A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND HAVING NO SHARE CAPITAL) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1995



Report of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1995.

Business Review

The principal activities of the Association continue to be that of promoting the education of the public by the development of museums and similar organisations as sources of information: the Board of Directors intend to continue and develop such activity. The Board of Directors consider the state of the Association's affairs to be satisfactory.

Board of Directors

Up to 18th October 1994:

New articles taking effect from the Annual General Meeting on the 18th October 1994. the entire Board resigned and new appointments and nominations were made under the new rules as follows:

National Museums

Mr P J Wilson (Chairman, Resigned 5th Oct 1994) Dr M Fopp (Chairman) Mr A Seal

National Museums

Area Museums Councils

Mr S H Hunt Councillor G F Howells Area Museums Councils Mr S H Hunt (Vice Chairman)

Museums & Galleries Commission

Federations & Specialist Groups

Dr F Atkinson OBE (Retired 28th Dec 1994)

Museums & Galleries Commission

Dr F Atkinson OBE (Vice Chairman)

Federations

Mr T Pettigrew

Co-Opted

Mr J Wilson

Dr M Fopp (appointed 27th May 1994, acting Chairman from 14th Sept 1994)

Individual Members

Mr J Wilson (Vice Chairman) Mr A Seal

Mr P Phillips

Specialist Groups Advisors to the Board

Ms C Wingfield Mr P Phillips

Institutional Members

Mr O Green

Mr A Patterson (special advisor)

Co-opted

Mr J Hemsley Mr I Morrison

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Fixed assets

Changes in fixed assets during the year are set out in note 6 of the financial statements.

Auditors

Peters, Elworthy & Moore, have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dr Wendy Sudbury Company Secretary

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9th May 1995

Auditors' Report to the Members

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on pages 1 and 2 the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 31 March 1995 and of its surplus for the year ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Peters Elworthy & Moore Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Cambridge

21st June 1995

Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31st March 1995

	. 1000			19	994
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income	3		452,708		573,737
Expenditure					
Direct Purchases & Cost of Goods Sold	•	115,182		211,706	
Programme Overheads General Overheads		230,533 108,431		195,968 <u>139,702</u>	
	_	100,401	454,146	100,702	547,376
Net operating (deficit) surplus	5		(1,438)		26,361
Bank interest receivable			1,780		3,165
Net surplus from Ordinary Activities being Retained surplus for the year			342		29,526
Accumulated fund balance brought forward			78,262		48,736
Accumulated fund balance carried forward			78,604		78,262

There are no recognised gains and losses in the year other than surplus for the year All items dealt with in arriving at income and operating deficit for both the current year and the previous year relate to continuing operations.

The attached notes on pages 6 - 11 form part of these accounts

Balance Sheet 31st March 1995

Notes			1994		
			£	£	
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	6	18,006		18,157	
Current Assets					
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7 25,081 8 52,586 69,067 146,734		22,289 50,578 70,456 143,324		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	e 9 <u>39,903</u>	106,831	36,986	106,338	
Net Assets		124,837	•	124,495	
Financed by:					
Accumulated Fund-retained surp Equip Contingency Fund Staff Contingency Fund Special Contingency Fund	plus 12 13 14	78,604 7,000 5,000 <u>34,233</u>		78,262 7,000 5,000 34,233	
		124,837		124,495	

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Dr. M. Fopp

Approved by the Board 9th May 1995

The attached notes on pages 6 - 11 form part of these accounts

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 1995

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting-

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) Accounting Standards -

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

c) Depreciation-

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives by equal annual instalments at the following rates:

Office equipment
Computer equipment

20% on cost

33 1/3% on cost

d) Stocks-

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

e) Pensions-

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme, the assets of which are held separately from those of the Company. The Company's contributions are written off in the year in which they are incurred.

f) Cashflow statement-

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard Number 1, no cash flow statement is included in these financial statements as the Company is covered by the small Companies exemption.

2. Status

The Association is a Company limited by guarantee and has charitable status.

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 1995

3 Income

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Income represents amounts receivable, excluding value added tax, for goods and services invoiced during the year together with grant aid received as follows:

			1	994
Grant Aid:	£	£	£	£
Museums & Galleries Commission	200,000		200,000	
Dept.of Education in Northern Ireland	3,300		3,300	
Council of Museums in Wales	6,750		6,750	
Scottish Office of Education	7,000_		2,000	
		217,050		212,050
Other Income:		235,658	-	361,687
		452,708		573,737
Programme Overheads				
Standards		34,111		29,981
Systems		79,208		52,733
Outreach		93,574		84,904
Computer Centre		<u>23,640</u>		28,350
		230,533		195.968

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 1995

5 Net Operating (Deficit) Surplus

Net operating (deficit) surplus is shown after charging:		
a) Staff Costs	£	1994 £
Wages and salaries	222,632	212,405
Social security costs	16,914	17,663
Other pension costs	16,333	19,731
	255,879	249,799
The average number of persons, excluding members of		
the Board of Management, employed during the year was:		Number
Administration	2.3	3.8
Standards, Outreach and Services	8.2	9.5
	10.5	12
	£	£
b) Depreciation (see note 14)	10,004	7,860
c) Auditors' remuneration	2,450	2,450
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d) Operating lease charges	15,000	17,200

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 1995

6	Tangible Fixed Assets	Office Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	<u>Total</u> £
	Cost at beginning of year Additions	13,720 0	83,433 <u>9,853</u>	97,153 9,853
	Cost at end of year	13,720	93,286	107,006
	Accumulated depreciation at beginning of year Charged in year	10,524 <u>850</u>	68,472 <u>9,154</u>	78,996 10,004
	Accumulated depreciation at end of year	11,374	77,626	89,000
	Net book value at end of year	2,347	15,659	18,006
	Net book value at beginning of year	3,196	<u>14,961</u>	18,157
7	Stocks			
	Systems (Cards, Forms & Registers) Books and publications Stationery, etc		£ 6,995 17,086 1,000	1994 £ 4,844 16,445
8	Debtors		25,081	22,289
				1994 £
	Due within one year Trade Debtors Prepayments		37,576 15,009	41,743 8,835
			52,585	50,578

Notes to the Financial Statements

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9 Creditors:amounts falling due within one year

		1994
	£	£
Trade creditors	20,841	3,993
Other taxes and social security costs	4,905	7,367
Other	13,146	21,252
Accruals	0	2,264
Advanced Income	1,011	2,110
	39,903	36,986

10 Financial Commitments

Commitments for rentals payable under operating leases, including property leases in the financial year to 31st March 1996 are as follows:

		1004
	£	£
On leases expiring in two to five years	<u> 15,000</u>	<u>17,200</u>

1994

11 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and also participates in the Universities Superannuation Scheme, a pension scheme which provides benefits based on final pensionable salary for employees of all UK Universities and some other employers.

The assets of both schemes are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. The Pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the funds and amounted to £16,333 (1994 £19731). Contributions totalling £nil (1994 £nil) were payable to the funds at the year end.

			1994
12	Equipment Contingency Fund	£	£
	Balance at beginning and end of year	7,000	7,000

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 1995

13	Staff Contingency fund		1994
	Balance at beginning and end of year	5,000	5,000
14	Special Contingency (depreciation) Fund		1994
	Balance at beginning and end of year (Depreciation for the year has been charged directly to the Profit and Loss Account)	34,233	34,233