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Dear Colleague and Member of the ESE



It has been my pleasure to co-ordinate this 4th ESE Newsletter.

This edition focuses on two main areas: the retirement of Gunnar Bergenholtz and Dag Ørstavik from the Executive Board of the ESE, and the activities of several national endodontic societies.

If you are reading this Newsletter at the ESE congress in Edinburgh I am sure you are enjoying the professional and social programmes that have been arranged by Congress President Professor Bill Saunders and the British Endodontic Society under the careful and meticulous organisation of Annabel Thomas. I am in no doubt you will join me in thanking Bill and his team for a fantastic meeting!!

In the coming months many national endodontic societies will be holding meetings and congresses. I would be grateful if officers of these societies could let me have reports from relevant events including photographs where possible. I will

then attempt to include the reports in future Newsletters. In addition, please let me know of improvements you wish to see in the Newsletter or any items you wish to be included. Contact me on iejeditor@cardiff.ac.uk

See you in Rome 2011 if not before!

Paul Dummer, Editor of the ESE



Dear ESE Member,

It is with great excitement we draw together for the 14th Biennial Congress of the ESE. The ancient city of Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, welcomes us to yet another exceptional event. Indeed we can look forward to a carefully prepared scientific and social programme. Our deepest gratitude goes to the organizing committee lead by Congress President Bill Saunders and Annabel Thomas, who have undertaken tremendous efforts to make our stay pleasant and gratifying. Going to Scotland also means ample opportunities to visit historic sites and castles as well as to enjoy beautiful sceneries in the Highlands. Some of us may even sample rare brands of single malts or seek to shoot a low score on some of the famous golf courses close by. As president I am proud that our society continues to offer congresses of the highest stature.

The ESE Biennial Congress also means that important decisions

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are taken for the management and future development of our society. Representatives from the 30 member societies convene prior to the convention to go through a large agenda at a General Assembly meeting. This time an important item is the election of new officers to the Executive Board. Current President, myself, and Treasurer Dag Ørstavik have completed their terms. Also on the agenda is the selection of site for the 2013 Biennial Congress. The competition is stiff this time with bids from the French, Portuguese and Spanish Endodontic Societies. Reports will also be relayed from committee and working groups including Research, Education, Accreditation of Specialty Programmes and Recognition of the Endodontic Specialty. The dedicated work of these committees forms a strong backbone of our society and is greatly appreciated. The Executive Board will in addition propose co-funding of a symposium next July together with the Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group of the IADR. The symposium will address Inflammation and Regeneration, currently a hot topic for our field. Organizing symposia in between the biennial congresses is something we have had in mind for some time in order to offer you as ESE member an opportunity to follow the latest development of research as it pertains to clinical practice.

During the Biennial Congress separate meetings will also take place where post-graduate and PhD students and Certified Members gather to discuss and make proposals as to how they want to see our society progress. Certainly the days in Edinburgh will be busy but most importantly we will have fun and enjoy meeting both old and new friends as well as learn from the rich and diversified scientific programme

Gunnar Bergenholtz

ESE Executive Board members visit the Congress Organiser for Edinburgh 2009

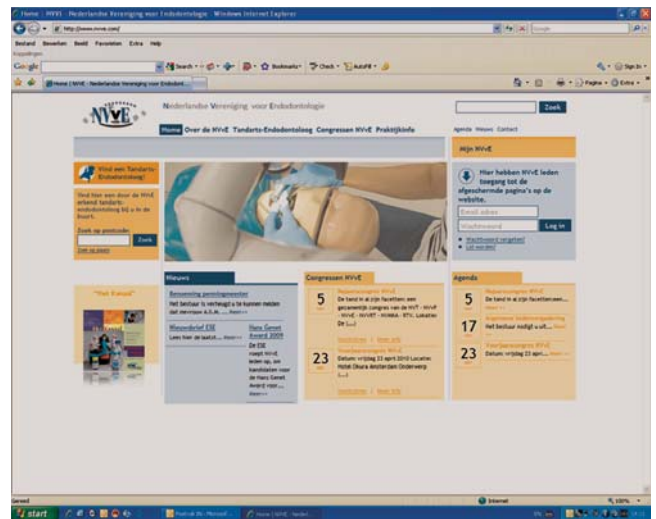
Claus Löst and Paul Dummer met with Annabel Thomas, Administrator of the BES and ESE Congress Organiser, in July 2009 in order to check the arrangements for the ESE Congress in Edinburgh. The meeting provided an opportunity for Annabel to outline the latest news in terms of participant numbers, details of the venue and the social programme as well as review arrangements for the various ESE meetings, including the General Assembly, Certified Members lunch and the lunch for the Postgraduate Student section.



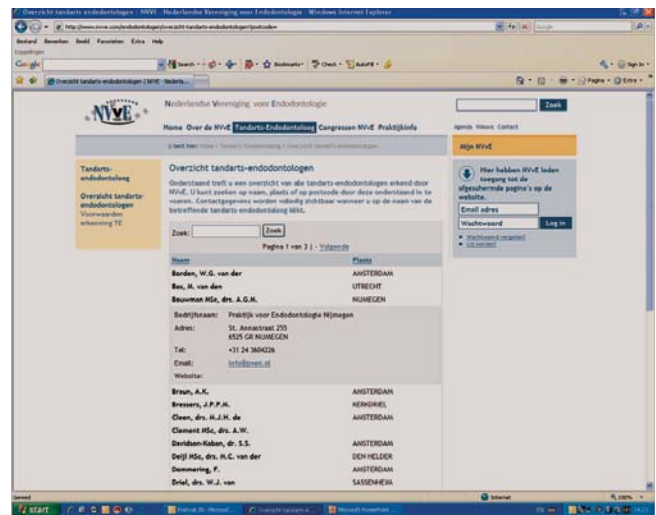
Netherlands Society for Endodontology (NVvE) launches new web site

This Spring, the Netherlands Society for Endodontology (NVvE) launched its new web site (<http://www.nvve.com>). Intended for members, non-members and patients alike, it provides visitors with pertinent information on the Society and its activities.

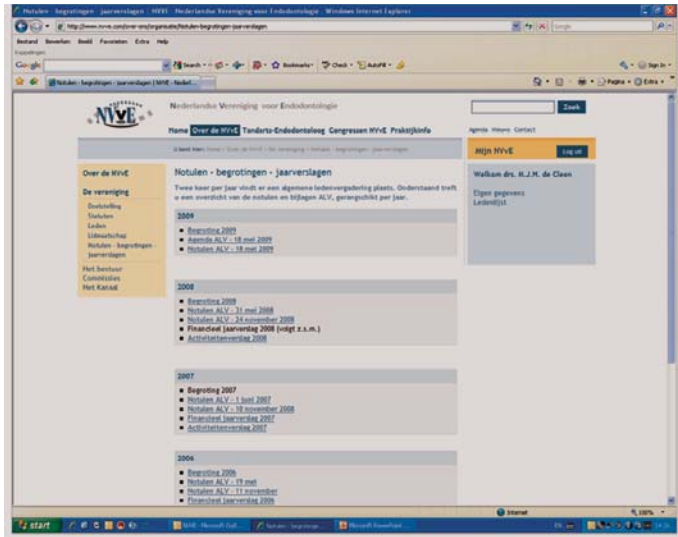
The home page shows the activities of the Society at-a-glance.



Within a click or two, visitors are there where they want to go. Whether a patient or referring dentist are looking for a specialist endodontist nearby



or a NVvE_member is looking for the minutes of the last general assembly, it's all at their disposal.



The board of the NVVE will further expand the functions of the web site and it will in the future probably include a member forum, a Q&A section and reports and announcements of past and future meetings.

These sections will be reserved for members only, with a special log-in code for security.

Michiel de Cleen

ESE country representative

Norwegian Endodontic Society - "Endodontics in cultural surroundings"

The Norwegian Endodontic Society annual meeting 2009 was held in San Gimignano, Italy from June 3rd till June 8th. Almost 40 dentists, mainly specialists in endodontics but also some general practitioners, attended the meeting in beautiful Tuscany. We had an interesting scientific program during the daytime and visited historical places in Tuscany in the afternoon and evenings, particularly, the cities of Siena, Florence and Certaldo.

The Thursday morning session was chaired by Gilberto Debelian, Oslo, and the speaker was Professor Elisabetta Cotti from the University of Cagliari, Italy. She discussed the exciting new possibilities that are opened to us by advanced imaging techniques for management of lesions in bone.

Her next topic was the use of ultrasound in surgical endodontics with suggestions for a standard technique.

Friday morning Marga Ree from the Netherlands gave a very interesting lecture about the challenges of treating the compromised tooth, complete from disassembly to build-up and final restoration. After lunch she lectured on the topic, "Managing immature non-vital teeth and endodontic anomalies in younger patients".

On Saturday morning Bent Gerner, Specialist in Prosthodontics, addressed the issue of how to replace a missing tooth. Should it be replaced by implants, bridges or not at all? Although root canal treatment and implants have similar survival rates, he emphasized that risk factors and long time prognoses of implants must be considered.

Gilberto Debelian shared with us clinical tips and follow-up studies using BioRace, and Harald Prestegaard (Sarpsborg,

Norway) showed us clinical tips and examples of his experiences with Pro-Taper.

The business meeting of the General Assembly of the Norwegian Endodontic Society discussed policy matters of the society.

Particularly, the delegates were informed about a new national organization: all seven dental specialty organizations in Norway have formed an umbrella organization where the presidents of each society meet twice a year to discuss matters concerning specialist affairs. They also share information with each other and provide mutual support on political issues.

The next annual meeting of the Norwegian Endodontic Society is going to be held in the beautiful new hotel Farris Bad (www.farrisbad.no) in Larvik, about two hours south of Oslo, from June 4th till June 6th 2010. The scientific program will be available later this autumn.



Lecturers Elisabetta Cotti and Marga Ree, on each side of Gilberto Debelian (blue shirt), enjoying dinner with other meeting participants



Society members enjoying the ambience of Tuscany

Nina Wiencke Gerner

President of the Norwegian Endodontic Society

Romanian Association of Endodontology (ARE)

The First International Congress of the Romanian Association of Endodontology (ARE), held in conjunction with the 18th International Congress of the Romanian Dental Association (AMSPPR) between 18-21 March 2009 at the RIN Grand Hotel Bucharest, marked a turning point in the history of both associations. For the first time, the Romanian Association of Endodontology, founded in 2001 and ESE-affiliated, reputed for gathering especially young Romanian dentists interested in endodontology, stepped forward on the international endo stage. Again, for the first time in its 18 years, AMSPPR (Romania's main dental professional association, founded in 1990) has changed the style and location of its annual international congresses. The topics of general interest, characteristic for such congresses, were abandoned this year in favor of endodontic topics, or endodontic-related topics such as implantology and ergonomics. The old traditional location of the RDA congresses at the ROMEXPO Conference and Exhibition Center was changed in favor of the brand-new RIN Grand Hotel Bucharest Congress Center, less centrally located, but perfectly equipped for an European scientific event. It took a lot of courage for the organizers to operate all these radical changes, but in the end the initiative proved to be a total success. In fact, the assumptions of both associations were based on the increasing and overwhelming interest in modern endodontology that seems to characterise the Romanian practitioners over the last couple of years. Endodontology became apparently the ultimate professional "field of dreams" of Romanian dentistry, thanks to the dedicated activity among practitioners of individuals such as Professor Andrei Iliescu, former chair of the Department of Endodontology at the Carol Davila University of Bucharest and current president of ARE. This interest, which may seem strange in a country like Romania, was noted in March 2008, when a one-day course of advanced endodontics delivered by Professor Arnaldo Castellucci gathered more than 700 participants! With more than 1100 participants, the congress in of March 2009 hosted a brilliant team of international lecturers including: Marga Ree (Amsterdam), Gianluca Gambarini (Rome), Gilberto Debelian (Oslo), Gabriel Tulus (Germany), Th. Lambrianidis (Thesaloniki), Tom Schloss (Nurnberg), Matthias Zehnder (Zurich), Claus Löst (Tubingen), Omer Gorduysus (Ankara), Michael Hulsmann (Göttingen), Michael Arnold (Dresden), Reinhilde Jacobs (Leuven), Peter Kiefner (Stuttgart), Liviu Steier (London). Romanian academics with captivating lectures were also present: Andrei Iliescu (Bucharest), Luminita Nica (Timisoara), Emilia Ianes (Timisoara), Marius Pricop (Timisoara), Liviu Muresan (Cluj), Sorin Andrian (Iasi), Maria Vataman (Iasi), Emanuel Bratu (Timisoara), Valeriu Cherlea (Bucharest), Andreea Didilescu (Bucharest, ESE research award 2007), Cristian Comes (Bucharest).

Several of the presenters at the meeting



The meeting opened new perspectives for the Romanian endodontists! One of the most unexpected pleasant surprises of the congress was the "Forum of the Romanian Endodontists", which assembled Saturday in the afternoon eleven short lectures of young non-academic specialists. It looks the overall European trend is followed also by Romania: experienced prestigious academics are now joined by young passionate endodontists, whose clinical performances in their private practices are sometimes breathtaking. Only one shadow cast over this magnificent event: the unprecedented and unexplicable refusal of accreditation of the congress and even of the lecturers (!!) by the Romanian College of Dentists...

Dr.Dr.Stefan-Ioan Stratul, AMSPPR-ARE

Symposium of the Serbian Endodontic Society

From May 22nd to 25th Professor Paul Dummer, Editor of the IEJ and ESE, was the guest of the Serbian Endodontic Society in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia. Considering and appreciating his extraordinary capabilities in scientific work and in teaching Endodontology worldwide it was arranged that Professor Dummer would give two lectures for different audiences.

The first talk was organized for the members of the Department of Restorative Odontology and Endodontics and other staff members of The University School of Dentistry involved and interested in Endodontology and clinical endodontics (about 40 in total), held on Friday 22nd May in the School conference room. Professor Dummer gave an excellent, scientifically supported and very detailed lecture on **Technical quality of root canal treatment and biological healing**, which was followed by a question and answer session. On the very same day Prof. Dummer was taken by his host for a short tour through a few major departments of the School and spend time in an unofficial brief discussion with the Dean and Vice-Dean for Education.

On Sunday, May 24th the "Spring Symposium of the Serbian Endodontic Society", the main event and purpose of Prof. Dummer's visit, was held in the Congress Center "SAVA".

He gave a systematic lecture entitled **Shaping ability of Nickel-Titanium endodontic instruments** to the audience of approximately 250 dentists from all over Serbia. Both the quality and the relevance of the lecture provoked a very interesting discussion, with a variety of questions and opinions provided by the participants taking more than half an hour after almost two hours of the main lecture. Most of the participants left the Symposium with compliments that they have never attend such methodical lecture with so much valuable information.

Professor Dummer being introduced by Professor Ivanovic



Professor Dummer during his lecture



For me, as the President of SES, host and friend of Professor Paul Dummer, it was a great privilege and honour that he accepted the invitation and shared his knowledge and talent as a lecturer with Serbian endodontists and GPs involved in endodontic practice. Paul also had time to spend his free moments in Belgrade with colleagues in the dental school.



A relaxing moment or two in Belgrade!



Vladimir Ivanovic, President of the Serbian Endodontic Society Professor in Restorative Odontology & Endodontology, School of Dentistry, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Spring Meetings of the Slovenian Endodontic Society

The 13th Biennial Endodontic Symposium of the Slovenian Endodontic Society was held in Bled, a picturesque alpine resort in the heart of the Slovenian Alps, on 3-4 April 2009. Over 400 participants attended (one third of Slovenian dentists!). At the opening ceremony the Brenčič-Logar's prize was awarded to two outstanding undergraduate dental students. Professor Nataša Ihan Hren was the keynote speaker, presenting the topic "Tale of chronic periapical periodontitis and radicular cysts".

Lectures were given by members of the Slovenian Endodontic Society, many of them from the University of Ljubljana faculty, and internationally renowned speakers from France, Italy, and Croatia. Lively discussions took place on both days. The most recent updates and advances in endodontics were presented, as well as topics covering items important for the success of endodontic treatment in general dental practice. These included sinus maxillaris mycetoma, uses of calcium hydroxide in endodontics, mineral trioxide aggregate in endodontics, endodontic lesions in the periodontium, retreatment in endodontics (different techniques and procedures), different treatment options in direct aesthetic restorations, clinical and scientific experience with composite post and core, new technology for NiTi rotary instrumentation: twisted files, thickness of the root cementum, dental erosion, access cavity, the importance of coronal seal for the endodontic treatment outcome, unnegotiable canals in root canal therapy, retreatment of post-core-restored teeth, and root canal obturation by warm gutta-percha. The final lecture covered treatment outcome in endodontics.

The group picture attached shows most of the presenters at this symposium (sorry we couldn't get everyone outside for the photo) and the organizing committee of the symposium.

From left to right, first row: Ksenija Cankar, Janja Jan (President), Gianluca Gambarini, Simone Grandini, Wilhelm-Joseph Pertot, Ivica Anič, Lidija Nemeth (Secretary), Maja Grošelj; second row: Tomi Samec, Rok Jurič, Igor Križnar, Matjaž Rode, Franek Klemenc, Mirela Rode, Aleš Fidler (Treasurer).



The Spring Meeting of the Slovenian Endodontic Society was held on 22 April 2009 in a traditional small village in the Karst region. It was sponsored by Zeiss. Their new endodontic microscopes were presented, followed by clinical presentations by endodontic programme students on the topic of microscope-aided endodontics.

The president and the treasurer reported on the symposium that had been held in Bled. The meeting continued with the discussion of specialist training programmes in endodontics in Slovenia and the ratio of endodontic specialists to general dentists. Endodontic speciality in Slovenia has its official recognition; nevertheless, procedures made by endodontic specialists are not fully covered by insurance companies. Endodontic procedures that should be covered were thoroughly discussed, so that the public dental health service can provide optimal oral health for the general population.

The second picture accompanying this short article shows the meeting was well attended by members of the Slovenian Endodontic Society. As we were hosted in a wine-producing area, a visit to a wine cellar was requisite. The members tasted wine, cheese, home-made air-dried Karst ham (pršut), and enjoyed the friendly atmosphere.



Janja Jan

President of the Slovenian Endodontic Society

Spanish Association of Endodontics

The Spanish Association of Endodontics held two major events in Endodontology in the past year or so.

On October 29th - 31st 2008, the Spanish Annual Meeting was held Valladolid with a large number of dentists (around 600 participants) and a list of well-known international speakers and excellent clinicians such as Nestor Cohenca (Seattle, USA), Álvaro Cruz (Mexico), Manish Garala (Houston, USA), Nicola Grande (Italy), James Gutmann (USA), Sashi Nallapati (Jamaica), Gianluca Plotino (Italy), Juan Saavedra (Venezuela), James H. Simon (California, USA), Rafael Roges (California, USA) and Cansen Van Rensburg (UK). This wide selection of lecturers was combined with keynote speakers from Spain. We had a very pleasant meeting with excellent local food and culture.

The next annual meeting of the Spanish Association of Endodontics will be in Alicante, on the east coast of Spain this coming October. Information can be obtained at: www.aede.info/congresoanual

On the 28th of February 2009, Prof. Jens Ove Andreasen gave a one-day lecture on Dental Traumatology with another large audience in the capital of Spain, Madrid.

Dr. James Gutmann giving his lecture.



Immediate past president of the Spanish Association of Endodontics, Dr. Manuel Peix



Dr Miguel Miñana, ESE Country Representative



The Society for Endodontology

The Swiss Society for Endodontology had an eventful year.

The 2009 conference of the Swiss Society for Endodontology (SSE) was held in Basel, Switzerland to some acclaim. An exciting mix of new clinical techniques and old fashioned oral biology and histology created a program that delegates found compelling. The usual combination of scientific presentations and an exhibition of the finest endodontic materials culminated on the final night at the get-together-party.

The SSE was able to support a series of hands-on courses during the year and the reaction of its participants was wholly positive - perhaps related to the fact that members of the SSE were able to attend without any fees!

The next annual meeting in January 2010 in Berne promises to be well attended. New technologies will be themed as 'Hi-Endo'. This time we will be incorporating not only hands-on courses but in addition there will be table clinics in the middle of the exhibition hall. How many times have you wandered through an exhibition wishing to try some product or receive the proper instruction. At last an opportunity exists! Indeed we would welcome colleagues from our mother European Society of Endodontology to visit the conference either as participants or to share their endodontic knowledge at our table clinics. Please also note that all our speakers are translated simultaneously, where necessary, into English. So, no excuses - see you in January 2010 in Berne! Check out our website at www.endodontology.ch for more details.

In the year 2008, the SSE awarded research grants to Prof. Ram Nair and to PD Dr Serge Bouillaguet. Professor Nair, who has just retired, is still active in Endodontology, and will keep lecturing around the world. Dr Bouillaguet, who is currently leading the division of Endodontics at the University of Geneva Dental School, has launched a study about light activated root canal disinfection.

Dr Bernard Thilo, Country Representative



Dr Serge Bouillaguet (left) receiving the SSE grant from Dr Patrick Sequeira (right) chairman of the scientific committee.

Turkish Endodontic Society & Kosova Endodontic Society - 4th. Scientific Symposium

The 4th. Scientific Endodontic Symposium involving the Turkish Endodontic Society and the Kosova Endodontic Society was held at the Sunrise Queen Hotel in Antalya between 23-26 April, 2009. The participants were provided with an excellent scientific programme and enjoyable social programme under the wonderful sun of Antalya.

In all 260 participants attended the symposium and they were addressed by Prof. Gerald Glickman, Prof. Cemil Yeşilsoy and Bekir Karabucak from USA and Dr. B.Khayat from France. In addition, many oral and poster presentations were given during the symposium by members of the societies. There were also two hands-on courses and an exhibition where almost 20 exhibitors attended.

Professor Glickman addressing the audience



Some of the participants enjoying the hotel facilities!



The 10th International Congress of the Turkish Endodontic Society will be held on 23-25 September 2010 in Istanbul. As you know, Istanbul is chosen as the capital of culture in 2010. We will also work hard to organise this 2010 Congress as well as the ESE 2007 Congress in Istanbul, both scientifically and socially.

Prof. Dr. İşıl Küçükay

Gunnar Bergenholtz retires as ESE President

At the General Assembly in Edinburgh Gunnar Bergenholtz will step-down as President of the ESE after many years of involvement with the Society. In his role as President, Gunnar acted as Chair of both the ESE Executive Board and the General Assembly - duties he performed with skill and diplomacy!

The leadership qualities of Gunnar were highly regarded. He oversaw the change to the Constitution and Bylaws of the ESE that led to the Society becoming a federal organisation with a substantially different structure to the original Society, which was based on individual 'active' members. The 'new' ESE, with membership made-up of national endodontic organisations, needed strong leadership and a vision that was able to define its strategic direction and deliver tangible benefits to



members. Gunnar provided the necessary leadership as well as the focus and determination that was essential to ensure the ESE developed into a dynamic and effective organisation capable of protecting the interests of the specialty, whilst also responding to external professional and political influences.

Since his retirement from his main academic career (see tribute that follows) Gunnar has continued to work clinically in private practice, travelled the world for lecturing and participating in postgraduate programmes (for example in Singapore and Philadelphia). He has also continued his affiliation with the Endodontic Department in Gothenburg in many different ways. Presently he is leading a project evaluating "Methods of diagnosing and treating diseases of the dental pulp and the periradicular tissues" on behalf of The Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care www.sbu.se.

Gunnar's retirement from the role as President of the ESE will result in several changes within the Executive Board and a new era for the Society. With the support of individuals and national endodontic organisations that make up the ESE we can be confident that the foundations laid during the tenure of Gunnar will provide the platform for the ESE to become even more successful in the future.

Gunnar - thank you for your inspirational leadership and your effective diplomacy!

Dag Ørstavik retires as ESE Treasurer



Dag Ørstavik will step-down as Treasurer of the ESE and member of the Executive Board at the General Assembly in Edinburgh. Dag was elected Treasurer after the ESE Congress in Munich and has held the position with great distinction since that time.

Dag brought to the Position of Treasurer a meticulous attention to detail and a common-sense approach that allowed the finances of the ESE to flourish and grow. In addition, his sharp intellect and logical evaluation of matters impacting on the work of the Executive Board provided an added dimension to the (sometimes endless) debates and discussions that went on. He also provided an air of authority at the General Assembly where his negotiating skills and insight were highly valued.

Dag has a worldwide reputation within Endodontology and his experience will be missed. The ESE can be grateful for his period of office as Treasurer and can be confident that its finances are sound and will provide the resources necessary to support the ever-expanding activities of the Society.

