

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE PRESS LIMITED

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 2000



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DIRECTORS

Dr T L Chambers FRCP FRCPCH - appointed 7 November 2000
Dr N Davis FRCGP FFOM - resigned 27 January 2000
Dr C A Grocock MA D Phil
Sir D Harrison MD FRCS MS - appointed 11 July 2000
Mr M F Hellyar FCA - resigned 1 October 1999
Sir D Innes-Williams Mchir - resigned 27 April 2000
Mr D G Laughton FCA - appointed 18 November 1999
Mr J A P Marston DM FRCS - appointed 27 January 2000
- resigned 30 September 2000
Prof D E Poswillo CBE DDS DSc FRCPATH - appointed 7 November 2000
Mr P E H Richardson MA
Dr G Scally MB BCh - appointed 11 July 2000
Dr M Spittle FRCR - resigned 27 April 2000
Mr D L Summers
Prof J D Swales MD FRCP - appointed 11 July 2000
- died 17 October 2000
Dr J Tinker FRCP FRCS
Dr S M Tucker FRCP FRCPE FRCPCH DCH
Mr N F Weir FRCS - resigned 30 September 2000
Mr H White DM Mch FRCS

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AUDITORS

Horwath Clark Whitehill
25 New Street Square
London EC4A 3LN

COMPANY NUMBER: 1572720

REGISTERED IN ENGLAND

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

The directors are pleased to submit their report together with the audited accounts for the year ended 30 September 2000.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The company's results show a trading profit of £372,301. This profit has been paid to The Royal Society of Medicine under Gift Aid. The accumulated deficiency carried forward on the Profit and Loss Account is £4,384.

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 the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors have,

selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;

made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for maintaining 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.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company are the publication of medically related books, journals and multimedia materials.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000 - continued

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The trading profit for the year was £372,301 as compared to a profit of £410,995 for the previous year, with turnover increasing from £1,852,922 to £1,889,261.

The directors are optimistic that trading prospects for the coming year will be broadly in line with past experience.

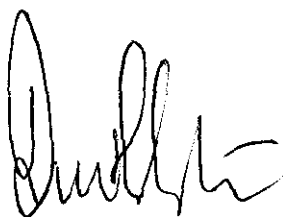
EMPLOYEES

The management and operation of the company is undertaken by staff from Royal Society of Medicine Support Services Limited which recharges the costs of these employees to the company.

DIRECTORS

None of the directors had an interest in the share capital of the company at any time during the year. The directors who served during the year are listed on page 1.

By order of the Board.



D G Laughton FCA

SECRETARY

16 January 2001

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE PRESS LIMITED

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

AUDITORS' REPORT

to the members of The Royal Society of Medicine Press Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 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 at 30 September 2000 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Horwath Clark Whitehill
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
25 New Street Square
London EC4A 3LN

16 January 2001

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**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
for the year to 30 September 2000**

	NOTE	2000	1999
		£	£
Turnover	2a	1,889,261	1,852,922
Production Costs		<u>(874,701)</u>	<u>(870,561)</u>
Gross Profit		1,014,560	982,361
Other Income	2b	<u>18,871</u>	<u>21,550</u>
		1,033,431	1,003,911
Administration Costs		<u>(661,130)</u>	<u>(592,916)</u>
Trading Profit		372,301	410,995
Payment Under Gift Aid		<u>(372,301)</u>	<u>(410,995)</u>
Net Profit before Taxation	3	-	-
Tax Payable	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Profit after Taxation		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There are no other gains or losses other than those included in the profit and loss account above.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 September 2000

	NOTE	2000	1999
		£	£
INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	7	133,700	152,800
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	8	74,710	57,569
Debtors	9	<u>1,063,158</u>	<u>538,684</u>
		1,137,868	596,253
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,075,952)</u>	<u>(553,437)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>61,916</u>	<u>42,816</u>
Total Assets		<u>195,616</u>	<u>195,616</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called Up Share Capital	12	200,000	200,000
Profit and Loss Account		<u>(4,384)</u>	<u>(4,384)</u>
		<u>195,616</u>	<u>195,616</u>

Approved by the Board on 16 January 2001

H White DM Mch FRCS

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P E H Richardson MA

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DIRECTORS

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE PRESS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 30 September 2000

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The following are the more important accounting policies adopted by the company:

- a) **Basis of Accounting**
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.
- b) **Intangible Fixed Asset**
The intangible fixed asset represents the cost of acquisition of a subscribers' database and publishing rights. This is being amortised over 10 years.
- c) **Stock and Work in Progress**
Stock and Work in Progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- c) **Pension Costs**
The company operates via the Royal Society of Medicine a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension costs shown in Note 5 represent contributions payable to the scheme.

2 a Turnover

In the opinion of the directors the company's turnover is all related to publications.
An analysis of this turnover by geographical area is given below:

	2000 £	1999 £
United Kingdom	1,536,832	1,258,846
United States and Canada	249,460	276,360
Europe and other overseas markets	<u>102,969</u>	<u>317,716</u>
	<u>1,889,261</u>	<u>1,852,922</u>

2 b Other Income

Interest

	2000 £	1999 £
Interest	<u>18,871</u>	<u>21,550</u>
	<u>18,871</u>	<u>21,550</u>

3. Net profit is stated after charging

Auditors' remuneration

	2000 £	1999 £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>4,710</u>	<u>4,600</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued for the year ended 30 September 2000

4. Directors' Remuneration

None of the directors receive remuneration from the company for services as directors. Certain directors are employees of the Royal Society of Medicine Support Services Ltd and receive remuneration as employees of that company. Their remuneration is included in staff costs below.

5. Staff Costs

All employees are employed by the Royal Society of Medicine Support Services Ltd and their costs are recharged to the company. The following analysis includes the recharged amounts.

	2000 £	1999 £
Wages and salaries	363,071	306,791
Social security costs	36,655	29,721
Pension contributions / Life cover	28,093	26,124
Other	<u>16,958</u>	<u>29,320</u>
	<u>444,777</u>	<u>391,956</u>

The average number of persons employed on the company's business each week during the year ended 30 September 2000 was 15 (1998/99 - 14).

6. Taxation

There is no charge to taxation on the Company's results for the period as the profit is paid to the Royal Society of Medicine under Gift Aid.

7. Intangible Fixed Asset

	2000 £	1999 £
Net Book Value as at 1 October 1999	152,800	171,900
Amortisation charge for year	<u>(19,100)</u>	<u>(19,100)</u>
Net Book Value as at 30 September 2000	<u>133,700</u>	<u>152,800</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued
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	2000	1999
8. Stock and Work in Progress	£	£
Raw materials	5,666	4,487
Work in progress	39,582	18,914
Goods for resale	<u>29,462</u>	<u>34,168</u>
	<u>74,710</u>	<u>57,569</u>
9. Debtors	£	£
Trade debtors	148,077	225,974
Other debtors	503	17,342
Prepayments & accrued income	33,084	11,696
Royal Society of Medicine	<u>881,494</u>	<u>283,672</u>
	<u>1,063,158</u>	<u>538,684</u>
10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Bank overdraft	10,301	18,809
Trade creditors	268,836	285,150
Tax and social security	12,524	102,818
Other creditors	165,025	-
Accrued expenses/deferred income	194,515	146,660
Royal Society of Medicine Support Services Ltd	<u>424,751</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,075,952</u>	<u>553,437</u>
11. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds	£	£
Opening shareholders' funds	195,516	195,516
Profit for the year	-	-
Increase in share capital	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>195,516</u>	<u>195,516</u>

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12. Share Capital	2000 £	1999 £
Authorised ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Issued, allotted and fully paid	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

13. Ultimate Parent Undertaking

The ultimate parent undertaking is The Royal Society of Medicine, a charity established under a Royal Charter. A copy of the group financial statements can be obtained from the Director of Finance, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available to 90% subsidiary undertakings by Financial Reporting Standard No.8 regarding disclosure of related party transactions within the same group.