



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE

Note of the Annual General Meeting

9th December 2009

at CIPA offices, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT

Note of the Meeting

Chairman's Welcome and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He referred to the note circulated earlier concerning Dr Leonard's decision to step down as Director. The Board were now investigating the possibility of partnering the Institute with another, suitable institution. There had been a long-list of ten potential partners which had been narrowed down to three at this stage. The key criteria being applied in assessing each possible partner were: independence, the range of disciplines / expertise; enthusiasm for the partnership; the availability of a new Director; the quality of research and the knowledge of IP; timing; and the overall view of prospects with the partner over the medium and longer term. There had been one partner which seemed to be most suitable, although the Chairman was not yet in a position to name them. If the current negotiations were successful the aim was to have an agreement in place by February next year.

The death of Hugh Laddie had deprived the Institute of an extremely valued Board member. The Institute had recently welcomed Paul Nelson to the Board, a move which the Chairman hoped would be formalised later in the meeting. Prof. Vaver and Dr Smith had expressed their wish to stand down as Board members, and they would be replaced next year. The Chairman said that he also intended to step down after the transition to the new set-up had been completed. An Emergency General Meeting would be called prior to finalising the new arrangements for the Institute.

Director's Report to Members for the Year 2008/'09

Dr Leonard referred to the Annual Report which summarised the activities for the year (circulated ahead of the meeting). The research programme had been

limited due to a number of research proposals failing to gain funding. However, research activity had risen considerably in the meantime, with the Institute winning a major research award from SABIP; Dr Leonard stressed that the role of the Institute in taking SABIP's research agenda forward over the coming year would be a crucial aspect of its work. There had been a number of highlights which Dr Leonard believed were worthy of particular mention: the response to the Commission Inquiry into the pharmaceutical industry in Europe, which Dr Duncan Curley and Dr Steve Smith prepared so expertly; the hugely successful "Future of IP" series of lectures, which had seen talk from Jon Dudas, Francis Gurry, Joly Dixon, Ian Fletcher and Alison Brimelow. The 2008 Stephen Stewart Lecture by Prof. Vaver had also been outstanding.

Dr Leonard paid particular tribute to Dr Smith and Prof. Vaver for their enormous contribution to the Institute during their time as Board members and he thanked the Chairman, the Board, Council and IPI staff (Anne Goldstein and Sue Hanstead), for their hard work and support over the year.

Election of Officers

The Chairman proposed **Paula Nelson** for appointment to the Board. The proposal seconded by Prof. Greenhalgh and carried unanimously.

The Chairman himself and Dr Barlow were also due for re-election.

Dr Barlow proposed that **Ian Harvey** be re-appointed as Chairman. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Ms Sternfeld proposed that **Mike Barlow** be re-appointed as a member of the Board. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Any Other Business

The Chairman and members warmly thanked Dr Leonard for his contribution to the work of the Institute over the past ten years and wished him well in his future endeavours.
