

Treasurer report for 21 April 2023 AGM

Ben Brown

As charity trustees and company directors of BALEAP, all Executive Committee members are equally responsible for the financial health of the organisation.

Careful financial management over the past few years has placed BALEAP in a healthy position, with adequate reserves to continue to operate in the current uncertain climate and support the professional development of its membership. Detailed figures are provided in BALEAP's annual 2021-2022 report and financial statements submitted to the AGM for approval. BALEAP's healthy finances have enabled the charity to support face-to-face events as these have resumed after the pandemic, including the 50th Anniversary AGM at the University of Manchester in April 2022; PIMs in Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, and Oxford Brookes University; and planning for the charity's first ever international PIM at Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan. Robust financial stewardship has also supported the planning of the 2023 biennial conference in University of Warwick, as BALEAP's reserves have enabled the conference team to confidently meet operational costs incurred and plan the event keeping registration costs to a minimum.

In response to the August 2021 survey sent to the BALEAP mailing list, inviting members to suggest further ideas to ensure that surplus funds from previous years are re-invested into benefits for the community, a number of suggestions have been implemented in line with the organisational values. These include supporting five Research Funding awards of up to £5,000 on broad areas which further the development of the field of EAP, and support for a Scoping Study on Access to Literature. The BALEAP funding scheme for 2021-22 was on the theme of "Enacting Social Justice in EAP" in line with one of the BALEAP values ("Inclusivity"), and the four projects which benefitted from the award are progressing with the research. The SIGs community came about during the pandemic, and out of necessity was based online, but it has since developed its face-to-face activities. Support for these face-to-face activities has been available through the SIGs annual fund and in subsidised attendance at the 2023 conference, to enable the SIGs to develop their profiles and networks.

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Successes

- ✓ Healthy financial position due to careful management of running costs by exec committee, with administrator input.
- ✓ Funding to initiatives that benefit our members' professional development, our students' learning experience and our (EAP) colleagues' practice worldwide (2022-23 Research Fund to broadly support the field of EAP; Scoping Study on Access to Literature; support for SIGs).



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Looking Forward

- Strategic allocation of further funding for research in any area to benefit our community (colleagues and students).
- Allocation of funds for the development of a new BALEAP webpage.