

SHOC Annual General Meeting 2024

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SHOC Chair's report: Mark Exworthy

The previous OBHC conference was held in Birmingham in 2022, with approximately 60 participants from 9 countries taking part. Since then, there has been an agreement with Palgrave for a book based on papers from that event.

In autumn 2023, as has now become typical for the interim years between the conferences, we held a series of online paper development workshops organised by Davide Nicolini in collaboration with other Executive Committee members.

Looking ahead, SHOC will soon be inviting bids for OBHC 2026. Traditionally the event alternates between taking place in the UK and internationally, but this arrangement is probably becoming outdated. The Chair put forward the idea that bidding for the next conference could be open to any institution. He also invited people to come forward with ideas for other events.

A summary of the conference from the organisers

Bjørn Erik Mørk, Co-chair of the OBHC conference 2024 organising committee, opened his report by thanking the Scientific Committee for their support.

117 participants have attended the conference. 89 of the 117 participants registered as early bird.

As of 2nd April, the distribution of countries (for the 113 participants registered at the time) was as follows:

- UK 44
- Scandinavia: Norway 20, Denmark 7, Sweden 5, Finland 1
- Netherlands 11
- Germany 7
- Italy 6
- Canada 5
- US 4
- Australia 2
- France 1

83 submissions were received in total; 9 of these were for symposia. In the end, the organising committee accepted 6 symposia and 69 papers (which translates into a 90% acceptance rate).

The organising committee will share the lessons they have learnt while organising the event with the next organising committee.

Elections

Roman Kislov, SHOC Secretary, reported that there had been lots of expressions of interest which is testament to the strength of the SHOC community. All the candidates for Trustee and Executive positions were approved by the Executive Committee.

Three candidates (Paula Hyde, Damian Hodgson and Diane Burns) stood for appointment as Trustees. All three incoming Trustees were unanimously voted in by the SHOC members attending the AGM. Catherine Pope's second term as a Trustee was also unanimously approved. (See the current list of Trustees in [Appendix 1](#)).

The Executive Committee appointments were then carried out, with the following individuals all voted in unanimously:

- Gerry McGivern - Chair
- Simon Moralee - Deputy Chair
- Rachel Gifford - ECR Officer
- Jennifer Knights - ECR Officer

Roman listed those Executive Committee members who were extending their terms (see [Appendix 2](#)).

He concluded by thanking the outgoing Trustees (Jackie Bridges, Aoife McDermott and Sue Dopson), outgoing Executive Officers (Mark Exworthy, Diane Burns, Elizabeth Cote-Boileau and Jennifer Gutberg) and the 2024 OBHC conference organisers (Bjørn Erik Mørk and Thomas Hoholm).

Financial report

Lorelei Jones, SHOC Treasurer, presented the financial report ([Appendix 3](#)).

Membership report

The report from SHOC's Membership Officer, Anna Galazka, was presented on her behalf by Roman Kislov as she was unable to attend in person. As of April 3rd, 2023, the SHOC membership list had 112 members. This list includes 4 new members, invoiced on 24th July 2023 (two members), 18th August 2023 and 6th March 2024. Two previous SHOC members unable to attend OBHC 2024 have refreshed their membership by paying the joining fee – they were invoiced on 27th March 2024 and 3rd April 2024. Roman thanked Anna for streamlining SHOC's processes for those members who wish to join the Society outside the usual conference route.

ECR/PhD pre-conference report

Tracey Rosell, ECR representative, thanked Cathy Pope, Jackie Bridges and Gemma Hughes for providing a thoroughly enjoyable and successful PhD/ECR pre-conference event. There were 29 attendees, ranging from pre-PhD to ECR, with a very varied international mix. Activities included speed dating, guidance on applying for funding, demystifying the journal review process and reflections on an academic career. **Building on previous online PDWs, it has been suggested that there be a hybrid PhD/ECR event in the interim year between conferences to support the development of PhD/ECR members, and a WhatsApp group with the aim of exchanging ideas/information and continuing conversations started during the pre-conference event.**

AOB

Roman Kislov commented that SHOC had a maturing membership, so he would like to request at the next conference there be a reduced fee for retired members.

Mark Exworthy suggested that membership could become more diverse and inclusive by widening the bursary scheme.

As there were no further announcements or questions, Mark concluded by thanking everyone and saying he had thoroughly enjoyed being part of SHOC and his role and that he would continue to support SHOC as a Trustee.

Appendix 1. SHOC Trustees

Trustee (max two 5-year terms)	Elected	Term 1	Term 2
Catherine Pope	May 2018	2018-2023	2023-2028
Mark Exworthy	June 2017	2017-2022	2022-2027
Graeme Currie	December 2020	2020-2025	
Justin Waring	December 2020	2020-2025	
Davide Nicolini	December 2020	2020-2025	
Paula Hyde	April 2024	2024-2029	
Damian Hodgson	April 2024	2024-2029	
Diane Burns	April 2024	2024-2029	
Gerry McGivern	April 2024	2024-2029	

Appendix 2. SHOC Executive Officers

Exec (max three 2-year terms except Treasurer (max two 4-year terms))	Position	Elected	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Gerry McGivern	Chair	April 2024	2024-2026		
Simon Moralee	Deputy Chair	April 2024	2024-2026		
Lorelei Jones	Treasurer	June 2017	2017-2019	2019-2021	2021-2025
Roman Kislov	Secretary	December 2020	2020-2022	2022-2024	2024-2026
Tracey Rosell	ECR representative	December 2020	2020-2022	2022-2024	2024-2026
Charlotte Overton	ECR representative	December 2020	2020-2022	2022-2024	2024-2026
Jennifer Knights	ECR representative	April 2024	2024-2026		
Rachel Gifford	ECR representative	April 2024	2024-2026		
Anna Galazka	Membership Officer	September 2022	2022-2024	2024-2026	
Bjørn Erik Mørk	External Relations Officer	September 2022	2022-2024	2024-2026	
Shalini Ganasan	External Relations Officer	September 2022	2022-2024	2024-2026	

Appendix 3. Financial report

Account balances 1 April 2024:

Current account: £12,999.16

Business reserve: £4,000

Total: £16,999.16

Finance update

Bank balances	1 April 2020	1 April 2021	1 April 2022	1 April 2023	1 April 2024
Current account	£10,769.20	9,913.55	9,544.39	£8,896.22	£12,999.16
Business reserve	£4,000.00	£4000.00	£4000.00	£4,000.00	£4000
PayPal	£72.25	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	£14,841.45	£13,913.55	£13,544.39	£12,896.22	£16,999.16

Income and Expenditure (Current account) 2023/24

	Income	Expenditure	
28 Mar 2024	4.45		Interest
21 Mar 2024		17.08	Website hosting
21 Mar 2024		142.21	Gifts
29 Feb 2024	4.61		Interest
19 Jan 2024		15.88	Website hosting
29 Dec 2023	4.61		Interest
20 Dec 2023		15.88	Website hosting
30 Nov 2023	4.77		Interest
21 Nov 2023		15.88	Website hosting
31 Oct 2023	5.08		Interest
19 Oct 2023		14.44	Website hosting
29 Sep 2023	4.61		Interest
20 Sept 2023		14.44	Website hosting
31 Aug 2023	4.76		Interest
21 Aug 2023		14.44	Website hosting
21 Aug 2023	75.00		Membership
31 Jul 2023	4.50		Interest
20 Jul 2023		14.44	Website hosting
17 Jul 2023		180.00	Website updates
30 Jun 2023	3.78		Interest
21 Jun 2023		14.44	Website hosting
14 Jun 2023		90.00	ACSS
13 May 2023	3.88		Interest
26 May 2023	4637.97		Conference subscriptions
19 May 2023		14.44	Website hosting
5 May 2023		69.55	Insurance
28 April 2023	3.12		Interest
19 April 2023		14.44	Website hosting
Totals	4765.64	647.56	