should like to express my personal thanks to all the corporate and individual contributors that have made our work possible.

Recently, we appointed an additional Trustee, Jon Tyzack, so that we are now five in number. Jon is currently undertaking research in chemistry at Cambridge University. As well as holding degrees in Chemistry and Computing Science, he has the additional very valuable attribute of being a chartered accountant. I am delighted that Jon has agreed to join us and look forward to benefiting from his scientific and financial expertise.



Jon Tyzack, new trustee

Finally, I hope you find our Newsletters interesting and enlightening. Their purpose is to ensure that our supporters are kept fully informed about our activities and aspirations. If you have any suggestions for their further improvement, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Richard Gardner

AS-ET Patron

Our Patron, Lord Walton of Detchant was guest of honour and presented certificates to the first graduates of the IAT/Middlesex University Certificate of Higher Education in Animal Technology. The Graduation ceremony took place at The Babraham Institute in Cambridge.



Lord Walton speaking to the graduates with IAT past chair and AS-ET Secretary Ken Applebee, IAT President Dr Robin Lovell-Badge and IAT Chair Steve Owen.

Fund Raising

Industry manufacturers and suppliers continue to support the Trust generously. AS-ET now has 19 corporate sponsors. We are conscious that these are difficult economic times and so are especially grateful for this support. A full list of corporate sponsors can be found in this Newsletter, on the website and on our pages in the IAT Bulletin.

The number of official supporters has grown to 15. We are seeking ways to encourage more individuals to donate to the Trust. A letter will be going out to all IAT members with their membership renewal information. We would welcome ideas on how we can encourage more individual donors. Details on giving to the Trust can be found on our website www.as-et.org.uk.

The Trustees are pleased to acknowledge the on going support of Institute of Animal Technology. This support is both financial and in kind, for instance the Institute funded the AS-ET reception at Congress.

AS-ET also benefited from the generosity of the trade exhibitors at Congress 2011 who presented us with a cheque for over £300.



Nicky Windows presenting a cheque to Trust Secretary Ken Applebee on behalf of the IAT Congress trade exhibitors

AS-ET has received its first donation from an IAT Branch. We are very grateful to the Cambridge Branch for their generosity.

Dispersal of Funds

The Trustees are please to announce the first grants from AS-ET funds. These include an individual bursary to enable attendance at a primate husbandry and welfare course, support for a one-day educational meeting for young technicians and a contribution to the development of learning materials for the forthcoming higher education programme.

Details on applying for a bursary or other grants can be found on our website.

Message from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees

BSc in Laboratory Animal Science and Technology

The University of Manchester (UoM) is working hard to get the course approved and up and running for the first cohort of students in September 2012. Currently we are waiting the formal approval of the programme at the next UoM Education Board meetings which will be held on 16th November. Teaching management within the Faculty is divided between two Education Boards, one of which deals with biomedical and the other biochemical-based degrees. As the Faculty will

be incorporating units into the new degree which are managed by both boards we need approval from both meetings. Once approval has been granted, the UoM are allowed to formally advertise the new programme through UCAS as 'available pending approval'. Until that occurs no formal announcement can be made, but I am very please to say that there are in place well developed plans to offer the degree by distance learning programme.

AS-ET has pledged £15k towards the development on the on-line learning component of the BSc LAS&T, along with a further £35k from the IAT. Please be reassured that the IAT is doing everything in its powers to make this happen and needless to say as soon as we receive any announcement we will inform our membership.

Ken Applebee

Events

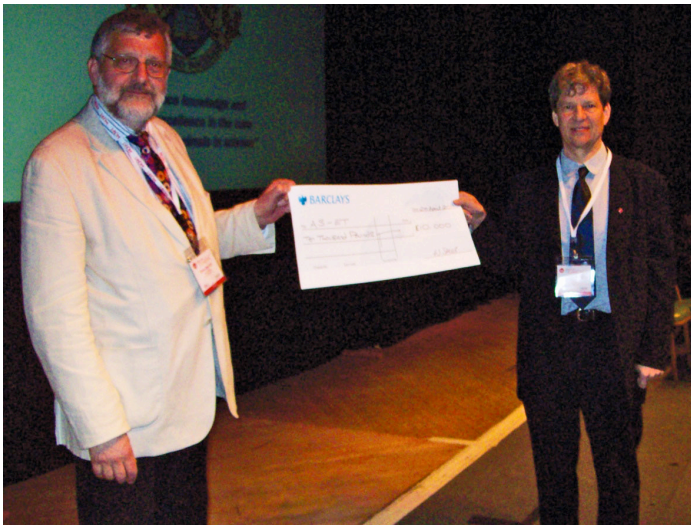
IAT Congress 2011 was a very successful event for AS-ET. The organisers kindly allowed us space for a stand free of charge. The stand was in a prominent situation and many delegates stopped to find out more about us.



Delegates visiting the AS-ET stand at Congress 2011

Once again we are grateful to the IAT for allowing us to give a report on our activities at the end of the Institutes AGM. At the AGM the President of the IAT, Dr Robin Lovell-Badge presented a cheque to AS-ET for £10,000.

Corporate Sponsors of AS-ET



President of IAT, Dr Robin Lovell-Badge, presenting a cheque for £10,000 to AS-ET Trustee Steve Barnett

AS-ET Trustees hosted a reception at Congress for corporate sponsors, official supporters and helpers. We were pleased to have the opportunity to thank all those who made the first year of the trust so successful.

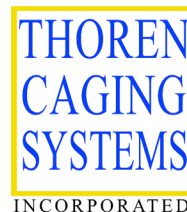
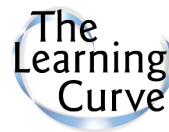


Guests at the AS-ET Reception at Congress 2011

Future Events

The AS-ET stand will be at the LASA Winter Meeting in November/December and at the West Middlesex IAT Branch Technician Trade Show in February. If you have a Branch event or any other meeting and would like AS-ET to be present please contact us and we will do our best to attend.

We look forward to meeting you at a future event.



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