# **British Phycological Society**

68th Annual General Meeting Roland Levinsky Building, Plymouth University 5 – 6pm Tuesday 7th January 2019

Membership Secretary: Dr Hilary Redden

# **Honorary Life Members**

The current Honorary Life Members are: Dr G.T. Boalch, Prof J.A. Brodie, Prof J. Dodge, Prof M.D. Guiry, Mrs L.M. Irvine, Prof D. M. John, Prof C Maggs, Prof L. Medlin, Prof J. Raven, Sir W. Stewart, Prof M Wilkinson and Prof W. Stam.

## **Matters Arising**

Renewal notices for 2020 membership were circulated in conjunction with information about the AGM and Plymouth conference in in the last months of 2019. Members were also asked to propose and then vote on new council members. The results of which, will have been reported by the Secretary.

## Membership

On, 17th Dec 2019, the active membership of the Society was 376, this includes our 12 Honorary Life Members.

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Of our 376 active members in 2019, 109 (29%) opt to receive the EJP by post. This is up from 59 members in 2018.

## Membership breakdown

	No.	
	Active	% of
Membership Plan	Members	Total
Honorary Membership	12	3
Ordinary Membership with Journal	74	20
Ordinary Membership without Journal	147	39
Retired Membership with Journal	16	4
Retired Membership without Journal	18	5
Student (3 year) Membership without Journal (NEW)	37	10
Student Membership with Journal	7	2
Student Membership without Journal	65	17
Corporate Membership	0	0
Total Members Active	376	

Total membership (Fig 1) although up on 2018 is still nearly 100 members less than the heady days of 2010 (470 members). Why this is I don't know, but perhaps the new 3 year membership for students and the automatic renewals will keep members active as their annual renewal now

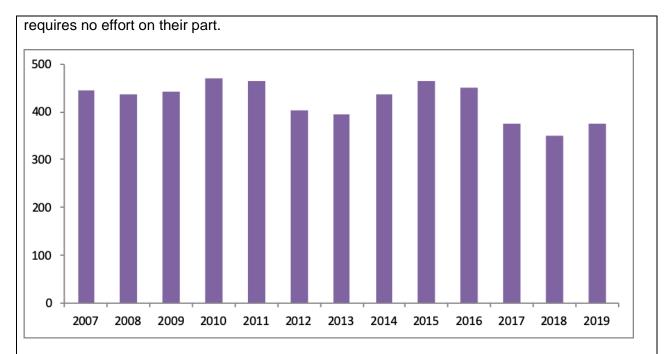


Fig 1 Total membership by year

## Membership Country of Origin

Based on the suffix of their email and no other personal identifier, it can be seen that our membership comes from 36 different countries (Fig 2). Unsurprisingly the majority (216, 57 %) are British based email addresses. Of our other most welcome colleagues (43 %), 16 EU countries are represented and the two largest non-British contingents are from the USA and Germany.

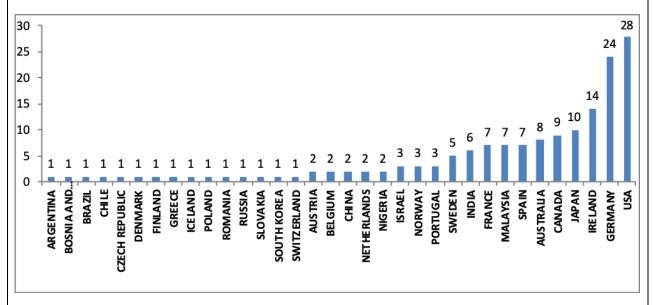


Fig 2 Country of origin, based on email suffix, of non-UK BPS members, actual no. of members indicated

## **Database and Renewals**

As we have had a full year of the online membership application and payment methods I can report that most but not all membership attempts are successful. There are 8% of which fail or pause. Examination of these usually indicates some problem at the PayPal payment end which

is the responsibility of the applicant. These are often an expired payment card or miss-type into an information field and a successful membership application is subsequently made when the flawed attempt is abandoned and information resubmitted.

Membership A	ttempts	Count
Successful Flawed (8%)	Active	376
	Cancelled	7
	Expired	8
	Paused	5
	Pending	11
	Total	407

However, if on examining your membership details on the website that you discover you have miss-typed any information e.g. a post code you should be able to edit it yourself or send the correction to the membership secretary (membership@brphycsoc.org) for editing.