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BSRLM Chair's Report 2019/20

The Impact of the Pandemic

As for many organisations, BSRLM's work over the past year has been dominated by the pandemic. The Spring Day Conference was held on 7th March in Cambridge, just prior to the first lockdown period. However, the Summer Day Conference due to be held in Leeds on 11th June had to be cancelled. The New Research Day was rescheduled to 3rd July and was successfully held on line with a higher attendance than for previous face-to-face events. The Autumn Conference is taking place online on 14th November.

The Executive decided not to charge for these initial online conferences, although the conferences are only open to BSRLM members. This is because, to date, conference organisation has relied wholly on volunteers, including for technical support. We anticipate that the Spring 2021 Day Conference, and perhaps more future conferences, will be online.

Thanks to Marie Joubert and Geoff Wake, the current Day Conference Organisers, who have agreed to stay on the Executive as Co-opted Members in order to help the new Day Conference Organiser with virtual conferences.

The BSRLM Executive

The Executive Committee have met several more times than normal this year as a result of the pandemic and to resolve issues with the website. I am grateful to all the members of the Executive for their hard work.

Thanks to the outgoing members of the Executive: Julie Alderton and Helen Thouless.

Research in Mathematics Education, BSRLM's journal

The journal, Research in Mathematics Education, is in good shape and we are grateful to the Editorial team: Laura Black, Alf Coles and Keith Jones. We have appointed Jenni Ingram as an editor of RME replacing Keith Jones who has now retired.

The Janet Duffin Award was made jointly this year to authors from the UK (Alison Barnes) and Chile/Brazil (Diana Zakaryan & Miguel Ribeiro). The Janet Duffin Fund is the result of a generous gift made to the Society by Bill Duffin, in memory of his wife Janet, a longstanding and active member of BSRLM. The Fund covers the costs of the Janet Duffin Award and Lecture. The Executive will consider how to celebrate these awards in the coming year.

Open Forum March 2020

Two items were presented for discussion by the membership.

Item 1 Location of day conferences

There was a broad steer from the membership to carry on with day conferences in all nations of the UK but to consider the frequency.

Item 2 - International collaboration day conferences

Generally, it was felt that occasional international conferences were beneficial to the membership of BSRLM.

Jeremy Hodgen, November 2020