

# ACCU

## Annual General Meeting 2010

### Welcome

To this, the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the ACCU. Here follows the agenda, the reports, and finally, at the back to avoid confusion between its content and the current meeting's content, the minutes for last year's AGM.

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## Agenda

Agenda of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of ACCU held on Saturday 25th April at the Barceló Oxford Hotel, Oxford

**1 Apologies for absence**

Mick Brooks

**2 Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting**

**3 Matters arising**

**4 Annual reports of the officers**

**5 Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2009**

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## Chair's Report

2009 has been more of the same for ACCU.

In many ways, this is a good thing. The organisation continues to do the things it does, which are the things the membership enjoy and benefit from, and so they continue to support them. Things sustain themselves. Traffic on accu-general is fairly high, the signal-to-noise ratio is good (even if the signal-to-pun ratio needs work), and the atmosphere is friendly.

CVu and Overload are consistently interesting, across a broad range of subjects. The appointment of Steve Love as regular CVu Editor has provided some welcome stability there. While our series of guest editors through 2008 and into 2009 was a success, it put a lot of pressure on, in particular, the Publications Officer and our Production Editor. Steve's just celebrated his first year at the CVu helm, with Ric Parkin shortly to mark two years steering Overload.

While I'm pleased the organisation seems to be ticking over, I confess, as I stand down as Chair, to a certain disappointment. When I took over as Chair in 2006, I was hopeful that we would be able to raise the membership. At that time, the roles of conference Chair and the ACCU Chair were expressly split. Chairing the conference is a time consuming activity, and dividing the roles would allow the ACCU Chair to focus on the organisation. While that's been the case, the time spent hasn't been used quite as I anticipated.

Voluntary organisations typically do roll steadily on and change is, typically, only provoked by some kind of crisis. By crisis, I don't necessarily mean anything disastrous, but simply some kind of unsettling event - losing funding, gaining funding, resignation from a post, and so on. The crisis provides an opportunity to try new things. The ACCU Chair standing down is such a time, but I missed the chance. At least I didn't completely balls it up.

I'd like to thank the many people who've helped and advised me over the last four years, including the various journal editors, the conference Chair and committee, and the past and current members of the committee. In particular, I'd like to single out the work done by secretary Alan Bellingham, membership secretary Mick Brooks, and treasurer Stewart Brodie. If not for them, we wouldn't be here now.

*Jez Higgins*

## Secretary's Report

One of the consequences of being the person who assembles this AGM pack is that I can comment on the other reports. I would agree with the Chair's comment that this has been a period of stability rather than change – as Secretary, my workload has been pretty light, with my presence being useful mostly as the counter-signatory and sanity checker on the payments that we, ACCU, send out to our suppliers.

Looking back over my archives, I note that the earliest minutes I took as Secretary were back in 2001. If I am re-elected today, this coming year will be in my tenth in this position. I think that is quite long enough for one person, and I do not intend to stand again next year. I would be standing down this year, except that I wouldn't want the potential lack of continuity of both the Chair and Secretary changing at the same time.

*Alan Bellingham*

## Membership Secretary's Report

This year has been rather quiet from my part of view - administration of membership is now mostly taken care of via the website, with me on hand to answer queries and fix occasional billing, mailing and database problems. I take this as a good sign.

The statistics for membership over the last year are shown below. We again have a small drop in numbers, but this is much less significant than the losses in the two previous years. Lack of new memberships seems to account for much of the loss (135 from May 2009 to Mar 2010 vs 159 from May 2008 to Mar 2009) and it's noticeable that this years' conference hasn't caused the familiar increase in new memberships.

*(Data correct on 2010-04-03)*

<b>Members by Category</b>	<b>(diff)</b>	
Individual (Full 665, Basic 33)	698	(-11)
Student (Full 15, Basic 2)	17	(-3)
Corporate Members	26	(-3)
Honorary Members	23	(0)
Gratis Members	22	(0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>(-17)</b>
Complimentary Journals	55	(0)

**Activity By Month**

	2009-10		2008-9	
Month	Renewal	New	Renewal	New
May	20	8	14	8
Jun	16	26	12	12
Jul	51	16	5	9
Aug	208	22	255	9
Sep	55	8	88	9
Oct	27	7	30	11
Nov	22	8	30	6
Dec	14	9	22	10
Jan	31	9	20	15
Feb	44	13	26	45
Mar	32	9	28	25
Apr*	6	11	14	7

**Members By Joining Year**

Year	Apr-'09	Members	Diff	Loss(10/09)	Loss(09/08)
1987	10	10	0	0%	0%
1988	4	3	-1	25%	+33%
1989	8	8	0	0%	27%
1990	19	17	-2	11%	0%
1991	19	15	-4	21%	5%
1992	18	16	-2	11%	10%
1993	15	14	-1	7%	12%
1994	24	23	-1	4%	8%
1995	27	24	-3	11%	10%
1996	9	9	0	0%	25%
1997	20	16	-4	20%	13%
1998	22	21	-1	5%	21%
1999	52	49	-3	6%	+2%
2000	60	53	-7	12%	17%
2001	49	44	-5	10%	32%
2002	38	32	-6	16%	22%
2003	30	29	-1	3%	8%
2004	14	12	-2	14%	7%
2005	21	21	0	0%	40%
2006	47	42	-5	10%	49%
2007	82	72	-10	13%	52%
2008	124	103	-21	17%	-
2009	90*	184	-	-	-
2010	-	85*	-	-	-

**UK Members By Postcode**

<b>OX</b>	60	<b>EH</b>	10	<b>N1</b>	6	<b>AB</b>	3	<b>BT</b>	2	<b>S6</b>	2	<b>DN</b>	1	<b>LN</b>	1	<b>W2</b>	1
<b>CB</b>	45	<b>SL</b>	10	<b>SG</b>	6	<b>DA</b>	3	<b>CH</b>	2	<b>SM</b>	2	<b>DY</b>	1	<b>M1</b>	1	<b>W</b>	1
<b>RG</b>	31	<b>TN</b>	10	<b>SN</b>	6	<b>EX</b>	3	<b>CO</b>	2	<b>SS</b>	2	<b>E3</b>	1	<b>M2</b>	1	<b>W4</b>	1
<b>GU</b>	23	<b>TW</b>	10	<b>AL</b>	5	<b>HA</b>	3	<b>IV</b>	2	<b>SY</b>	2	<b>E6</b>	1	<b>ML</b>	1	<b>W</b>	1
<b>SE</b>	22	<b>BN</b>	8	<b>B1</b>	5	<b>HR</b>	3	<b>KY</b>	2	<b>WR</b>	2	<b>EN</b>	1	<b>N3</b>	1	<b>WN</b>	1
<b>SW</b>	21	<b>BR</b>	8	<b>CV</b>	5	<b>LS</b>	3	<b>L2</b>	2	<b>WV</b>	2	<b>FK</b>	1	<b>N7</b>	1		
<b>SO</b>	19	<b>CF</b>	8	<b>EC</b>	5	<b>RM</b>	3	<b>L3</b>	2	<b>YO</b>	2	<b>G1</b>	1	<b>OL</b>	1		
<b>GL</b>	15	<b>LE</b>	8	<b>NW</b>	5	<b>SA</b>	3	<b>LA</b>	2	<b>B2</b>	1	<b>G4</b>	1	<b>PA</b>	1		
<b>KT</b>	14	<b>PE</b>	8	<b>W6</b>	5	<b>SP</b>	3	<b>LU</b>	2	<b>BB</b>	1	<b>G6</b>	1	<b>PL</b>	1		
<b>BS</b>	13	<b>RH</b>	8	<b>CM</b>	4	<b>ST</b>	3	<b>ME</b>	2	<b>BD</b>	1	<b>GY</b>	1	<b>S3</b>	1		
<b>HP</b>	13	<b>SK</b>	8	<b>CR</b>	4	<b>TA</b>	3	<b>N2</b>	2	<b>CA</b>	1	<b>HD</b>	1	<b>SR</b>	1		
<b>MK</b>	12	<b>WC</b>	8	<b>DT</b>	4	<b>W1</b>	3	<b>N4</b>	2	<b>CW</b>	1	<b>HU</b>	1	<b>TQ</b>	1		
<b>BH</b>	11	<b>NE</b>	7	<b>IP</b>	4	<b>W5</b>	3	<b>NN</b>	2	<b>DD</b>	1	<b>HX</b>	1	<b>TR</b>	1		
<b>PO</b>	11	<b>NG</b>	7	<b>NR</b>	4	<b>B4</b>	2	<b>NP</b>	2	<b>DH</b>	1	<b>JJ</b>	1	<b>TS</b>	1		
<b>E1</b>	10	<b>BA</b>	6	<b>WA</b>	4	<b>B7</b>	2	<b>PR</b>	2	<b>DL</b>	1	<b>LL</b>	1	<b>UB</b>	1		

**Overseas Members By Country (311 total (+33), 40 countries)**

<b>USA</b>	71	<b>Romania</b>	5	<b>Singapore</b>	1
<b>Germany</b>	33	<b>Finland</b>	5	<b>Chile</b>	1
<b>Sweden</b>	26	<b>Ireland</b>	5	<b>Cyprus</b>	1
<b>Switzerland</b>	22	<b>India</b>	5	<b>San Marino</b>	1
<b>The Netherlands</b>	20	<b>Turkey</b>	4	<b>Israel</b>	1
<b>Norway</b>	17	<b>New Zealand</b>	4	<b>Cuba</b>	1
<b>Australia</b>	10	<b>Italy</b>	3	<b>Bulgaria</b>	1
<b>Canada</b>	9	<b>Czech Republic</b>	2	<b>China</b>	1
<b>Denmark</b>	9	<b>Croatia</b>	2	<b>Philippines</b>	1
<b>Belgium</b>	8	<b>Brazil</b>	2	<b>Japan</b>	1
<b>France</b>	8	<b>Portugal</b>	2	<b>Ukraine</b>	1
<b>Poland</b>	8	<b>Hungary</b>	2	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	1
<b>Spain</b>	7	<b>Russian Federation</b>	2		
<b>Austria</b>	6	<b>Slovakia</b>	2		

**Country of New Members (for 2009)**

<b>United Kingdom</b>	81	<b>Denmark</b>	3	<b>Chile</b>	1
<b>USA</b>	12	<b>Norway</b>	3	<b>Cyprus</b>	1
<b>Germany</b>	7	<b>Canada</b>	2	<b>Czech Republic</b>	1
<b>Sweden</b>	4	<b>Finland</b>	2	<b>Poland</b>	1
<b>Switzerland</b>	4	<b>Spain</b>	2	<b>Turkey</b>	1
<b>The Netherlands</b>	4	<b>Australia</b>	1	<b>Ukraine</b>	1
<b>Belgium</b>	3	<b>Austria</b>	1		

**Mick Brooks**

## Advertising Officer's Report

This has been a difficult year to retain existing advertisers, let alone attract new ones. By and large we have maintained advertising income, helped in the first part of the year by a few months income from a web-link business.

We still have capacity for expansion, so please mention the ACCU website and journals to any potential advertisers you may know.

**Seb Rose**

## Publications Officer's report

My grateful thanks go to Pic Parkin and Steve Love for all the work they've done as editors over the year, and for Alison Peck's continued high standards as production editor. Once again I think we've had a great variety of high quality articles in both magazines.

It has been good to welcome a few new members contributing to the magazines; I hope more of you will do so in the year ahead.

**Roger Orr**

## Current Committee

The committee prior to the AGM is as follows:

### Officers

Chair	Jez Higgins
Secretary	Alan Bellingham
Treasurer	Stewart Brodie
Membership Secretary	Mick Brooks
Publications Officer	Roger Orr

### Other named posts

Publicity	David Carter-Hitchen
Advertising	Seb Rose

### Other committee members

Giovanni Asproni  
Tony Barrett-Powell  
Pete Goodliffe  
Paul Grenyer  
Tom Hughes

### Co-opted posts

Lois Goldthwaite (International Standards Officer)  
Walter Vannini (USA Agent)  
Silas Brown (Disabilities)

Co-opted members are those that the committee votes to join them in order to better fulfil certain functions. These are not being elected, and are listed here for completeness.

## Candidates

The following are the candidates who have been nominated before the meeting. In addition, candidates may be proposed at the meeting itself. Where a seconder has already come forward, their name is also listed.

### Officers

Chair	Hubert Matthews Proposed by Jez Higgins	Seconded by Roger Orr
Secretary	Alan Bellingham Proposed by Chris Southern	Seconded by Örjan Westin
Treasurer	Stewart Brodie Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Ian Wakeling
Membership Secretary	Mick Brooks Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Seb Rose
Publications Officer	Roger Orr Proposed by Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell

### Other named posts

Publicity Advertising	(None) Seb Rose Proposed by Jeremy Birrell	Seconded by Guy Bolton-King
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### General members

Giovanni Asproni	Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell
Tony Barrett-Powell	Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Seb Rose
Paul Grenyer	Proposed by Tom Hughes	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell
Jez Higgins	Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Seb Rose
Tom Hughes	Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Giovanni Asproni





## 2009 AGM Minutes

### **Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting of ACCU held on Saturday 14th April at the Barceló Oxford Hotel, Oxford**

The Meeting commenced at 13:10, Jez Higgins in the Chair, Alan Bellingham taking the minutes.

Approximately 45 members were in attendance.

#### **1) Apologies for absence**

None

#### **2) Minutes of the 20th AGM**

These were printed in leaflets handed out at the meeting.

Note: An error in those minutes was noted: that the auditor then elected was Guy Bolton-King, rather than the Russel Winder there listed. With this correction noted, the minutes were then approved.

Proposed: Jez Higgins  
Seconded: Alan Bellingham

Approved unanimously.

#### **3) Reports**

##### **Chair report (Jez Higgins)**

As printed in the AGM Pack. There was a discussion on membership as a result of the report, initiated by Detlef Vollman. No distinct conclusion was reached, and no motion made, but the following points were noted:

One member was wondering whether the conference programme might be getting stale. The general consensus of the room was that the conference was getting the balance about right.

Francis Glassborow raised the idea of supplying free journals to university libraries to raise our profile.

Another suggestion was giving free membership to those conference attenders who were not already members, in a bid to show them the other benefits available.

##### **Secretary (Alan Bellingham)**

As printed.

##### **Membership (Mick Brooks)**

As printed. General discussion on this had effectively already been covered in the previous section.

##### **Advertising Office (Seb Rose)**

As printed.

##### **Publications Officer (Allan Kelly)**

As printed.

**4) Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2008**

It was noted that the option to take a share of the conference proceeds was not taken up in 2008, and thus no relevant figure was seen in the accounts.

Thanks were made to Seb Rose for the uplift in advertising during his period.

The accounts were approved by the membership:

Proposed: Roger Orr  
 Seconded: Francis Glassborow

Approved unanimously.

**5) Election of Auditor**

Guy Bolton-King was staying on to fill the second year of his term. As the second auditor, Russel Winder was proposed.

Proposed: Ewan Milne  
 Seconded: Chris Southern

Approved unanimously.

**6) Election of Officers and Committee**

Officers as constitutionally listed

Chair	Jez Higgins Proposed by Steve Love	Seconded by Frances Buontempo
Secretary	Alan Bellingham Proposed by Örjan Westin	Seconded by Alan Griffiths
Treasurer	Stewart Brodie Proposed by Ian Wakeling	Seconded by Jonathan Tripp
Membership Secretary	Mick Brooks Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Paul Grenyer
Publications Officer	Roger Orr Proposed by Tony Barrett-Powell	Seconded by Simon Sebright

Other named posts

Publicity	David Carter-Hitchen Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Mick Brooks
Advertising	Seb Rose Proposed by Guy Bolton King	Seconded by Mudit Jain

Other committee members

Giovanni Asproni	Proposed by Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Paul Grenyer
Tony Barrett-Powell	Proposed by Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Mick Brooks
Pete Goodliffe	Proposed by Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Paul Grenyer
Paul Grenyer	Proposed by Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Mick Brooks
Tom Hughes	Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Mick Brooks

It was moved to elect all in block:

Proposed: Francis Glassborow  
 Seconded: Russel Winder

Approved unanimously.

**7) Other motions for which notice has been given.**

No other motions had been moved.

**8) Any other Annual General Meeting Business.**

No other business had been moved.

The business of the Meeting closed at 13:50