YORKSHIRE UNIVERSITIES (FORMERLY YHUA)

(Limited by Guarantee)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2002

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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Professor R Cooke Dr M Coughlan Professor D Drewry Professor D Green

Dr P Smith

Professor J Tarrant Professor C Taylor Professor L Wagner Professor D Wilcocks Professor Sir A Wilson

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DIRECTORS' REPORT For the year ended 31 July 2002

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2002.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom 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 of the company 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 are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company continues to be the administration of government and European grants secured for projects undertaken by the members.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year were:

Professor R Boucher

Professor R Cooke

Dr M Coughlan

Professor D Drewry

Professor D Green

Dr P Smith

Professor J Tarrant

Professor C Taylor

Professor L Wagner

Professor D Wilcocks

Professor Sir A Wilson

DIRECTORS' REPORT For the year ended 31 July 2002

AUDITORS

The auditors, Deloitte & Touche, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS

The report of the directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities.

RESULTS

The results for the year are set out on page 5.

This report was approved by the board on 11 December 2002 and signed on its behalf.

Professor D Drewry

Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF YORKSHIRE UNIVERSITIES (FORMERLY YHUA)

We have audited the financial statements of Yorkshire Universities (formerly YHUA) for the year ended 31 July 2002 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, statement of total recognised gains and losses, and the related notes 1 to 10. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and Auditing Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 31 July 2002 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

Deloitte & Touche

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Leeds

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 July 2002

	Note	Period ended 31 July 2002 £	Period ended 31 July 2001 £
TURNOVER	1	1,455,737	1,781,496
Cost of sales		(1,161,063)	(1,423,913)
GROSS PROFIT		294,674	357,583
Administrative expenses		(291,341)	(372,997)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	2	3,333	(15,414)
Interest receivable		15,750	62,026
Interest payable			(282)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		19,083	46,330
TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	3		(3)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	7	19,083	46,327 ————

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There have been no recognised gains and losses attributable to shareholders other than the profits for the current and preceding financial periods, and accordingly no Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is shown.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 July 2002

	31 July 2002		31 J 20		
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	4	285,923		61,407	
Cash at bank		336,761		539,964	
		622,684		601,371	
CREDITORS : amounts falling due within one year	5	(455,176)		(452,946)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			167,508		148,425
NET ASSETS			167,508		148,425
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Profit and loss account	7		167,508		148,425
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 11 December 2002 and signed on its behalf.

Professor D Drewry

Director

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 July 2002

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.4 Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

1.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to externally provided projects are treated as deferred income and released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

2. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

The operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:

	Period ended 31 July	Period ended 31 July
	2002 £	2001 £
Auditors' remuneration Auditors' remuneration - non-audit	3,237 1,700	1,175 1,402

During the year, no director received any emoluments (2001 - £nil).

3. TAX ON PROFITS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITES

	Period ended 31 July 2002	Period ended 31 July 2001
	£	£
UK Corporation tax	-	3

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 July 2002

4.	DEBTORS		
		2002	2001
		£	£
	Due within one year		
	Trade debtors	215,085	35,957
	Other debtors	70,838	25,450
		285,923	61,407
5.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2002	2001
		£	£
	Trade creditors	298,100	193,224
	Accruals and defered income	157,076	259,722
		455,176	452,946

6. COMPANY STATUS

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

7. RESERVES

Profit and loss account	£
At 1 August 2001	148,425
Profit retained for the year	19,083
At 31 July 2002	167,508

8. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	1,598	901
Between 2 and 5 years	799	3,129

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 July 2002

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Yorkshire Universities paid grant funds, refunds of costs incurred and payments for other services to its own members during the year. These were all on the basis of simple recharge of direct costs incurred or arms length relationships between the members and Yorkshire Universities. During the year each of the members paid subscriptions and additional subscriptions which totalled to £165,000 (last year £118,299). Grant income was received from the funders of Yorkshire Universities but channelled through University of Leeds. The transactions for the year are summarised below:

	31 July	31 July
	Charged to	Charged By
	YU:	YÚ:
	£	£
Leeds University	268,665	765,384
Leeds Metropolitan University	158,700	16,420
Open University	767	<i>5,231</i>
Sheffield Hallam University	233,967	17,385
Bradford University	17,440	16,390
Huddersfield University	227,160	16,390
Hull University	331,031	16,215
Sheffield University	101,217	20,275
Lincolnshire and Humberside University	-	1,015
York University	3,055	16,230
Trinity and All Saints College	-	10,235
York St John College	<u> </u>	10,250

On 31st July 2002 £67,664 (2001: £35,617) was owed to The University of Leeds, £68,150 (2001: £68,150) to Sheffield Hallam University, £ nil (2001: £68,150) to Huddersfield University, £68,150 (2001: £ nil) to University of Hull, £ 90,290 (2001: £ nil) to Leeds Metropolitan University, £25,217 (2001: £ nil) to University of Sheffield and £ nil (2001: £ 15,990) to Bradford University. On 31st July 2002, Leeds Metropolitan University owed Yorkshire Universities £6,350 (2001: £ nil), Sheffield Hallam University owed £6,200 (2001: £ nil), University of Bradford owed £6,200 (2001: £250), Huddersfield University owed £6,200 (2001: £ nil), University of Hull owed £6,772 (2001: £557), University of Leeds owed £15,842 (2001: £27), University of Lincolnshire and Humberside owed £1,015 (2001: £ nil), Sheffield University owed £6,200 (2001: £4,201), York St John owed £6,200 (2001: £nil) and University of York owed £6,200 (2001: £ nil).

10. CONTROLLING PARTY

In the opinion of the Directors there is no controlling party.