

## **Chair's report**

### **BSRLM AGM, November 2011**

#### **1. Day Conferences**

The November 2010 day conference was held at Newcastle: 53 participants, 25 sessions, 1 working group. Many thanks to David Wright and his student helpers for a great day.

The March 2011 day conference at the Institute of Education, London was huge: 121 participants, 45 sessions and 2 working groups. Many thanks to Dave Pratt and IoE staff and student helpers for another great day.

The June 2011 New Researchers' Day and day conference were both held at Leeds. The New Researchers' Day had 21 participants. 5 new researchers presented papers, Jean-baptiste Lagrange (Reims and Paris) gave a plenary on French research and Lara Alcock led an interactive session on writing Current Reports for RME. All presentations were well received. Nine of the new researchers were supported by the Leone Burton fund which provided them with free bed and breakfast and enabled the new researchers to remain for the day conference. The day conference had 64 participants, 17 sessions and 2 working groups. The Leeds day conference included the third Janet Duffin Lecture given by Cathy Smith, from which we had very positive reactions. I'd like to thank my colleagues and my student helpers for their work in ensuring the success of both meetings.

We are very grateful to all those involved in the local organisation of conferences and to Julie-Ann Edwards for IoE, and Sue Pope for their commitment to ensuring the quite complex logistics actually works! Participants' evaluations of day conferences (other than the lack of coffee at Leeds!) continue to be positive.

#### **2. Research in Mathematics Education (Journal)**

Following the decision of the BSRLM 2009 AGM, RME has increased to three issues for the first time this year. Editorial changes made during 2010 have been consolidated: Jeremy Hodgen joining Tim Rowland and Elena Nardi as Editor; Lara Alcock as Current Reports Editor; Alf Coles as Book Reviews Editor. We are also pleased to welcome new members to the Editorial Board.

#### **3. BSRLM Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee has met three times during the year, as well as doing a great deal of work by e-mail to ensure the smooth running of the society. I am very grateful to every member of the Executive Committee for their hard work and commitment to BSRLM – and for interesting meetings! Closer liaison between the Executive Committee and the Editors of RME was a stated aim of the last AGM and Jeremy Hodgen joined us for the second meeting. This was useful and we aim to continue to have one Executive Committee meeting per year with an RME Editor present.

The periods of office follow a long standing (and sensible) agreement to always have some stability within the Executive Committee in any given year. As you can see (table below) we need to elect a new Secretary and Membership Secretary at this AGM. I'd like to thank Paul for his diligence and good humour in the post of Membership Secretary. I'd also like to thank Ian for

standing in for a one year vacancy on the Executive Committee and doing such an excellent job. Ian is prepared to continue but must run for office again. I have nominated him for this (and Sue Pope has seconded this) but we shall, of course, abide with the will of BSRLM members. The following summarises positions and periods of office:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Chair	John Monaghan	John Monaghan	John Monaghan	<i>New Chair</i>
Secretary	Ian Jones	<i>New Secretary</i>	<i>New Secretary</i>	<i>New Secretary</i>
Membership Secretary	Paul Hernandez-Martinez	<i>New Membership Secretary</i>	<i>New Membership Secretary</i>	<i>New Membership Secretary</i>
Treasurer	Jenni Ingram	Jenni Ingram	<i>New treasurer</i>	<i>New treasurer</i>
Publications Secretary	Cathy Smith	Cathy Smith	Cathy Smith	<i>New Publications Secretary</i>
BERA SIG co-ordinator	Howard Tanner	Howard Tanner	<i>New BERA SIG co-ordinator</i>	<i>New BERA SIG co-ordinator</i>
Day conference co-ordinator	Sue Pope	Sue Pope	Sue Pope	<i>New Day conference co-ordinator</i>

#### **4. Other matters**

The above are the formal matters the Chair is to report on at an AGM but there are two matters ‘in the pipeline’ of which I’d like to inform members.

#### **5. Plans for the British Congress of Mathematics Education**

The BCME 2014 organisers are keen that research has a better profile in the programme. This means that research papers need to be in the programme along with everything else, four months before the conference. To ensure these papers can be refereed, there will need to be a long lead time. Hopefully there will be clarity around any strands before any call for papers and papers will be tailored to an audience of both researchers and practitioners. It is BSRLM’s intention to have a day conference during the spring term in 2014. Is this acceptable to members?

#### **6. Plans for a BSRLM-Nordic joint day conference**

When I was nominated as Chair I announced my intention to make links with similar organisations in Europe. After discussing this at my first Executive Committee meeting it was agreed that I could contact the Nordic group. A proposal for a joint meeting was discussed at the NORMA conference in May and there was strong support for this from our Nordic friends (and there are usually several of these friends at any given BSRLM day conference). Following this I had Skype discussions with the NORME Chair, Christer Bergsten. Discussions as to the precise date and location are ongoing but I can confirm that this joint meeting will take place in November 2012 and is highly likely to include a ‘special day’ on the Friday preceding our usual Saturday Day Conference.

John Monaghan  
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