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BSH Conferences Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

Year ended 1 November 1997

Registered number 2677826



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 1 November 1997.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the organisation of conferences for The British Society for Haematology, a registered charity and company limited by guarantee.

Business review

The results for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 5. The directors are satisfied with the results for the year and expect a successful year in 1998.

Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Political and charitable contributions

The company made no political contributions during the year. During the year the company made a gift aid donation of £110,000 to its parent undertaking, The British Society for Haematology (a company limited by guarantee).

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Professor AC Newland
Professor SJ Machin
Professor FE Preston (resigned 14 April 1997)
Dr NJ Dodd
Professor IM Franklin
Professor D Catovsky
Professor AK Burnett
Dr C Singer
Professor DC Linch (appointed 14 April 1997)
Dr ID Walker (appointed 14 April 1997)
Dr JM England (died 29 November 1996)

The directors have no beneficial interest in the ordinary share capital of the company.

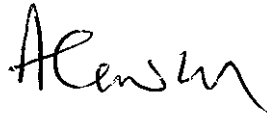
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Auditors

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

Professor AC Newland
Director



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28 January 1998

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Report of the auditors to the members of BSH Conferences Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 1 November 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

28 January 1998

Profit and loss account
for the year ended 1 November 1997

	<i>Note</i>	1997 £	1996 £
Turnover	<i>1</i>	307,571	291,446
Cost of sales		(185,990)	(168,764)
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Gross profit		121,581	122,682
Administrative expenses		(50,325)	(50,962)
Other operating income		51,608	47,900
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Operating profit		122,864	119,620
Interest receivable	<i>5</i>	8,536	6,207
Gift Aid Donations		(110,000)	(101,000)
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<i>2-4</i>	21,400	24,827
Taxation	<i>6</i>	(4,776)	(6,108)
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Retained profit for the financial year	<i>11</i>	16,624	18,719
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A statement of movement in reserves is given in note 11 to the financial statements.

There were no recognised gains or losses in either year other than the profit for the year.

All turnover and profits arose from continuing activities.

Balance sheet
at 1 November 1997

	<i>Note</i>	1997		1996	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		911		1,195
Current assets					
Debtors	8	52,913		44,794	
Cash at bank and in hand		134,629		148,276	
		<u>187,542</u>		<u>193,070</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(97,774)</u>		<u>(120,210)</u>	
Net current assets			89,768		72,860
Net assets			<u>90,679</u>		<u>74,055</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	10		2		2
Profit and loss account	11		90,677		74,053
Equity shareholders' funds	12		<u>90,679</u>		<u>74,055</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on
by:

and were signed on its behalf

Professor AC Newland
Director



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Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of its size.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Items are capitalised if cost is greater than £500, otherwise they are written off directly to the profit and loss account.

Depreciation on these assets is provided by the company to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows::

Office equipment - 20% per annum

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of services to customers.

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	1997 £	1996 £
<i>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging</i>		
Auditors' remuneration:	1,600	1,600
Depreciation	414	399

3 Remuneration of directors

The directors received no remuneration during the year (1996: £nil).

Notes (continued)

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year was 9 (1996: 9).

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons was as follows:

	1997 £	1996 £
Wages and salaries	40,861	38,517
Social security costs	4,083	3,929
	<u>44,944</u>	<u>42,446</u>

5 Interest receivable

	1997 £	1996 £
Bank interest receivable	8,536	6,207
	<u>8,536</u>	<u>6,207</u>

6 Taxation

	1997 £	1996 £
UK corporation tax at 22.3% (1996: 24.7%) on the profit for the year on ordinary activities	4,776	6,129
Adjustment relating to an earlier year	-	(21)
	<u>4,776</u>	<u>6,108</u>

There is no material deferred tax asset or liability.

Notes (continued)

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £
<i>Cost</i>	
At beginning of year	1,993
Additions	130
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At end of year	2,123
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<i>Depreciation</i>	
At beginning of year	798
Charge for year	414
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At end of year	1,212
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<i>Net book value</i>	
At 1 November 1997	911
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At 1 November 1996	1,195
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8 Debtors

	1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors	33,286	23,440
Called up share capital not paid	2	2
Prepayments and accrued income	19,625	21,352
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	52,913	44,794
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All debtors are due within one year.

Notes (continued)

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1997		1996
	£	£	£
Other creditors including taxation and social security:			
Corporation tax	4,771		6,129
Other taxes and social security	17,226		19,814
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	21,997		25,943
Accruals and deferred income	75,777		94,267
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	97,774		120,210
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10 Called up share capital

	1997	1996
	£	£
<i>Authorised</i>		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
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<i>Allotted, called up but unpaid</i>		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
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11 Profit and loss account

	1997	1996
	£	£
At beginning of year	74,053	55,334
Profit for year (page 5)	16,624	18,719
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At end of year	90,677	74,053
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Notes *(continued)*

12 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	1997	1996
	£	£
At beginning of year	74,055	55,336
Profit for year (page 5)	16,624	18,719
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At end of year	90,679	74,055
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13 Ultimate parent undertaking

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary company of The British Society for Haematology (a registered charity and company limited by guarantee) which is registered in England and Wales.