# Report from the President (Prof. Stuart Semple) - 13th Dec 2024

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This is my third and final report as President and, as last year, I want to start by thanking everyone on Council, the Society’s subcommittees and the many other members of the Society who have given support, advice and for all their hard work over the last three years. I also want to thank Born Free Foundation and Trentham Monkey Forest for their ongoing extremely generous donations towards the work of the Research and Conservation subcommittees.

My report, as usual, focuses primarily on the two goals of PSGB as stated in our Constitution – to advance research in all areas of primatology, and to help disseminate the findings of such research, primarily through our scientific meetings.

Advancing Research

The Society’s strong financial position – and the donations from Born Free Foundation and Trentham Monkey Forest - allowed us to maintain two grant rounds per year (deadlines in March and November) along with an increased maximum award of £1250. A total of 12 grants were awarded in the year. In Council, we discussed changing the grants schemes we run to align with a potential new subcommittee structure (see below) but felt the advantages of such a change did not outweigh the disadvantages.

Scientific Meetings

It was a great pleasure to meet in person in Jan 2024 at ZSL. Following discussions at Council in March and a canvassing of members thoughts, we decided that we should move towards hosting just one in-person meeting annually, with online participation to ensure maximal accessibility for students and international members (and others). A critical goal as we move ahead with this plan is to ensure that we are giving students in particular the appropriate chance to present their work, network and generally benefit from our highly collegiate and supportive Society.

Dropping to one meeting per year also means that according to our Constitution, the Society is committed to “organise at least one other activity in line with its charitable objectives each year”. In 2024, the superb PSGB Field Skills Workshop led by Alecia Carter (supported by many others) addressed this admirably. Members are warmly encouraged to put forward ideas as to what other types of activity they would welcome in future years.

Other business

Over the course of two Council meetings, we looked at the Society’s subcommittees and discussed how we can ensure that the goals of the Society are best met by all of the subcommittees, not just the (currently) grant-awarding ones - Research, Conservation and Captive Care. We explored in detail the value of replacing these three grant-awarding subcommittees with one ‘Research and Grants Subcommittee’, covering all aspects of research including captive care, conservation and education. This change would have been accompanied by a move to a single grant scheme to replace the current three. Opinions on this differed among council members (as is to be expected!) but after detailed discussions, the clear majority feeling was not to make this change. We did decide, however, that it made good sense to merge the Education and Impact, and Student subcommittees into one - simply ‘Education and Impact Subcommittee’ (Student issues being part of Education). The idea that this subcommittee could also be grant-awarding was strongly supported.

Finally, in a long overdue step, we decided no longer to produce hard copies of Primate Eye. I do know this was not popular among a few members of the Society, but Council felt the expense and environmental impact of producing and mailing hard copies was no longer justifiable. As a one-off, the budget provisionally allocated for printing etc. is to be donated to our Conservation Cause this year.

**Report from the Treasurer for the financial year 2023/2024** (Dr Daphne Kerhoas, treasurer@psgb.org)

I am pleased to present the account report for this past financial year starting 1st of October 2023 and finishing 30th of September 2024. As always, it has been a busy year!

First, I would like to thank all the persons I have worked with for their kindness this year. Bank transfers (especially international ones) for grants and refunds can take some effort. Thank you for your patience!

Our finances continue to be healthy with a total income above £27,788.

Given our healthy income, the council decided last year to increase our grants to twice a year. This year, we have spent a total of £13,211 in grants to support primate research, conservation activities, and captive care projects. We have a total expenditure of £24,817 which almost matches our income. Conservation activities funded by PSGB grant included work done all around the world as well as PSGB Skill Workshop which was very successful.

Our income from membership fees and meeting tickets reached £15,733 this financial year. This is mainly due to the large number of participants in our winter meeting and thanks to the hard work of our meeting officer. The generous donation from Trentham Monkey Forest and Born Free Foundation brought us £11,500 spent on grants.

In addition, we continue to sell great merchandising branded with the PSGB logo which brings an additional income to PSGB, thank you to our marketing officer. Additionally, having received generous donations, we supported KIARA, NGO based in Indonesia protecting Javan gibbons, our Conservation Cause of 2023 thanks to PSGB merchandising sales and more with a total of £1000.

Thank you all for your support!

Daphne Kerhoas

See spreadsheet with financial accounting on next page:

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|  |  |  | **Year to 30 September 2024** |  |  | *Year to 30 September 2023* |  |  |  |  |
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| **Description** | **Income** |  | **Expenditure** | **Surplus/Loss** |  | *Income* |  | *Expenditure* | *Surplus/Loss* |  |
|  | **£** |  | **£** | **£** |  | **£** |  | **£** | **£** |  |
| **Membership Fees & Meeting tickets** | **15,733.19** |  | **0.00** | **15,733.19** |  | *22,634.68* |  | *0.00* | *22,634.68* |  |
| **Spring conf** |  |  | **0.00** | **0.00** |  |  |  | *5,938.15* | *(5,938.15)* |  |
| **Winter meeting** |  |  | **4,231.20** | **(4,231.20)** |  |  |  | *7,974.74* | *(7,974.74)* |  |
| **Pay Pal transferred in main account** | **0.00** |  | **0.00** | **0.00** |  | *145.54* |  | *0.00* | *145.54* |  |
| **PSGB meeting - student bursary** |  |  | **0.00** | **0.00** |  |  |  | *2,046.57* | *(2,046.57)* |  |
| **Gift Aid from HMRC** | **0.00** |  |  | **0.00** |  | *0.00* |  |  | *0.00* |  |
| **General Donations** | **16.00** |  |  | **16.00** |  | *31.05* |  |  | *31.05* |  |
| **Conservation grants ()** | **0.00** |  | **6,442.64** | **(6,442.64)** |  | *1,500.00* |  | *7,555.00* | *(6,055.00)* |  |
| **Captive Care grant ()** |  |  | **1,188.56** | **(1,188.56)** |  |  |  | *3,305.00* | *(3,305.00)* |  |
| **Research grants ()** |  |  | **5,580.19** | **(5,580.19)** |  |  |  | *3,952.25* | *(3,952.25)* |  |
| **Conservation Cause 2023** | **0.00** |  | **2,269.19** | **(2,269.19)** |  | *0.00* |  | *519.11* | *(519.11)* |  |
| **Conservation Cause 2024** | **0.00** |  | **0.00** | **0.00** |  | *0.00* |  | *0.00* | *0.00* |  |
| **EFP European Primate Federation** |  |  | **446.99** | **(446.99)** |  |  |  | *463.48* | *(463.48)* |  |
| **Merchandising product (Paypal)** | **539.18** |  | **0.00** | **539.18** |  | *725.54* |  | *523.25* | *202.29* |  |
| **Primate Eye printing** |  |  | **952.00** | **(952.00)** |  |  |  | *940.50* | *(940.50)* |  |
| **Council Expenses (meeting attendance)** |  |  | **93.90** | **(93.90)** |  |  |  | *702.46* | *(702.46)* |  |
| **Speakers/prizes etc** |  |  | **100.00** | **(100.00)** |  |  |  | *0.00* | *0.00* |  |
| **Web Resources & Provider (1&1 Ionos)** |  |  | **43.20** | **(43.20)** |  |  |  | *34.73* | *(34.73)* |  |
| **Whitefuse system** |  |  | **1,998.00** | **(1,998.00)** |  |  |  | *1,620.00* | *(1,620.00)* |  |
| **NGO donation** | **11,500.00** |  | **1,471.75** | **10,028.25** |  | *50.00* |  | *139.27* | *(89.27)* |  |
| **Accountancy fees** |  |  |  | **0.00** |  |  |  |  | *0.00* |  |
| **Bank cost and fees** |  |  | **0.00** | **0.00** |  |  |  | *16.23* | *(16.23)* |  |
| **Interest** |  |  |  | **0.00** |  | *-* |  |  | *0.00* |  |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **27,788.37** | **0.00** | **24,817.62** | **2,970.75** | **0.00** | *25,086.81* | *0.00* | *35,730.74* | *(10,643.93)* |  |
| **Grant Refunds from previous years** | **0.00** |  | **0.00** | **0.00** |  | *0.00* |  | *0.00* | *0.00* |  |
| **TOTAL CASH REVENUE** | **27,788.37** | **0.00** | **24,817.62** | **2,970.75** | **0.00** | *25,086.81* | *0.00* | *35,730.74* | *(10,643.93)* |  |
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|  | **Year End Balance Sheet** |  |  |  |  | *Year End Balance Sheet* |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **As at 30 September 2024** |  |  |  |  | *As at 30 September 2023* |  |  |  |  |
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| **Assets (all cash)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Coop Bank Current Account** |  |  | **15,574.54** |  |  |  |  | 12,603.79 |  |  |
| **Coop Bank Savings Account** |  |  | **17,845.95** |  |  |  |  | 17,701.73 |  |  |
| **Nat West Current Account** |  |  | **3,398.81** |  |  |  |  | 3,398.81 |  |  |
| **Pay Pal Account** |  |  | **8.83** |  |  |  |  | 145.54 |  |  |
| **Sub total cash** |  |  |  | **36,828.13** |  |  |  |  | 33,849.87 |  |
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| **Current liabilites (3)** |  |  | **-** |  |  |  |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| **Current other liabilities/assets (4)** |  |  | **0.00** |  |  |  |  | 0.00 |  |  |
| **Current assets and liabilities** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **TOTAL ASSETS** |  |  | **36,828.13** |  |  |  |  | 33,849.87 |  |  |

## Report from the Secretary (Dr Pawel Fedurek, [secretary@psgb.org](mailto:secretary@psgb.org))

PSGB Council met three times in 2024: in March, June and September. Several Council members stood down or are about to stand down at the end of January. We warmly thank them for their excellent service to PSGB: Stuart Semple, Daphne Kerhoas, and Alecia Carter. We are very thankful to Stuart for guiding and leading our society, especially during the challenging times of the pandemic.

Following our call for members to put themselves forward for election to Council, we have the following list:

President (and Trustee): Prof Bridget Waller (Nottingham Trent University; [https://www.ntu.ac.uk/staff-profiles/social-sciences/bridget-waller](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks.whitefuse.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3Du001.0DLfZXjD-2BwiUR1Oqo6rqQGAE0-2BWb-2FZdC7KfswDDpljCCO7ctxjvSUVdK-2BJAET33zicHWGymmfRr-2F0AzAsdvLA6-2FhMewBxfyUcHUS1vxFTCc-3DcWIP_bkqYw4RUotWD-2Fd9JsTCRkiygeigmVUMtguXr3xyfWN-2FqSTS9GHOU-2Ffx4sVH-2BbhKHciQztPJabnPUU0vqmV-2BOZF9xVdjlOLzKy0hGh9N0ZTlkWOM6IJlPkHmAMrwLfy7GJCFQ4K68KeO7LdvQXweklLtmMYyWeFObYu9DOcAInZCg-2BXCTGU8V8nA4lKBmOolLuTqitJha7ZfwCv6yMYCPlVAYL6pStmUPNrJvrqhU5sgusLT0ccQFuOXikvPDvI10Jg0hGaGsrrouSttNG6J84OMOnHIUz4f-2FvidZAMTDD2E4woY2ehDof0GzjAw65m9BGVHpsmE2n7sNgtYPF-2FtsyseRIGDEdn7TqfLvuiw5TWw-3D&data=05%7C02%7Cpawel.fedurek%40stir.ac.uk%7C20ddd8e8be974ab85c6908dd0d5450af%7C4e8d09f7cc794ccb9149a4238dd17422%7C0%7C0%7C638681378021758266%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7WEV9tCPhLvrcKj3mQDCa%2B4fopjLSxsnu1hMfk3O48g%3D&reserved=0)).

Treasurer (and Trustee): Dr Jamie Whitehouse (Nottingham Trent University; [https://www.ntu.ac.uk/staff-profiles/social-sciences/jamie-whitehouse](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks.whitefuse.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3Du001.0DLfZXjD-2BwiUR1Oqo6rqQGAE0-2BWb-2FZdC7KfswDDpljCCO7ctxjvSUVdK-2BJAET33z3Hy9h-2FeU-2FkXA4tUu-2BfbeEw7ZhZXpMw-2B4nRpwKp4gmGE-3DsQyw_bkqYw4RUotWD-2Fd9JsTCRkiygeigmVUMtguXr3xyfWN-2FqSTS9GHOU-2Ffx4sVH-2BbhKHciQztPJabnPUU0vqmV-2BOZF9xVdjlOLzKy0hGh9N0ZTlkWOM6IJlPkHmAMrwLfy7GJCFQ4K68KeO7LdvQXweklLtmMYyWeFObYu9DOcAInZCETjKFsGrltZnksF1HmtEFlTwq30GGZ9BehgTaUZHdrY2TNb-2BCXKle-2Fi9KoNb86eZsYsGN1FlniiUKHWgSCmQbJ1RywUYP4nmogEzdigQU80QzUzkJ-2B2ta-2F9saOwEYe4LGetsAfTRWphXY6YMBTkKkZghPeTDcZ-2FGjlKHSbdmYqYHb9EVfAyKE4NnYQrlR1-2F0-3D&data=05%7C02%7Cpawel.fedurek%40stir.ac.uk%7C20ddd8e8be974ab85c6908dd0d5450af%7C4e8d09f7cc794ccb9149a4238dd17422%7C0%7C0%7C638681378021775043%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZcoS4o2cxlnOYhG6d6rEeix6st5ZQIv%2BG0NCA%2BAyPV4%3D&reserved=0)).

# Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer: Nicola Koyama (Liverpool John Moores University; https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/staff-profiles/faculty-of-science/school-of-biological-and-environmental-sciences/nicola-koyama**).**

General Council Member: Dr Marine Joly (University of Portsmouth; [https://www.port.ac.uk/about-us/structure-and-governance/our-people/our-staff/marine-joly](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks.whitefuse.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3Du001.0DLfZXjD-2BwiUR1Oqo6rqQHcP2OlWNXjbSk-2BLzGKd2YWgUTXHK2zpRfgt9HedtyyuJseY-2Fni-2BTkNvfan0DkJm98E2GxhHXtsee-2BfIPyqGAWK9cUwOseZ-2B7o6B2kbMFguXDksUEi5kPc-2Bu-2F5vMbe5FWQ-3D-3DMxQc_bkqYw4RUotWD-2Fd9JsTCRkiygeigmVUMtguXr3xyfWN-2FqSTS9GHOU-2Ffx4sVH-2BbhKHciQztPJabnPUU0vqmV-2BOZF9xVdjlOLzKy0hGh9N0ZTlkWOM6IJlPkHmAMrwLfy7GJCFQ4K68KeO7LdvQXweklLtmMYyWeFObYu9DOcAInZCl-2FdMS5vWWicUoj9oMqP2aXzkaj0G53xCNlkLpQae5y6MHr9FuURCNMlBr7JjVx-2Bxl6-2FENDCX1oVuRiFIX91snntSKrb6KaRhrY9zarKLTRZB4GcnZLpmXQDHw1JPv5DoGcbzrch8QdJ20u4g7XqnD-2FMMUl2TVgnOeG-2BhRNLUG0Cjq5eQhwx2EJ9WLYbZAW5w-3D&data=05%7C02%7Cpawel.fedurek%40stir.ac.uk%7C20ddd8e8be974ab85c6908dd0d5450af%7C4e8d09f7cc794ccb9149a4238dd17422%7C0%7C0%7C638681378021795658%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a9o3xnrZH%2BSvFW%2FMi9fIQ7zsgZRasvxZHYhEXZWWL00%3D&reserved=0)) .

The AGM will vote to ratify these candidates as members of Council at the Annual General Meeting to be held in Bristol.

The recipient of the 2024 Osman Hill Medal is Prof Anna Nekaris.