

Rules of the *Southwest UK RNA Club*

5th November 2010

1. History and Definition of the Club.

- 1.1 The "Southwest UK RNA Club" was founded on the 1st November 2006 by Dr Michael Ladomery and Dr Jeanette Woolard. Initially called the Bristol RNA Club, it was then expanded to include interested participants around the southwest of the UK more generally. Therefore, as of the 1st of November 2010, the Club is known as the Southwest UK RNA Club.
- 1.2 The aims of the Club are to promote collaborative links, information and reagent exchange between researchers interested in RNA biology in the Bristol and Bath area. It is open to specialists and non-specialists alike; PhD, MSc and BSc students are particularly welcome, as well as clinicians interested in research.
- 1.3 The Southwest UK RNA Club is a not-for-profit organisation. It relies on sponsorship from academic or academic-related institutions and from the biotechnology sector. All sponsorship monies are used towards the running of the Club's annual meeting; however, budget permitting, they can also be used to support other activities that promote the Club's aims.

2. Annual meeting.

- 2.1 The Southwest UK RNA Club aims to meet once a year, generally around April or May, when it holds a one day meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to present a series of talks (and optionally posters) around the general topic of RNA Biology to include all aspects of RNA Biology.
- 2.2 The annual meeting will be rotated yearly between: Bristol or Bath; Cardiff or Swansea; and Exeter or Plymouth.
- 2.3 At each annual meeting the Club will aim to invite an external Speaker from anywhere in the UK or abroad and his or her travel expenses will be paid up to a maximum of £150 subject to the availability of funds.
- 2.4 Depending on the extent of sponsorship in a given year, it may be possible to contribute in part towards the travel expenses of any students attending the meeting.

3. Running of the Club.

- 3.1 The Club is run by a Chairperson assisted by a Secretary. The Chairperson shall also serve as the Treasurer. At the end of each annual meeting the delegates will reconfirm, or if necessary select alternative individuals to act as Club Chairperson or Secretary. Should there be more than one candidate for either position a vote will be held and the candidate with the simple majority of votes will be duly elected.
- 3.2 The Chairperson's duty are to oversee the activity of the Club, ensuring that an annual meeting takes place and that it is scientifically interesting and well

attended. The Chairperson is also the Treasurer and is therefore responsible for overseeing the finances of the Club and making sure that all expenditure is within budget. The Secretary's role is to assist the Chairperson in his or her duties and to help organise the annual meeting, the Club website, and sponsorship.

3.3 For the purposes of overseeing the Club's accounts the financial year will end on June 30th, i.e. just after the Club's annual meeting.

3.4 The Club will maintain an online presence - specifically a Club website whose purpose will be to record past meetings, indicate future meetings, and acknowledge any sponsorship.

4. Dissolution of the Club.

4.1 Should interest in the club not be maintained, delegates attending the annual meeting may move to dissolve the Club. Dissolution would then be confirmed after a simple majority vote.

4.2 Any monies left in the Club's account will then be donated to any charitable cause consistent with the aims of the Club – this would be decided after discussion at the final meeting and with agreement by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Club.

For information, at the time of formulating the Club rules on th 5th of November 2010, the Chairperson is: Dr Michael Ladomery; and the Secretary: Dr Sebastian Oltean.

Signatures:

Dr Michael R. Ladomery

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Dr Sebastian Oltean

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