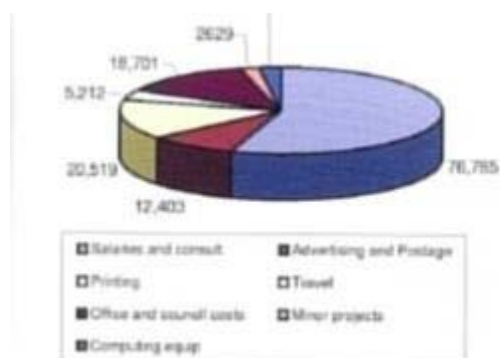


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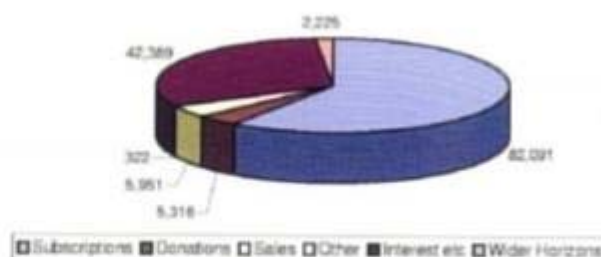
Finance (preliminary figures)

Scientific and Medical Network 2000

Expences: £139,496



Income: £138,294



Finance (preliminary figures)

At the time of writing the accounts are still being prepared, and the above figures will be adjusted as a result of some transfers between categories. *Salaries and consultancy* includes everyone who works for us (David Lorimer is now a consultant). *Wider Horizons* is the net profit from all our major conferences, the others being contained within *Minor projects and Sales*. Fuller accounts, when available, will be posted on our web-site.

Office Changes

In February Graham Gordon left his position by mutual agreement, and his place has been taken by Kate Brightwell, a member, who is working for us as for 6 months on a consultancy basis, both running the office and evaluating its operations. Graham accomplished a huge amount in getting our accounts and data systems sorted out, but there still remains a few weeks work to be done before we have a correct, fully working system and a proper grasp of our situation. We continue to consolidate our activities (apart from Network and the initial planning of conferences) in our main office, currently at Ockley, but are likely to be moving to a more permanent home soon.

Changes in Working

In January the Council resolved to work by distributing responsibilities as follows (with the lead person named first):

Finance: Chris Lyons, Chris Clarke.

Office: Julian Candy, Bart van der Lugt.

Internet and IT: Bernhard Harrer, Alex Sabell (assisted by webmaster John Caton).

Local Groups: Di Clift, Bo Ahrenfelt.

Membership: Di Clift.

Projects, Programmes and Education: David Lorimer, Peter Fenwick and Charmian Wylde.

Special Interest Groups: Peter Fenwick.

In addition to this, there is scope for much more voluntary help from members (expenses paid), which will both bring new ideas into our working and help with the slightly shaky

financial situation pictured above. Activities such as proof-reading, routine office work at peak times, helping at conferences and so on can bring members more into contact with what goes on. More could happen with local groups. Do let us know if you are interested.

Expansion

As a result of many months of preparatory work by David Lorimer, we have been awarded a grant of £93K by the Templeton Foundation for carrying out a series of public dialogues on Science, Religion and Consciousness in universities across the UK, linked to events for students, invitational symposia and a final publication. This confirms the intention, growing for some time, of increasing publicity for our public activities, while preserving the confidentiality and security of our closed meetings. We will therefore be strengthening procedures and guidelines for making clear the demarcation between these.