



07 May 2025

Annual General Meeting, 21 May 2025

Dear Fellow,

The Learned Society of Wales Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at 3:00pm on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

The Society will be hosting a hybrid AGM. This will allow Fellows to attend in person at Cardiff University or join us online. You can **register for the AGM** [here](#).

If you are joining online and need any assistance in setting up Zoom, please contact me at clerk@lsw.wales.ac.uk.

To view the Agenda and Papers for the meeting, please click [here](#).

If you are unable to attend the AGM and would like to vote by proxy, please click the link below to complete your Proxy form by 4.00pm on Monday 19 May 2025.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FQ2DTF/>

Yours Sincerely,

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Annual General Meeting 21 May 2025, 15:00 - 17:00

Agenda

0	Housekeeping Olivia Harrison, Chief Executive	oral (3 mins)
1	Welcome and Introduction Professor Hywel Thomas, President	oral (5 mins)
2	In Memoriam Professor Hywel Thomas, President	oral (2 mins)
3	Apologies for absence Professor Hywel Thomas, President	oral (1 min)
4	Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting Professor Hywel Thomas, President	attached (1 min)
5	Introduction to Honorary Fellows Professor Faron Moller, General Secretary	AGM/2025/01 (10 mins)
6	Highlights of the Year Olivia Harrison, Chief Executive	oral (15 mins)
7	Honours, Prizes and Awards: Fellows' achievements Professor Hywel Thomas, President	AGM/2025/02 (5 mins)
8	Introduction to Honorary Fellows Professor Robert Beynon, Vice-President for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine	AGM/2025/01 (10 mins)
9	Governance Matters: (a) 2023/24 Annual Report and Accounts; Appointment of Independent Examiners Dr Sally Davies, Treasurer	AGM/2025/03 (10 mins)
	(b) Officers, Council and Committees: Outgoing and new members Professor Faron Moller, General Secretary	AGM/2025/04 (10 mins)
10	Introduction to Honorary Fellows Dr Sally Davies, Treasurer	AGM/2025/01 (10 mins)
11	Election of new Fellows 2024/25 and the Formal Welcome and Introduction of Fellows Professor Robert Beynon, Vice-President for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine	AGM/2025/01 (20 mins)
12	President's Annual Address	oral (10 mins)
13	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20 May 2026	oral (1 min)



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THE LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES**

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY
HELD IN THE SPARK BUILDING AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2024**

Present:

Professor Hywel Thomas	(President)
Professor Helen Fulton	(Vice-President HASS)
Professor Michael Charlton	(Vice-President STEM)
Professor Terry Threadgold	(Treasurer)
Professor Faron Moller	(General Secretary)

Professor Alan Shore	Ned Thomas	Wendy Sadler
Dr Amira Guirguis	Professor Neil Thompson	Professor Ifan Hughes
Professor Andrew Lewis	Professor Nigel Brown	Professor Andrew Westwell
Professor Angharad Davies	Professor Peter Groves	Professor Kathryn Monk
Professor Dame Ann Dowling	Professor Radhika Mohanram	Professor Helen Nicholson
Professor Anthony Cohn	Professor Raluca Radulescu	Professor Trevor Herbert
Professor Antonio Gil	Professor Sir Robin Williams	Professor Christopher Evans
Dr Aled Eirug	Dr Robin Gwyndaf	Professor William Housley
Professor Brian Ford-Lloyd	Dr Rowland Wynne	Professor Matthew Griffin
Dr Ceridwen Lloyd-Morgan	Professor Eleri Pryse	Professor Gareth Roberts
Professor Chris Pearce	Professor Simon Hands	Professor Julian Preece
Professor Clair Rowden	Professor Sir Deian Hopkin	Professor Katherine Leni Oglesby
Professor David Ian Rabey	Professor Stephan Collishaw	Professor Qiang Shen
Professor Dianne Edwards	Professor Richard R. Geoff	Professor Alka Ahuja
Dr Emma Yhnell	Professor Robert Beynon	Dr Sally Davies
Professor Graeme Garrard	Professor Robert Rafal	Professor Meena Upadhyaya
Dr Haydn Edwards	Professor Roger King	Professor Uzo Iwobi
The Reverend Professor John Tudno Williams	David Allen	Professor Dame Jean Thomas
Professor John Lazarus	Professor Catrin Williams	Professor Mari Catrin Jones
Dr Layla Jader	Dr Savyasaachi Jain	Professor Tom Crick
Dr Lloyd Bowen	Professor Duc Truong Pham	Professor Andrew Thomas
Professor Mark Taubert	Professor Trevor Jones	
Maxine Penlington	Professor Angela John	
Professor Michael Davies	Professor Indu Deglurkar	
Professor Sir Michael Berry	Professor Yvonne McDermott	77 Fellows in attendance
Professor Nancy Edwards	Rees	

Present by Proxy: 6 Fellows

Professor Richard Carwardine	Professor Wyn Meredith	Dr Sue Niebrzydowski
Professor Ceri Phillips	Professor Walter Gear	Sir Emyr Jones Parry

In attendance:

Joe Boyle	<i>(Communications Officer)</i>
Fiona Dakin	<i>(Policy and Public Affairs Manager)</i>
Lynwen Davies	<i>(Interpreter)</i>
Menna Ellis	<i>(Events Assistant)</i>
Fiona Gaskell	<i>(Fellowship Officer)</i>
Olivia Harrison	<i>(Chief Executive)</i>
Dr Barbara Ibinarriaga Soltero	<i>(Programme Manager)</i>
Dr Haydee Martinez Zavala	<i>(Clerk to Council)</i>
Dr Rhian Powell	<i>(Programme Officer)</i>
Lisa Stillman	<i>(Finance Officer)</i>
Sana Wahab	<i>(Events Assistant-Temporary)</i>
Helen Willson	<i>(Strategic Engagement Manager)</i>

The Annual General Meeting opened at 2:00 p.m.

0. Housekeeping

The President warmly welcomed everyone to the 14th Annual General Meeting and invited the Chief Executive, to address the attendees. The Chief Executive briefed everyone in person and online by outlining the housekeeping rules to ensure a smooth and organized event.

1. Welcome and Introduction by the President

The President welcomed attendees, both online and in person, to the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Learned Society of Wales and declared the meeting open.

There was a special welcome to the Society's newly elected Fellows and other Fellows present who were unable to attend one of the previous AGMs.

The President welcomed Lynwen Davies, who was in attendance to offer simultaneous translation, and reminded attendees that they were welcome to address the AGM in Welsh or English.

2. In Memoriam

The President noted the passing of the following Fellows,

- Professor Alan Bull, FRSB FRSA FIIB FLSW
1936 – 2023
- Professor Tony Ford, FRSC FRSSAF FLSW FSACI
1941 - 2024
- Professor Nigel John, FEG FLSW
1963 – 2023
- Professor David Marquand, FRHISTS FLSW FBA

- 1934 – 2024
- Professor J Gareth Morris, CBE FSB FLSW FRS
1932 - 2023
- Professor Robin Okey, FACSS FLSW FBA
1942 – 2023
- Mr Alwyn Owens, MIET FLSW
1931 – 2023
- Professor Terry Rees, DBE FACSS FLSW
1949 – 2023
- Professor Brynley Roberts, CBE DLITT FLA FLSW
1931 – 2023
- Sir Brian Smith, DSC FRSC FRSW
1933 – 2023
- Professor J Beverly Smith, FRHISTS FLSW
1931 – 2023
- Professor Chris Williams, FRHISTS FLSW
1963 – 2023

Attendees observed a moment of silence in their memory.

3. Apologies for absence

19 apologies had been received and 6 Fellows attended by proxy, apologies would be listed as an appendix to the minutes of the meeting.

4. Minutes of the AGM 2023

Members **RECEIVED**, **NOTED** and **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the Minutes of the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on 24 May 2023. The minutes would be signed by the President at the earliest opportunity.

5. Announcement of Honorary Fellow, Professor Sir Ian Diamond

The Chair invited Professor Michael Charlton to introduce Sir Ian Diamond, UK National Statistician & Director of the Office for National Statistics.

Sir Ian David Diamond is a statistician, academic, and administrator, who served as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen until 2018. He became the UK's National Statistician in October 2019. As Head of the Office for National Statistics, he took personal responsibility for the 2021 Census and national statistical monitoring of COVID. Professor Sir Ian Diamond's previous appointments include Chief Executive of the Economic and Social Research Council, Chair of the Research Councils UK Executive Group, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Southampton. Chair of Lloyds Banking Group Foundation for England and Wales, Visiting Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford. Honorary Fellow of Cardiff University.

Sir Ian Diamond addressed the meeting through his Video message which can be accessed [here](#).

Professor Michael Charlton welcomed and thanked Sir Ian Diamond for his address. He then invited the Chief Executive to continue with the meeting proceedings.

6. Highlights of the Year

The Chief Executive presented an overview of the Society's activities over the past year. This can be accessed [here](#).

The Learned Society of Wales: 2023 – 2029 Strategy

The year marked the beginning of implementing the Society's new strategy, launched at last year's AGM. The charitable purpose is to advance education, learning, and academic study to contribute to various aspects of development within Wales and beyond. The mission in the current 5-year strategy is to leverage the multidisciplinary expertise of the Fellowship to promote Wales' research and innovation community and support excellent research to address challenges globally.

1. Contribute to Major Policy Solutions by Providing Independent Advice and Facilitating Knowledge Exchange

The Society continued the popular innovation roundtables, focusing on small nations and inclusive innovation. Collaboration with the Celtic Academies Alliance also progressed, highlighted by securing funding from the Welsh Government for a Wales-Ireland Grant Scheme and arranging a meeting between the First Minister and the Royal Society of Edinburgh to discuss the Alliance. The Alliance produced a report on taxation and devolution.

Partnerships with organizations like CaSE were strengthened, illustrated by a joint lecture with Professor Wendy Lerner. The Society also commissioned an analysis by King's College London, published as 'The impacts of research from Welsh universities,' showcasing significant research achievements and informing policymakers.

2. Create an Environment that Supports Wales' Current and Future Experts

Grants for research workshops were awarded, encouraging collaborative early career research. Six outstanding researchers received medals for their contributions, celebrated at the Senedd. The ECR Network grew to over 1,000 members, encompassing all 9 Welsh HE institutions and other organizations. The Society's pan-Wales approach adds value to other networks and is increasingly included in UKRI and other external funding bids. Events and webinars tailored to ECR needs were delivered, including the first in-person colloquium focused on "A Prosperous Wales" in Swansea in July, with over 60 ECRs from across Wales participating in speed networking, research flash talks, and workshops like bid writing skills. The next colloquium, themed "A Connected Wales," is scheduled for June 18 in Bangor.

3. Develop a More Diverse and Active Fellowship

Over 150 Fellows significantly contributed to delivering the Society's strategy through various roles. Engagement activities included Fellow receptions and an upcoming event at the Eisteddfod. The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion working group's recommendations have been integrated, leading to increased diversity among new Fellows. Efforts to gather EDI data from Fellows continued.

4. Develop Our Organization

The MOU signed with HEFCW provided core funding, enabling strategic delivery and capacity building. New staff members were added to support these efforts. Special thanks were given to Fiona Gaskell, the retiring Fellowship Officer, for her contributions over the past six years.

Fellows were encouraged to read the monthly bulletin for updates and opportunities to engage with the Society's work.

The Chief Executive concluded her presentation and invited the President to continue with the next meeting item.

7. Honours, Prizes and Awards

The President thanked the Chief Executive for the interesting presentation and commended her and the team for their impressive work.

Before discussing the achievements of the Fellows, the President reiterated the Chief Executive's earlier point about the 2024 medals cycle, which remains open until 30th June. Fellows were encouraged to nominate colleagues and friends who could be potential medal winners by using the easy nomination form on the Society's website. The President expressed eagerness to announce and celebrate the medal winners in November.

The President presented Paper 2024/02, listing all the honours and awards received by Fellows in the last 12 months. The President expressed amazement at the breadth of Fellows' achievements and successes, congratulating each Fellow for their noteworthy accomplishments. Specific highlights included two Fellows featuring in the King's Birthday Honours List and four in the King's New Year's Honours List. The President encouraged Fellows to review their colleagues' achievements and noted the extensive number of books and publications authored by Fellows.

The President apologized for any omissions in the report and asked Fellows to inform Joe Boyle, the Communications Officer, of any missed honours or awards for inclusion in a future Fellows Bulletin. The President congratulated all Fellows on behalf of the Society for their remarkable achievements.

Action Items:

- Fellows to nominate colleagues for the 2024 medals cycle by 30th June.
- Fellows to review Paper 2024/02 and inform the Communications Officer of any omissions for future bulletins.

The President concluded the remarks and invited Professor Michael Charlton to address the meeting.

8. Announcement of Honorary Fellow, Professor Dame Ann Dowling

Professor Michael Charlton introduced Professor Dame Ann Dowling, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University, highlighting her as one of Europe's foremost engineering and EDI role models. Dame Ann's world-renowned research focuses on enabling power and transport while minimizing environmental damage and noise. Professor Dame Ann Dowling is currently a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge and Emeritus Professor of Mechanical Engineering. She was President of the Royal Academy of Engineering 2014-19, Head of the Department of Engineering at Cambridge 2009-14, and has held visiting posts at MIT and at Caltech. Professor Dowling is a Fellow of the Royal Society, Royal Academy of Engineering and various international Fellowships and membership. She has received numerous awards and honorary doctorates. Ann has served on a number industry and government advisory committees. Ann was appointed CBE for services to Mechanical Engineering in 2002, DBE for services to Science in 2007, and was appointed to the Order of Merit by the Queen in December 2015.

Professor Dame Ann Dowling addressed the meeting which can be accessed [here](#).

Professor Michael Charlton welcomed and thanked Professor Dame Ann Dowling for her address. He then invited the Treasurer, Professor Terry Threadgold, to continue with the meeting proceedings.

9. Governance Matters

9a. Annual Report and Accounts

The Treasurer introduced the Society's Annual Report and Accounts for the period 01 August 2022 to 31 July 2023. This can be accessed [here](#). The report is available on the Society's website, and hard copies are available upon request.

Details of Income

As of August 2023, the Society's income exceeded £500k, classifying it as a large charity per the Charities Commission. Consequently, a new accountancy firm has been employed at a cost of approximately £3k to enhance financial processes and controls. The Society remains grateful to all Welsh Universities for their continued generous support and to Fellows for their subscriptions and donations. Efforts have been made to invoice Fellows at the start of the Society year to ensure timely payments. Fellows are encouraged to allow the Society to claim Gift Aid on their subscriptions, which provided an additional £8,000 last year.

Details of Expenditure and Reserves

The total expenditure for the year was £569,581. The Society holds sufficient reserves to meet its policy requirements, with free reserves amounting to £422,287. Unrestricted funds cover at least six months of core costs (£227,500). An increase in debtors due to uncollected

subscriptions led to an £18,000 bad debt provision. A data cleansing exercise has been conducted to ensure accurate contact information for all Fellows. Improvements have been made to the invoicing process and subscription information available to Fellows. The Finance Committee is reviewing the reserves and investments in line with the new strategic plan. The Society's audited accounts and annual report were presented. Fellows were invited to ask questions, with in-person and online options provided. The Treasurer responded to questions or directed them to the appropriate team member. The annual report and accounts for 2022/23 were then formally adopted by a vote.

Fellows resolved to adopt the Society's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 - 2023.

Independent Financial Advisors

Azets reviewed the Society's accounts and found no issues or areas of concern. As the Society has grown, a more collaborative approach is required, which can be provided by Advantage Accountancy & Advisory. Fellows were invited to ask questions about the new advisors, with options for in-person and online participation. A vote was held to formally approve Advantage Accountancy & Advisory as the Society's Independent examiners, and the Treasurer announced the outcome of the vote.

Fellows resolved to approve the appointment of Advantage Accountancy & Advisory, the independent examiners.

Members **RECEIVED**, **NOTED** and **RESOLVED** to approve paper AGM/2024/03, Governance Matters, Annual Report and Accounts, 2022/23 and Appointment of Independent Examiners for 2023/24.

The Treasurer concluded the presentation and invited the General Secretary, Professor Faron Moller, to introduce the next item on the agenda.

9b. Officers, Council and Committees: Outgoing and new members

The General Secretary introduced paper AGM/2024/04. This can be accessed [here](#). The purpose of Paper AGM/2024/04 is to fulfil some of the Society's constitutional requirements and inform Fellows about:

- The Society's Governing Instruments (Royal Charter, Bye-laws, and Regulations)
- The outcome of the Election of Officers and Members of Council 2024
- Details of membership of all LSW Committees, including the Council

Work of Council and Committees 2023/24

This year, in addition to the annual items that Council addresses, such as approving the 2023/24 budget and associated activity plan and reviewing the Society's Regulations and Risk Register, the Council has also:

- Approved the LSW-HEFCW Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- Approved the 2022/23 accounts
- Implemented changes to create a more inclusive Society, supported by the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) working group

The Executive Committee

- Professor Michael Charlton and Professor Terry Threadgold will end their terms as VP STEMM and Treasurer at the end of this meeting. The General Secretary expressed gratitude for their contributions.
- Professor Rob Beynon has been elected as the Vice President for STEMM, and Sally Davies has been appointed Treasurer. Congratulations to both.

Council Members

- Professor Kirsti Bohata was re-elected for a second term.
- Professor Ambreena Manji was co-opted for a second term.
- Although Professor Terry Threadgold will step down as Treasurer, she will continue to serve on Council for one final year.
- Professor Michael Charlton, Professor Ieuan Hughes, Professor Alan Shore, and Dr Lynn Williams will finish their terms at the end of this meeting.
- Professor Carol Tully finished her term in November 2023. Professor Moller thanked all for their work on the Council and encouraged those who applied for governance positions to consider applying again in the future.

General Purpose Committee

- This year, Professor Roger King joins the Committee.

Finance Committee

- Professor Terry Threadgold will step down, Sally Davies will become the Chair, and Professor Ann Heilmann will join the Committee.

Governance Oversight Committee

- Sally Davies and Professor Rob Beynon will join as Ex Officio members.

Fellowship Committee

- Professors Michael Charlton, Mansel Aylward, and Ieuan Hughes will step down, while Professor Rob Beynon will become Co-Chair. There is one ICAP vacancy, and applications are due by this Friday.

Human Resources Committee

- There are no changes to the committee membership.

University Representatives of the Learned Society

- In 2013, LSW created representative roles at each Welsh University, later known as 'University Representatives of the Learned Society' or URLS. This year, the role has been formalized with agreed responsibilities and a new name is Cenhadon – Welsh for 'Ambassadors'.
- Cenhadon will continue to support LSW at their institutions with events and promotion. The Society aims to increase their profile within the Fellowship and their institutions. The G. Secretary thanked them for their ongoing support.

Other Committees and Working Groups

- In addition to the Governance Committees, there are other committees and working groups such as:
 - Scrutiny Committees
 - Medals Committees
 - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Working Group
 - Welsh Language Working Group
 - Advisory Group for Researcher Development

The General Secretary informed everyone that a full list of members is available in the meeting papers. For additional information, please contact our Clerk, Dr Haydee Martinez.

Fellows **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** paper AGM/2024/04, Governance Matters, Officers, Council and Committees: Outgoing and new members.

The General Secretary concluded the presentation, invited questions from Fellows both in-person and online. Faron or the appropriate team member responded.

Professor Faron Moller then invited Professor Michael Charlton to introduce the next Honorary Fellow.

10. Announcement of Honorary Fellow, Professor William D Phillips

Professor Michael Charlton introduced the new Honorary Fellow, Professor William D Phillips. Professor Phillips has had a profound effect on the development of atomic physics over the last forty years. He was the pioneer of using lasers to cool atoms, an advance that has revolutionised capabilities for fundamental research and applications in Physics and beyond. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the US National Academy of Sciences. He has been awarded numerous honours, including a Nobel Prize in Physics 1997, a US Presidential Rank Award in 2005 and a Service to America Award in 2006. Professor Phillips' family background includes Wales, and he is enormously proud of his links to the nation.

The Noble Laureate, Professor Phillips addressed the meeting, which can be accessed [here](#).

Professor Michael Charlton thanked and expressed his gratitude to Professor William D. Phillips for traveling from the US to join us and for delivering such an inspiring speech. He then invited Professor Helen Fulton to continue with the meeting proceedings.

11. Election of New Fellows 2023/24 and the Formal Welcome and Introduction of Fellows

The Vice President (VP) for Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Professor Helen Fulton introduced the 43 new Fellows who had been elected to the Society during the 2023-24 election cycle. This can be accessed [here](#).

Professor Fulton highlighted that these new Fellows, representing the high calibre of research and civic life in Wales, include academics from Welsh and UK universities, writers, researchers, and leaders from higher education, law, medicine, media, and the arts. Professor Fulton noted that 19 of the newly elected Fellows were present at the meeting, along with 2 previously elected Fellows who had yet to sign the roll of Fellows and 3 Honorary Fellows.

The President began the official induction by stating: *"In the name and by the authority of The Learned Society of Wales, I admit you as Fellows thereof"*

The Vice President welcomed the new cohort of Fellows and invited Fellows elected recent and in previous years to sign the roll of Fellows. (*indicates Fellows were present to sign).

Professor Alka Ahuja	*Professor Andrew Lewis
Dr Seema Arif	Professor Yvonne McDermott Rees
*Dr Lloyd Bowen	Professor Paul Mealor
Professor Edmund Burke	*Professor Radhika Mohanram
Professor Erminia Calabrese	Professor Aimee Morgans
*Professor Anthony Cohn	Professor Thomas O'Loughlin
*Professor Stephan Collishaw	*Professor Chris Pearce
*Professor Angharad Davies	*Professor Clair Rowden
Professor Indu Delurkar	Professor Roiyah Saltus
Professor Stephan Eales	Professor Iram Siraj
*Dr Aled Eirug	*Professor Mark Taubert
*Dr Haydn Edwards	*Professor Andrew Thomas
Professor Sandra Esteves	Professor Agustin Valera-Medina
*Professor Brian Ford-Lloyd	Professor Andrew Westwell
*Professor Graeme Garrard	Dr Eurwyn Wiliam
*Professor Antonio Gil	*Professor John G Williams
Mr Summit Goyal	Mr Llyr Williams
Professor Peter Groves	Professor Rattan Yadav
*Professor Amira Guirguis	Fellows elected 2022:
*Professor Sir Deian Hopkin	*Dr Emma Yhnell
Professor William Housley	Honorary Fellow 2022:
Professor Michael Hughes	*Professor Micheal Berry
Dr Savyasaachi Jain	Honorary Fellows 2024:
Professor Wendy Lerner	Professor Dame Ann Dowling
*Professor Yueng-Djern Lenn	Professor William D Phillips

The President Concluded by saying *“As an elected Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales, they undertake to do all within their power to uphold the purposes and good name of the Society.”*

Professor Helen Fulton concluded by inviting Professor Hywel Thomas to introduce the annual President’s address.

12. President’s Annual Address

The President’s Annual Address can be accessed [here](#).

Professor Hywel Thomas expressed his delight in addressing the Fellows at the end of another eventful year filled with opportunities, challenges, and changes. He reiterated the Society’s warm welcome to the new Honorary Fellows, Professor Ian Diamond, Professor Dame Ann Dowling and Professor William D. Phillips, acknowledging their fascinating insights into their work and careers. Professor Thomas also extended a warm welcome to all the newly elected Fellows, noting the diverse range of expertise and experiences they bring to the Fellowship community, and looked forward to their contributions enriching the work of the Society. Through the Annual Address, the President highlighted and expressed gratitude to the Society’s members and partners.

Formalising Partnership with HEFCW: The year began with formalising a new partnership agreement with the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) to implement a five-year strategy presented at last year’s AGM. This partnership is a significant milestone, reinforcing the Society’s position as a core national institution in Wales. Professor Thomas extended his gratitude to the LSW staff, particularly the Chief Executive, the Council, and all Fellows for their contributions and support. He emphasized the importance of demonstrating the Society’s impact on Wales’s scientific, cultural, social, environmental, and economic development.

Annual Medals Ceremony: The 2023 annual medals ceremony celebrated the outstanding achievements of Welsh knowledge and research. *Hugh Owen Medal:* Professor Tom Crick, for his work in digital education and curriculum reform. *Frances Hoggan Medal:* Professor Siwan Davies, for her expertise in physical geography and science communication. *Menelaus Medal:* Professor Aimee Morgans, for her contributions to mechanical engineering and emission reduction in gas turbines and rocket engines. *Dillwyn Medals:* Dr Rebecca Thomas, Dr Iestyn Woolway, and Dr Leighton Evans were recognized for their early career contributions in medieval history, climate science, and virtual reality, respectively.

Early-Career Researcher Network: Emphasizing the importance of supporting early-career researchers, Professor Thomas thanked those involved in training and mentoring through the Early-Career Researcher Network and Advisory Group. He noted the success of the inaugural colloquium in Swansea and looked forward to the upcoming event in Bangor.

Research Impact and Networking Grants: The Society published an analysis of REF 2021 impact case studies from Welsh universities, highlighting the substantial local and global impact of Welsh research. The Society's networking grant schemes have supported projects with real benefits for Wales, demonstrating the importance of small grants as stepping stones to larger-scale impact.

Inclusive Innovation and Celtic Academies Alliance: The Society has held roundtables to discuss initiatives for inclusive innovation and has strengthened connections with the Royal Irish Academy and the Royal Society of Edinburgh through the Celtic Academies Alliance. A pilot Ireland-Wales networking grant was awarded, and efforts are ongoing to establish a future fund to support transnational research collaborations.

Advocacy and Knowledge: Amidst changes such as HEFCW's transition to CTER, financial challenges in the university sector, a new First Minister for Wales, and an impending Westminster election, Professor Thomas underscored the need to advocate for knowledge, expertise, science, and historical learning to address acute challenges.

Council's Guidance and Executive Committee: Professor Thomas expressed his gratitude to the Council for their governance and effective management of the Society. He offered special thanks to Mike Charlton and Terry Threadgold, Executive Committee members who completed their terms this year, acknowledging their significant contributions to the Society.

In closing, Professor Thomas emphasized the Society's commitment to advancing education, learning, academic study, and knowledge, reinforcing their mission to benefit Wales and beyond.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

The President noted that the next AGM would be held on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

The AGM concluded at 04:00 p.m.

APPENDIX

Apologies for the AGM were received from:

Dr Lynn Williams	Professor Jonathan Shepherd
Professor Marco Marletta	Professor Clare Bryant
Professor Ann Heilmann	Professor Ceri Davies
Professor Chenfeng Li	Professor Richard Carwardine
Professor Ann ager	Professor Angela John
Professor Andrea Tales	Professor Huw Pryce
Professor Agustin Valera Medina	Professor Huw Summers
Professor Iwan Rhys Morus	Professor Rattan Yadav
Professor Kathryn Monk	Professor Sheila Hunt
Professor Pedr ap Llwyd	



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Election of new Fellows and Honorary Fellow, 2024/25

The Society launched its 2024/25 Election Cycle on 01 June 2024 with Fellows invited to make nominations for election to the Fellowship. At the same time, the Fellowship was invited to submit recommendations to Council for the election of Honorary Fellows. During this year's cycle, 7.8% of Fellows put forward names for nomination, a slight increase of 0.6% from 2023/24

The criteria for election to Fellowship and Honorary Fellowship are set out in the Society's Bye-laws and are available here: <https://www.learnedsociety.wales/fellowship/becoming-a-fellow/criteria/>

Nominations for Honorary Fellowship

Four nominations for Honorary Fellowship were received this year: Professor Dame Jane Francis, Julia Gillard, Dr Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason, and Professor Edward Witten. Council reviewed the nominations and agreed that all four should be put forward for election.

A fifth nomination for Honorary Fellowship was received and endorsed by Council. However, as acceptance was not confirmed before the ballot deadline, the election will be deferred to the 2025/26 cycle.

Nominations for Fellowship

In June 2024, Fellows were invited to make nominations for election to the Fellowship. 54 Fellows submitted a total of 67 nominations by the closing date of 31 October 2024.

Of the 67 Nominees, 11 had previously been nominated.

	Science, Engineering, Technology, Mathematics & Medicine	Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences	Industry, Commerce, Arts & Professions	Total
Re-nominated	5	2	4	11
New nominations	33	6	17	56
Total	38	8	21	67

Ten Scrutiny Committees operated during the election cycle. Their role is to assess the nominations and decide which nominees should be recommended for election.

Five of the committees (STEMM1 to STEMM5) covered the broad academic area of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (for which Professor Rob Beynon is the responsible Vice-President).

Three committees (HASS1 to HASS3) covered the broad academic area of the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (for which Professor Helen Fulton is the responsible Vice-President).

The remaining two committees (ICAP1 and ICAP2) covered Industry, Commerce, Arts and the Professions. As there is no Vice-President for ICAP, responsibility was shared by the Vice-Presidents for HASS and STEMM.

A full list of Scrutiny Committee members is provided in **Appendix B**.

In 2024, mandatory training sessions were introduced for all Scrutiny Committee members, which were held in December. Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs attended additional sessions that focused on their specific responsibilities. Following these meetings, all Scrutiny Committees met during the period 13 January – 31 January 2025.

A role of independent committee member was also introduced into the scrutiny process this year. Its aim is to provide an external and EDI expert viewpoint, facilitate consistency across all ten Committees and aid the Committees to conduct the scrutiny process in a fair, equitable and transparent manner.

As in previous years, the Vice-Presidents each held meetings with the Scrutiny Committee Chairs in their respective area to benchmark the recommendations, with both Vice-Presidents holding a benchmarking meeting with the Chairs of the two ICAP Committees.

Council considered the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committees and Vice-Presidents and approved a list of 56 nominees for submission to the Fellowship as a whole, for formal election.

Ballot of Fellows

A ballot including the 56 Fellowship nominees and 4 Honorary Fellowship nominees was circulated to current Fellows on 17 March 2025; the deadline for return was 7 April 2025.

To be elected, a nominee must receive the support of at least 50% of Fellows who return valid ballots by the due date. In total, 295 valid ballots were returned by the deadline, representing a 42.4% response rate, slightly higher than the 28% recorded in the 2023/24 cycle.

The President appointed two Fellows, Dr Anju Kumar OBE FRCOG FLSW and Professor Min Chen FBCS FEG FLSW, as Scrutineers for the election. On 08 April 2025, they counted the returned ballots in the presence of the Clerk.

4 Honorary Fellows and 56 new Fellows (that is, all of those included on the ballot paper) were elected. The new Fellows elected are listed in **Appendix A** to this paper.

Following the last three years where we encourage nominations of women to the Fellowship, this year 19 of the new Fellows elected in 2024/25 were women. At 33.9% of the 56 new Fellows, this was an increase on the 23.8% of female Fellows elected in 2023/24. The overall proportion of female Fellows in the Society now stands at 29%.

This year, just over a quarter of respondents identified as being from an ethnic minority background, compared to over a third last year.

Formal Welcome and Introduction of Fellows

Honorary Fellows and Fellows elected during the 2024/25 election cycle who are physically present during the Annual General Meeting will be welcomed to the Society and asked to sign the Roll of Fellows, along with any Fellows not previously admitted who are in attendance.

APPENDIX A

Fellows Elected April 2025**Honorary Fellows****Professor Dame Jane Francis DCMG FRS**

Director, British Antarctic Survey & Chancellor, University of Leeds

The Honourable Julia Gillard AC

Former Prime Minister of Australia & Chair, Wellcome Trust

Dr Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason B.A., Ph.D. Hon. FRAM

Author, Educator & Advocate for Diversity in Classical Music

Professor Edward Witten ForMemRS HonFRSE

Professor Emeritus, Institute for Advanced Study & Fields Medalist

Fellows

Professor Anthony Mandal FHEA Professor of Print and Digital Cultures, Cardiff University	Dr Yan Wu Associate Professor in Media and Communication, Swansea University
Dr Padma Anagol BA MA M.Phil PHD (Lond.) FRHistS Reader in Modern Asian History, Cardiff University	Professor Emmajane Milton NTF Professor in Educational Practice, Cardiff University
Professor Kerry Howell BSc (Econ) PhD Professor, Northumbria University	Professor Gordon Foxall FAcSS DSocSc PhD (Birmingham) PhD (Strathclyde) MSc (Open) MSc BSc (Salford) FBPsS FBAM FRSA CPsychol Distinguished Research Professor, Cardiff University
Professor Ken Peattie Professor of Marketing & Strategy, Cardiff University	Professor Nick Clifton FHEA Professor of Economic Geography & Regional Development and Co-Director of the Regional Innovation and Regeneration Centre, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Dr Peter Wakelin BA MSocSc PhD FSA Independent writer, curator and consultant, Self-employed	Ms Sian Williams MCLIP Head of Cultural Collections Engagement and Curation, Swansea University

Dr Mahaboob Basha BEM External Relations & Engagement Manager, Swansea University	Dr Manon Antoniazzi LVO Clerk and Chief Executive, Senedd Cymru
Professor John Mayberry DSc, MD, LLM, MSc, MB, BCh, BSc, FRCP, FFPH, FEBGH Consultant Gastroenterologist, Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey	Professor Paul Matthews Chief Executive, Monmouthshire County Council
Professor Jadwiga Furmaniak MD PhD DSc Honorary Visiting Professor, Cardiff University	Professor Sashin Ahuja MBBS, D'Orth. MS Orth, DNB Orth, MNAMS, FRCS, FRCS Orth, MSc Orth Engin Consultant Orthopaedic Spinal Surgeon, Cardiff & Vale UHB
Professor Alan Fraser BSc MB ChB FRCPE FESC FEACVI Consultant Cardiologist and Emeritus Professor of Cardiology, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board and Cardiff University	Dr Shannu Bhatia BDS, MDS, MFDS RCS (England), M Paed Dent RCS (England), FDS (Paed) RCS (England), SFHEA, MmedEd Clinical Reader and Honorary Consultant Paediatric Dentistry; President British Society of Paediatric Dentistry, Cardiff University
Dr Sumina Azam BSc MBBS MPH FFPH National Director of Policy and International Health, Public Health Wales	Dr Amanda Collis BSc (Hons) PhD FRSB Executive Director – Research Strategy and Programmes. UK Research and Innovation – Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
Ms Agnes Xavier-Phillips Master of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Retired	Professor Arthur Lees D.Sc, F.I.Mech.E., F.Inst.P. Professor Emeritus, Retired (Swansea University)
Dr Owain Rhodri Jones CPhys, MInstP Head of the CERN Beams Department, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland	Professor Has Mukh Shah MBBS, BEM General Practitioner, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
Ms Menai Owen-Jones CDir FloD FRSA FIWA PGCert LLB Chief Executive, LATCH Welsh Children's Cancer Charity	Professor Delyth James PhD, MSc, BPharm (Hons), FRPharmS, FHEA Professor of Health Psychology in Pharmacy Practice, Cardiff Metropolitan University
Dr Zubeyde Bayram-Weston MRes, PhD, FAS, SFHEA Senior Lecturer in Anatomy and Physiology, Swansea University	Professor Chris Hopkins FAHCS, FIPEM, CSci, CEng Head of the Tritech Institute and Innovation, Hywel Dda University Health Board
Professor Rhiannon Owen PhD MSc BSc FHEA	Professor Terry Jones BSc, MSc, DSc, MD.(Honoris Causa), FIPEM, FMedSci, Hon FRCR

Professor of Statistics, Swansea University	Visiting Professor, University of California, Davis, USA
Professor Gwyn Gould Professor of Cell Biology, University of Strathclyde	Professor Steven Jones PhD, FRSC, FCAHS, FRCP(Edin) Professor of Medical Genetics; Co-Director and Head of Bioinformatics, Genome Sciences Centre, University of British Columbia and BC Cancer Vancouver, Canada
Professor Huw Jones BSc, MSc, PhD, FRSB Professor of Translational Genomics for Plant Breeding, Aberystwyth University	Professor Michael Morgan ScD, FRS Professor of Visual Neuroscience, City University of London
Professor John Lloyd PhD DSc FRPharmS Emeritus Professor of Pharmacy, University of Sunderland	Dr Arwyn Edwards BSc (Hons), PhD, PGCTHE, FHEA, FRGS Reader in Biosciences (Aberystwyth) and Professor II (UNIS), Aberystwyth University and University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS), Longyearbyen, Norway
Professor Tom Rippeth BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD, FRMetS, SFHEA Professor of Physical Oceanography, Bangor University	Professor Philip Donoghue FRS Professor of Palaeobiology, University of Bristol
Dr Lyn Jones FRSC FRSB FLS FAAAS FRSPH Director of the Center for Protein Degradation and Principal Investigator, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, USA	Professor Caroline Lear Dean of Research and Innovation, College of Physical Sciences and Engineering, Cardiff University
Professor Huw Davies Professor; Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions, Cardiff University	Professor Deborah Kays FRSC Head of School and Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, Cardiff University
Dr Dafydd Owen FRSC, DSc h.c. Medicinal Chemist, Pfizer Research and Development	Professor John Moses FRSC Professor of Organic & Click Chemistry, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York, USA
Professor Hugh Greenwell PhD (Cantab) Professor of Geochemistry and Senior Scientific Advisor, Durham University and X-Ray Mineral Services Ltd, Conwy	Professor Oliver Williams FInstP Professor of Experimental Physics, Cardiff University
Dr Changjing Shang University Senior Research Fellow, Aberystwyth University	Professor Alexander Movchan Professor, Chair of Applied Mathematics, Director of Research Centre for Mathematics and Modelling, University of Liverpool

<p>Professor Jonathan Timmis BSc (Hons), PhD, PGCHE Vice-Chancellor, Aberystwyth University</p>	<p>Professor Yukun Lai PhD Professor, School of Computer Science and Informatics, Cardiff University</p>
<p>Professor Jing Maggie Chen Professor of Financial Mathematics, Cardiff University</p>	<p>Professor Simon Chandler-Wilde FIMA MIOA Professor of Applied Mathematics, University of Reading</p>
<p>Professor Angela Mihai FIMA Professor of Applied Mathematics, Cardiff University</p>	<p>Professor William Jones FREng, CEng, FIMechE Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Imperial College London</p>
<p>Professor Rainald Löhner PhD DSc Head of Center for Computational Fluid Dynamics and Distinguished Professor for Fluid Dynamics, George Mason University, Virginia, USA</p>	<p>Professor Michael Fitzpatrick FREng CEng CSci FIMMM Lloyd's Register Foundation Chair in Materials Engineering and Systems Performance, Coventry University</p>

APPENDIX B

Members of Scrutiny Committees for 2024/25 Election Cycle

HASS1: Language, Literature and the history and theory of the Creative and Performing Arts

Chair: Professor Mary-Ann Constantine

Vice-Chair: Professor Matthew Jarvis

Professor Mererid Puw Davies

Professor William Marx

Professor Sarah Hill

Professor Radhika Mohanram

Associate Professor Steve Morris

Professor Angharad Price

HASS2: History, Philosophy and Theology

Chair: Professor Mark Humphries

Vice-Chair: Professor Hanna Diamond

Professor Sir Richard Evans

Professor Robert Evans

Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray

Professor Lucy Huskinson

Professor Helen Nicholson

Professor Catrin Williams

HASS3: Economic and Social Sciences, Education and Law

Chair: Professor Anne Edwards

Vice-Chair: Professor Johanna Waters

Vice-Chair: Professor Colin McInnes

Professor Urfan Khaliq

Professor Ceri Phillips

Professor Kathryn Woodward

Professor Michael Reed

Professor Chris Taylor

ICAP1: Leadership in Public Engagement and Understanding

Chair: Mr Robert Humphreys

Vice-Chair: Ms Nia Williams

Professor David Benton

Dr Louise Bright

Professor Tom Crick

Dr Olwen Williams

Professor Dame Julie Lydon

Professor Lynda Warren

ICAP2: Leadership in Professional, Educational and Public Sectors

Chair: Mr David Allen
Vice-Chair: Professor Katherine Leni Oglesby
Dr Rob Deaves
Professor David Egan
Kathryn Monk
Dr Layla Jader
Sir Emyr Jones Parry
Ms Maxine Penlington
Professor Alan Parker

STEMM1: Medicine and Medical Sciences

Chair: Professor Shareen Doak
Vice-Chair: Malcolm Mason
Professor Susan Wong
Professor Ian Weeks
Professor Alun H Davies
Professor Malcolm Mason
Professor Gareth Stratton

STEMM2: Cellular, Molecular, Evolutionary, Organismal, and Ecosystem Sciences

Chair: Professor Venkateswarlu Kanamarlapudi
Vice-Chair: Professor Ann Ager
Professor Lisa Collins
Professor Roy Goodacre
Professor Hilary Lappin-Scott
Dr Helen Ougham
Professor Dipak Ramji
Professor Andrew Rowley
Professor Deri Tomos

STEMM3: Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy and Earth Sciences

Chair: Professor Dave Adams
Vice-Chair Professor Tavi Murray
Professor Peter Atkinson
Professor Nora de Leeuw
Professor Rachel Evans
Professor Ifan Hughes
Professor Eleri Pryse
Professor Martyn Tranter
Professor Carole Tucker

STEMM4: Computing, Mathematics and Statistics

Chair: Professor Biagio Lucini

Vice-Chair: Professor Ruth King

Professor Gwyn Bellamy

Professor Paul Harper

Professor Mark Lee

Professor Tim Phillips

Professor Tim Porter

Professor Gareth Roberts

Professor Simon Cox

STEMM5: Engineering

Chair: Professor Michael Davies

Vice-Chair: Professor Serena Margadonna

Professor Liana Cipcigan

Professor Richard Day

Professor Roger King

Professor Perumal Nithiarasu

Professor Rossi Setchi

Professor Hywel Morgan



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Honours, Prizes & Awards

List of Awards and Honours Granted to Fellows, May 2024 – April 2025

Note: The following list has been compiled from the Fellows' Bulletins of the past year and may not be complete. To ensure that we have the most accurate and up-to-date information, we invite you to share any awards or recognition received. Additionally, please be aware that the information is organised by the month in which the news was publicised, rather than the month in which the award or honour was granted. Please also note that book publications and small grant awards are not included in this list.

May 2024

Professor Robin Okey's last book, *Towards Modern Nationhood: Wales and Slovenia, c. 1750–1918*, was awarded Jesus College's Francis Jones Prize for the best book on Welsh history published in 2023.

June 2024

Professor Elizabeth Treasure CBE, Professor Karen Holdford DBE, Professor Emmanuel Ogbonna CBE, Professor Geoffrey Gadd, OBE and Professor David Lloyd, MBE received honours in recognition of their contributions to research, academic and civil life.

July 2024

Fellows **Professor Norman Doe FLSW, Professor Sophie Gilliat-Ray FLSW and Professor Justin Lewis FLSW** were elected as Fellows of the British Academy. Our 2022 Hugh Owen medallist, **Professor David James**, was also elected.

The 2024 Eisteddfod saw **Professor Alan Shore FLSW** honoured with a white robe for winning the Science and Technology medal. **Carol Bell FLSW** received a blue robe for her service to the nation, and **Professor Jane Aaron FLSW** and **Professor Helena Miguélez-Carballeira FLSW** received a green robe for contributions to the arts. All received their robes from Arch-Druid, **Professor Mererid Hopwood FLSW**.

Professor W. John Morgan FSLW's latest book had been published: *Cultural Cold Wars and UNESCO in the Twentieth Century* charts the development of the idea of a cultural cold war.

August 2024

Professor Raluca Radulescu FLSW become the new President of the International Arthurian Society. In this role she, she led an event supported by the LSW that showcased Bangor University's Archives and Special Collections at the Centre for Arthurian Studies, '140 Years of Legends at Bangor University: Arthurian and Celtic Collections, Scholarship and the Community'.

Professor Matt Griffin FLSW received the William Nordberg Medal from COSPAR (the International Committee on Space Research). The award included the naming of a minor planet after him (Minor Planet 20062, named "Matthewgriffin"). Professor Griffin was also appointed as a Vice President of the Royal Astronomical Society (2024-2026), while **Professor Stephen Eales FLSW** was appointed to its Council.

September 2024

Professor Urfan Khaliq FLSW became a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. Professor Khaliq currently works on general principles of international law, and the history of forced labour.

Dr Emma Yhnell FLSW received the Science Educator Award from the Society for Neuroscience.

Professor Charlotte Williams FLSW co-edited '*Globalising Welsh Studies: Decolonising history, heritage, society and culture*'. It features chapters by **Professor Emmanuel Ogbonna FLSW** and **Dr Gareth Evans Jones**, a member of our Early Career Researchers Network.

October 2024

Dr Iestyn Woolway was awarded a prestigious Leverhulme prize. Dr Woolway received one of our 2023 Dillwyn Medals, which are awarded to recognise early career research excellence.

November 2024

Professor Anthony Cohn FLSW received a distinguished service award from both EurAI, the European AI Society, and KR Inc, the Knowledge Representation and Reasoning conference series, which noted 'his exceptional and sustained service to the Knowledge Representation and Reasoning community.'

December 2024

Professor Yvonne McDermott Rees FLSW led a Swansea University team that has won in the ESRC's Celebrating Impact Prize 2024. Their project explored the methods, complications and dilemmas of using open source material as evidence in war crime prosecutions and human rights cases. Professor McDermott Rees' new book, *Proving International Crime*, was published in September 2024.

Professor Catrin H. Williams FLSW, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, was elected to serve as President of the British New Testament Society until September 2027.

January 2025

Two Fellows who were recognised in this year's New Year's Honours. **Professor Susan Wong FLSW** received a CBE for her outstanding services to diabetes and metabolism, while **Professor Nick Jenkins FLSW** received an OBE for services to renewable energy and smart grid technologies.

Professor Jonathan Shepherd FLSW received Thailand's Prince Mahidol Public Health Award 2024, in recognition of his Cardiff Model tool, an innovative and widely used method for reducing violence in the community.

Professor Tom Crick FLSW was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the British Science Association; the Fellowships recognise individuals who help the BSA in its aim 'to create a future where science is more relevant, representative and connected to society'.

Professor Gareth Wyn Jones FLSW published 'Energy and Power: Our Perilous Obsessions'. It was launched at the inaugural Nation.Cymru lecture, given by Professor Wyn Jones in the Senedd last September, entitled 'Energy and Power: Essential, Addictive, Toxic'.

February 2025

Professor Kamila Hawthorne FLSW was appointed as the new Chair of Trustees for the National Academy for Social Prescribing (NASP). She is also, currently, Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners Council.

Professor Dipak Ramji FISC B FLSW was made Honorary Fellow of the Indian Society of Chemists & Biologists. He received this prestigious award from the Governor of Bihar, during January's valedictory session of the 30th ISCB International Conference held in Lucknow, India.

April 2025

Professor Raluca Radulescu has won a Marie Skłodowska Curie Doctoral Training Network for *EU Arthurs: European Arthurs, Medieval to Modern*.

Professor Hanna Diamond's new book *Josephine Baker's Secret War*, about the entertainer's war time espionage role, has been published by Yale Press.

In July, **Professor Emma Yhnell** will receive the Society of Experimental Biology President's Medal for Outreach, Education and Diversity Section, in Antwerp.



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Annual Report and Accounts, 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024

The Society's Bye-Laws and Regulations require our audited accounts and annual report to be presented at the AGM. Fellows are therefore invited to receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the period **1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024** (the Society's tenth accounting period).

The Report and Accounts can be downloaded from the Society's website:
<https://www.learnedsociety.wales/about-us/governance/key-documents/>

Hard copies are available on request.

The draft accounts were prepared by the Society's Finance Officer, and checked by Debbie Lane, an accountant from Advantage Accountancy & Advisory Ltd, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to registered charities (FRS 102).

The accounts were then submitted to the Society's Independent Financial Examiner, Stephen John Bickerton FCCA from Advantage Accountancy & Advisory Ltd, for consideration in January 2025. Advantage Accountancy & Advisory Ltd carried out its examination under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. This ensured that the accounts provide a "true and fair view", in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Advantage Accountancy & Advisory Ltd had no concerns about the accounts, and they came across no other matters in their examination to which attention should be drawn in this report.

The report and accounts were approved by Council on 12 March 2025. They were signed on behalf of the Society and its Trustees by the President and the Acting Treasurer, and subsequently submitted to the Charity Commission.

Key financial developments in 2023/24

Total income was £639,365 up from £548,871 the previous year. The Society significantly increased the amount of HEFCW (now Medr) funding received. In July 2023, HEFCW and LSW signed a Partner's memorandum of understanding. This built on the existing successful partnership established in 2021 and provides the ongoing basis on which the partners will work together. This included a commitment from HEFCW to provide annual core (unrestricted funding) to the Society from 2023/24 onwards.

The Society remains grateful for the excellent support of universities in Wales; they provided generous unrestricted grants and, in some cases, additional grants for specific projects and in-kind support. We would also like to thank our Fellows who support our work through payment of fees, subscriptions and donations, often supplementing payments by allowing the Society to claim Gift Aid against membership fees.

Total expenditure this year was £645,324 comprising £411,299 (64% of spending) on activities (for example running events, roundtables, developing our Fellowship, awarding Medals and the ECR Network), £98,480 (15%) on policy development, £90,534 (14%) on publications and £45,011 (6%) on governance.

On 31 July 2024, the Society held free reserves of £447,485 (2023: £440,679). We retain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover at least six months of our core costs (£267,725). The remainder (£179,760) is designated as the Society's Strategic Development Fund (SDF). In July 2023, Council agreed to use some of the SDF to invest in new staffing positions to support the delivery of the Society's new strategy. However, due to other staffing gaps during 2023/24 the SDF was not utilised for this purpose. As such, the SDF, via our use of investment funds and fixed-return savings accounts, helped produce a modest additional income stream for re-investment. Additionally, the Finance Committee began a review of its reserves and investments alongside the implementation of the new strategic plan. It has carried out a comprehensive review and is producing a revised investment policy and investment policy statement.

Fellows are asked to adopt the Annual Report and Accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiners and the fixing of their Remuneration 2024/25

To maintain public confidence in their work, the law requires most charities to have an external scrutiny of their accounts.

The Society's Bye-laws state the following:

17. Auditors or Independent Examiners

17.1 The accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by auditors or independent examiners who shall be appointed by and whose duties shall be regulated by the Council.

17.2 No persons shall be appointed as auditors or independent examiners unless suitably qualified.

The Finance Committee previously established that due to its size, a full audit of the Society's accounts is not required; the smaller-scale **independent examination** is sufficient. Advantage Accountancy & Advisory Ltd have agreed to carry out the examination of the accounts for 2024/25 at a cost of £3,500 (excl. VAT).

Fellows are asked to approve the appointment of Advantage Accountancy & Advisory Ltd as the independent financial examiner for the financial year 2024/25, at a cost of £3,500 (excl. VAT).



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Governance Matters

Governing Instruments

The Society is a Royal Charter Charity (registered charity number 1168622). Its governing documents are its Royal Charter and Bye-laws. These, along with the Regulations, form the Society's governing instruments. Copies of all of these documents are available on the Society's website: www.learnedsociety.wales/about-us/governance/

Council, Committees and Groups: Outgoing and new members

A total of 35 vacancies were identified across the LSW Council, Committees, and various Groups. Council approved the call for applications at its meeting on 6 November 2024. The call was launched on 11 November, with the application deadline set for 13 January 2025. A total of 51 applications were received. Council reviewed the applications on 22 January, and a ballot was launched for the Fellowship to vote on 27 January, with the ballot closing on 17 February 2025. Historically, the highest ballot participation for Council and Committees was 29% last year. This year, 47% of Fellows accessed the ballot, with 38% casting their votes. The scrutineers for the ballot were Professor Olivette Otele and Judge Ray Singh.

1. THE COUNCIL

The Charter provides for the Society's governing body to be the Council, in which "shall be vested the government and control of the Society and its affairs" subject to the provision of the Charter, Bye-laws and Regulations. This includes the determination of the educational activities of the Society, the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the Society and the safeguarding of its assets, as well as ensuring that all matters relating to accounts and financial procedures are conducted in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Members of the Council serve as Charity Trustees for the purpose of charity law.

The Council directs and manages the Society and governs and controls its affairs. It delegates some of its functions to standing committees, which report regularly to Council. As the Society is a registered charity, members of Council fulfil the role of Trustees. The Council held four ordinary meetings and one special meetings during the year.

The Society's Bye-laws (3.2) state that the total membership of the Council shall be no fewer than 10 people. The Regulations (3.1) state that Council shall comprise the following members:

- the President
- the two Vice-Presidents
- the Treasurer
- the General Secretary
- Elected Members; no more than 15 Fellows of the Society elected by the Fellowship
- Co-opted Members; no more than two Fellows of the Society co-opted by the Council

The Society's Regulations (8.1) state that Council members' terms of office are as follows:

- except as provided for in these Regulations, the term of Office for Elected Members of Council shall ordinarily be three Society Years;
- Elected Members of Council shall be eligible for re-election for a second term;
- Elected Members having served two terms shall not be eligible for re-election for a further term until at least one Society Year has elapsed;
- the term of Office for new Elected Members of Council shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which their election was announced.

Council members during the Society year 2024-25 were as follows:

Officers

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM)

Professor Hywel R Thomas CBE FREng FRS PLSW MAE, President and Chair of Council
Professor Robert Beynon FLSW, Vice-President
Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW, Treasurer
Professor Faron Moller FBCS FIMA FLSW, General Secretary

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS)

Professor Helen Fulton FRSA FSA FLSW, Vice-President

Elected members

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM)

Professor Qiang Shen DSc FBCS FREng FLSW
Professor John Tucker MAE FBCS FLSW
Professor Meena Upadhyaya OBE FRCPath FLSW

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS)

Professor Kirsti Bohata FHEA FLSW
Professor Claire Gorrara FRHistS FLSW
Professor Alma Harris FRSA FLSW
Professor Iwan Rhys Morus FRHistS FLSW

Co-opted members

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS)

Professor Ambreena Manji FLSW
Professor Emerita Terry Threadgold FLSW

This year, two Council members will complete their term of office at the 2025 AGM:

- Professor Iwan Rhys Morus
- Terry Threadgold

Council members for 2025-26 will be as follows:

Officers

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM)

Professor Hywel R Thomas CBE FREng FRS PLSW MAE, President and Chair of Council
Professor Robert Beynon FLSW, Vice-President
Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW, Treasurer
Professor Faron Moller FBCS FIMA FLSW, General Secretary

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS)

Professor Helen Fulton FSA FLSW, Vice-President

Elected members

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM)

Professor Qiang Shen DSc FBCS FREng FLSW
Professor John Tucker MAE FBCS FLSW
Professor Meena Upadhyaya MAE FBCS FLSW
Professor Siwan Davies FLSW

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS)

Professor Kirsti Bohata FHEA FLSW
Professor Claire Gorrara FRHistS FLSW
Professor Alma Harris FRSA FLSW
Professor Rachel Ashworth FLSW
Professor Mererid Puw Davies FLSW
Professor Karin Wahl-Jorgensen FLSW
Professor David Boucher FRHistS FAcSS FLSW
Professor Raluca Radulescu FLSW

Industry, Commerce, The Arts and Professions (ICAP)

Professor Elizabeth Treasure CBE FRACDS FDSRCS FFPH FDSRCPS FLSW
Professor Sir Deian Hopkin FRHistS FRSA FCGI FLSW
Professor Pedr ap Llwyd YH BA MA DAA FLSW

Co-opted Members

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS)

Professor Ambreena Manji FLSW

2. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

The Society's Royal Charter and Bye-laws give Council the power to "create, dissolve and set terms of reference for such Committees of the Council as it sees fit, which may include persons who are not Council members".

The Society's existing Committees are listed below:

2.1 Executive Committee

Council has delegated power to an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee supports the day-to-day business of the Society and ensures effective management.

Its current members are and will remain the same at the end of the 2025 AGM:

Professor Hywel R Thomas CBE FREng FRS PLSW MAE, President and Chair of Council
Professor Robert Beynon FLSW, Vice-President
Professor Helen Fulton FSA FLSW, Vice-President
Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW, Treasurer
Professor Faron Moller FBCS FIMA FLSW, General Secretary
Olivia Harrison, Chief Executive
Dr Haydeé Martínez-Zavala, Clerk

2.2 General Purposes Committee

The General Purposes Committee ensures that Council has adequate information to enable it to discharge its duties. Its Terms of Reference were revised following the Governance Review and provide for its membership as follows:

- (i) Members *ex officio*:
The President (who shall be Chair)
- (ii) Five members appointed by the Council from among the Fellowship;
- (iii) Such other person or persons not exceeding two in number as the Committee may think fit to co-opt as members.

Its current members are:

Professor Hywel R Thomas CBE FREng FRS PLSW MAE, President (Chair)
Professor Perumal Nithiarasu DSc CEng FIMA FMechE FIPEM FLSW
Maxine Penlington OBE FLSW
Professor Loredana Polezzi FLSW
Professor Raluca Radulescu FLSW
Professor Roger King LFIEEE PE FLSW

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

Professor Hywel R Thomas CBE FREng FRS PLSW MAE, President (Chair)
Maxine Penlington OBE FLSW
Professor Raluca Radulescu FLSW
Professor Sir Deian Hopkin FRHistS FRSA FCGI FLSW
Professor Indu Deglurkar FRCS FRCS(CTh) FLSW
Professor Roger King LFIEEE PE FLSW
Professor Loredana Polezzi FLSW (co-opted)
Professor John Harwood DSc FLSW (co-opted)

2.3 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee ensures that Council has adequate information to enable it to discharge its financial responsibilities. This includes compliance with the Charities Act 2011 and other relevant legislation, management of Society budgets, and compliance with external financial reporting standards. Its Terms of Reference were revised following the Governance Review and provide for its membership as follows:

- (i) Members *ex officio*:
The Treasurer (who shall be Chair)
- (ii) Four members appointed by the Council from among the Fellowship;
- (iii) Such other person or persons not exceeding two in number as the Committee may think fit to co-opt as members.

Its current members are:

Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW, Treasurer (Chair)
 Professor Lisa Collins FRSB FRSS FLSW
 Professor Ann Heilmann FEA FLSW
 Professor Mark Rees DSc FRCPath FLSW FRCPE
 Professor John Tucker MAE FBCS FLSW
 Professor Dawn knight FHEA FLSW (co-opted)

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW, Treasurer (Chair)
 Professor Lisa Collins FRSB FRSS FLSW
 Professor Ann Heilmann FEA FLSW
 Professor Mark Rees DSc FRCPath FLSW FRCPE
 Professor John Tucker MAE FBCS FLSW
 Professor Dawn knight FHEA FLSW (co-opted)
 Professor Chenfeng Li FLSW (co-opted)

2.4 Governance Oversight Committee

The Governance Oversight Committee has replaced the Governance Appointments Committee. Its Terms of Reference were revised following the Governance Review and provide for its membership as follows:

- (i) Members *ex officio*:
 The President (who shall be Chair)
 The General Secretary
 The Treasurer
 The Vice-President (from the broad category of Science, Technology and Medicine)
 The Vice-President (from the broad category of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences)
- (ii) Two members from amongst the Council; one of each gender who are not Officers, appointed by Council
- (iii) Such other Fellow or Fellows, who are not Council members, not exceeding two in number as the Committee may think fit to co-opt

Its current members are and will remain the same at the end of the 2025 AGM:

Professor Hywel R Thomas CBE FREng FRS PLSW MAE, President (Chair)
 Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW, Treasurer
 Professor Faron Moller FBCS FIMA FLSW, General Secretary

Professor Robert Beynon FLSW, Vice-President STEMM
Professor Helen Fulton FRHistS AcSS FLSW, Vice-President HASS
Professor Claire Gorrara FRHistS FLSW
Professor Qiang Shen DSc FBCS FREng FLSW
There are currently no co-opted members on this committee

2.5 Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee oversees the election process for Fellowship and works to improve Fellowship diversity (for example, in terms of the Equality Act 2010). It also finalises each year's nomination forms and election processes in support of these aims. Its Terms of Reference provides for its membership to be as follows:

- (i) Members ex officio:
 - Vice-President, HASS (who shall be co-Chair)
 - Vice-President, STEMM (who shall be co-Chair)
- (ii) Two members of Council appointed from their number
- (iii) Two members appointed by the Council from among the Fellowship
- (iv) Such other person or persons not exceeding two in number as the Committee may think fit to co-opt as members

Its current members are:

Professor Robert Beynon FLSW(co-Chair)
Professor Helen Fulton FLSW(co-Chair)
Professor Nigel Brown OBE FRSE FRSC FRSB FLSW
Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW
Professor Shareen Doak FLSW
Dr Haydn E Edwards FRSC FLSW (co-opted)
Professor Edwin Egede FHEA FLSW (co-opted)
Professor Helen Roberts FHEA FLSW
Professor Terry Threadgold FLSW

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

Professor Robert Beynon FLSW, (co-Chair)
Professor Helen Fulton FLSW, (co-Chair)
Professor David Boucher FRHistS FAcSS FLSW
Professor Nigel Brown OBE FRSE FRSC FRSB FLSW
Dr Haydn E Edwards FRSC FLSW (co-opted)
Professor Edwin Egede FHEA FLSW (co-opted)
Professor Helen Roberts FHEA FLSW
Professor Elizabeth Treasure CBE FRACDS FDSRCS FFPH FDSRCPS FLSW

2.6 Human Resources Committee

The Human resources Committee ensures that Council has adequate information to enable it to discharge its HR responsibilities. Its Terms of Reference were revised following the Governance Review and provide for its membership as follows:

- (i) Members ex officio:
 - The General Secretary (who shall be Chair)
- (ii) Four members appointed by the Council from among the Fellowship, one of whom shall be appointed as Vice-Chair

- (iii) Such other person or persons not exceeding two in number as the Committee may think fit to co-opt as members.

Its current members are:

Professor Faron Moller FBCS FIMA FLSW (Chair)
Professor David Wyn Jones FLSW
Maxine Penlington OBE FLSW
Elin Rhys DLitt FLSW
Professor Geoff Richards FIOR FBSE FRMS FLSW

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

Professor Faron Moller FBCS FIMA FLSW (Chair)
Professor Graeme Garrard FRHistS FLSW (co-opted)
Professor Pedr ap Llwyd YH BA MA DAA FLSW (co-opted)
Maxine Penlington OBE FLSW
Elin Rhys DLitt FLSW
Professor Geoff Richards FIOR FBSE FRMS FLSW

2.7 Presidential Search Committee

Oversees and supports the process of electing a new President to succeed the outgoing officeholder. It is chaired by the General Secretary and is comprised of members of the Governance Oversight Committee, excluding the current President but including the Chief Executive.

Its current members are and will remain the same at the end of the 2025 AGM:

Professor Faron Moller FBCS FIMA FLSW, General Secretary (Chair)
Dr Sally Davies FRCP FLSW, Treasurer
Professor Robert Beynon FLSW, Vice-President STEMM
Professor Helen Fulton FRHistS AcSS FLSW, Vice-President HASS
Professor Claire Gorrara FRHistS FLSW
Professor Qiang Shen DSc FBCS FREng FLSW
Olivia Harrison, Chief Executive

3. ADVISORY GROUPS

3.1 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Advisory Group

Previously known as the EDI working group, it was set up in 2022 to review and respond to the recommendations of the EDI Report carried out in 2021. The group is responsible for reporting to Council to offer advice on the recommendations and how to deliver them. Its Terms of Reference provides for its membership to be as follows:

- i. Members ex officio: Head of Equity and Engagement
- ii. At least 9 Fellows – 1 of whom will be a Council member will chair the group and report to Council on progress/recommendations.
- iii. Such other person or persons as the Group may think fit to co-opt as members.

Its current members are:

Professor Terry Threadgold FLSW (Chair)
Dr Louise Bright FLSW
Dr Cameron Durrant FLSW
Dr Layla Jader MB ChB DA MD FMPHM FLSW
Professor Ruth Northway OBE FRCN PFHEA FLSW
Professor Emmanuel Ogbonna FLSW
Professor Bettina Schmidt FLSW
Professor Alan Shore FInstP FLSW
Dr Emma Yhnell SFHEA FLSW

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

Professor Rachel Ashworth FLSW (Chair)
Dr Louise Bright FLSW
Dr Cameron Durrant FLSW
Professor Sheila Hunt FLSW
Dr Layla Jader MB ChB DA MD FMPHM FLSW
Professor Andrew Lewis SFHEA MISM FLSW
Professor Ruth Northway OBE FRCN PFHEA FLSW
Professor Emmanuel Ogbonna FLSW
Professor Eleri Pryse FLSW
Professor Terry Threadgold FLSW
Professor Meena Upadhyaya OBE FRCPath FLSW
Dr Emma Yhnell SFHEA FLSW

3.2 Researcher Development Advisory Group

The Advisory Group for Researcher Development shapes the direction of the Early Career Researcher Network and its activities. The Advisory Group members are responsible for assessing the current Welsh research environment, its opportunities and barriers, and for exploring how the Society can expand its activities to develop researchers' careers. Its Terms of Reference provides for its membership to be as follows:

- i. Members ex officio:
 - Programme Lead – Researcher Development
 - Programme Officer (to also provide secretariat support)
- ii. One member of Council appointed from their number, whom shall be appointed as Chair
- iii. Four members appointed by Council from among the Fellowship.
- iv. At least four members representing Early Career Researchers and Mid-Career Researchers from across Wales, one whom shall be appointed as Vice-Chair.
- v. Such other person or persons as the Advisory Group may think fit to co-opt as members.

Its current members are:

LSW Fellows:

Professor Alma Harris, FRSA FLSW - Cardiff Metropolitan University (Chair)
Professor Raluca Radulescu FLSW - Bangor University
Professor Simon Hands FLSW - University of Liverpool
Professor Andrew Rowley FLSW - Swansea University

Early Career Researchers:

Dr Emily Cock - Cardiff University
Dr Emrys Evans - Swansea University
Dr Shareena Hamzah-Osbourne - Swansea University
Dr Lucy Trotter - Aberystwyth University

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

LSW Fellows:

Professor Siwan Davies FLSW – Swansea University (Chair)
Professor Carol Featherston FIMEchE FRAeS FLSW – Cardiff University
Professor Martina Feilzer FLSW – Bangor University
Professor Roiyah Solange Saltus FLSW - University of South Wales
Professor Simon Hands FLSW – University of Liverpool

Early & Mid-Career Researchers:

Dr Ruth Atherton - University of South Wales
Dr Helen Chadwick - Swansea University
Dr Caitlyn Donaldson - Cardiff University
Dr Edith England - Cardiff Metropolitan University
Dr Gareth Evans - Swansea University
Steffan James - Cardiff University
Dr Esther Muddiman - Cardiff University
Dr Yipeng Quin - Cardiff University
Dr Yasir Saleem Shaikh - Aberystwyth University
Dr Catherine Sharp - Public Health Wales
Dr Hannah Vallin - Aberystwyth University

3.3 Welsh Language Advisory Group

The previously known Welsh Language Working Group has evolved following the creation of LSW's Welsh Language Policy, into an advisory group that reviews how the policy is implemented, and provides support and advice to staff. The staff Welsh Language Policy Lead provides an update to the group on policy implementation progress twice per year.

Current members are::

Professor Alan Shore FInstP FLSW (Chair)
Dr Aled Eirug FLSW
Professor Eleri Pryse FLSW
Professor Enlli Môn Thomas FHEA FLSW
Dr Lynn Williams FLSW
Nia Williams FLSW

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

To be confirmed (Chair)
Dr Aled Eirug FLSW
Professor Eleri Pryse FLSW
Professor Enlli Môn Thomas FHEA FLSW
Dr Lynn Williams FLSW
Nia Williams FLSW

4. CENHADON

One of the ways we develop our relationships with Welsh Universities and their affiliated Fellows is through the work we do with our Cenhadon (previously known as URLS). Each University has a small number of Fellows designated in the role of 'Cenhadon' who elect to work with LSW in supporting and promoting the society through links and activities as well as representing the wider Fellowship at that institution.

Its current members are:

Aberystwyth University

Professor Iwan Rhys Morus FRHistS FLSW
Professor Eleri Pryse FLSW

Bangor University

Professor Raluca Radulescu FLSW

Cardiff Metropolitan University

Professor David Brooksbank FRSA FLSW

Cardiff University

Professor Gillian Bristow FACSS FLSW
Professor Claire Gorrara FRHistS FLSW
Professor Marian Ludgate FLSW
Professor Chris Taylor FLSW

Open University

Professor Trevor Herbert DLitt FLeedsCM FRCM FLSW

Swansea University

Professor Venkateswarlu Kanamarlapudi DSc FRSB FRSC FABAP FAPAS FLSW
Professor Huw Summers FLSW

University of South Wales

Professor Diana Wallace FLSW
Professor Louise Bright FLSW

University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Professor Catrin Haf Williams FLSW

Wrexham University

Professor Richard Day FInstP FRAeS FIMMM FLSW

Its members at the end of the 2025 AGM will be:

Aberystwyth University

Professor Rhys Jones FRGS FLSW
Professor Rattan Yadav FLSW (tbc)

Bangor University

Professor Yueng-Djern Lenn FLSW
Professor Raluca Radulescu FLSW (tbc)

Cardiff Metropolitan University

Professor David Brooksbank FRSA FLSW
Professor Gary Beauchamp SFHEA FLCM FIWA FLSW

Cardiff University | 1 vacancy

Professor William Housley DSc.Econ FAcSS FLSW

Open University | 1 vacancy

Swansea University | 1 vacancy

Professor Venkateswarlu Kanamarlapudi DSc FRSB FRSC FABAP FAPAS FLSW (tbc)

University of South Wales | 1 vacancy

Professor Louise Bright FLSW

University of Wales Trinity Saint David | 1 vacancy

Wrexham University

Professor Richard Day FInstP FRAeS FIMMM FLSW

5. LSW MEDALS

In light of the Society's 15th anniversary celebrations taking place this year, and the establishment of new medals, Council has agreed to pause the awarding of medals for 2025. This temporary pause will allow sufficient time to finalise the arrangements for the new medal, as well as to focus on the planning and delivery of the anniversary celebrations.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members of the 2024 Medals Committees and the Medals Task and Finish Group for their dedication and contributions.

5.1 Menelaus Medal

Chair: Professor Javier Bonet FLSW
Dr Robert Deaves FIET FHEA FLSW
Professor Perumal Nithiarasu DSc CEng FIMA FMeChE FIPeM FLSW FLSW
SWIEET representative – Phil Hourahine (non-Fellow)

5.2 Frances Hoggan Medal

Chair: Professor Lynne Boddy DSc FLSW
Professor Lisa Collins FRSB FRSS FLSW
Professor Stuart Palmer DSc CPhys FInstP FEng FLSW
Professor Eleri Pryse FLSW
Dr. Olwen Williams OBE FRCP FLSW

5.3 Hugh Owen Medal

Chair: Professor Reyer Zwiggelaar FLSW
Mr David Allen OBE HonLLD FLSW
Professor Anne Edwards AcSS FLSW

5.4 Dillwyn Medal: STEMM

Chair: Professor Alan Guwy FLSW
Professor Neil Champness FRSC FLSW
Professor Geraint Lewis FLSW

5.5 Dillwyn Medal: Social Sciences, Business and Education

Chair: Professor Kathryn Woodward FLSW
Professor Gordon Cumming FRHistS FLSW
Professor Andrew Thomas DEng FIMEchE FHEA FLSW

5.6 Dillwyn Medal: Creative Arts and Humanities

Chair: Professor Richard Carwardine FRHistS FLSW FBA CMG
Professor Matthew Jarvis FLSW
Dr Mererid Puw Davies FLSW

5.7 Medals Task and Finish Group

- Professor Helen Fulton FRSA FSA FLSW (Chair)
- Kellie Beirne
- Caryn Cox – Independent (non-Fellow) member with background in Public Health
- Professor Matthew Griffin FLSW
- Professor John Harwood DSc FLSW
- Professor Venkateswarlu Kanamarlapudi DSc FRSB FRSC FABAP FAPAS FLSW
- Professor Alison Wray FAcSS FLSW

6. UK and Ireland Academies Human Rights Committee (UKIHRC)

Professor Yvonne McDermott Rees FLSW is the new LSW representative at the UKIHRC, succeeding Professor Michael Charlton FInstP MAE FLSW.