

Summary of 2006 – First Half 2007

Context

Average cost of running a branch for IoP in the UK + Eire = £2,700

Average Ratio of Members – Outreach in other branches 1:1

Number of Branch Members 3,500 (total in the UK = 36,000)

IoP Central has criticised branches that run with large positives at the end of each year

Year by Year Summary

Income to Branch assigned by IoP

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
9,999	10,260	9,950	13,500	15,300*	14,850 ⁺	16,200

*includes one-off £1,200 for Einstein Year

⁺ Branch obtained £1175 from East of England Development Agency (Nov 2006) to run Meet the Employers, thus matching IoP Branch costs

Funds in Bank in January of year, after all expenditure accounted for

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
3,597	3,427	4,100	1,021	3,528	502	555

VAT refunds 2006 = 210.64

THE PAST - 2006 Summary

Running the Branch		Totals
Feb Meeting	293.99	
March Meeting	0.00 Held after Nat.Sci.Wk,	
Annual General Meeting	1093.89	
Sept Meeting	438.29	
Oct Meeting	415.95	
Dec Meeting	39.20	2,164.78
Computer	533.85	
Charity Registration	58.75	
Books (reference)	72.54	
Travel (branch business)	38.03	703.17
Outreach		
ChaOS	2,100.00	
www.fizzix.co.uk	1,260.00	
National Science Week	580.19	
Physics at Work	1,800.00	
December Event	4,617.84	
Cambridge Physics Centre	300.00	
Lecture – TCN Adastral	150.00	10,891.19
Members Events		
Meet the employers	1873.15	
Science Communication Event	300.00	
Paperclip Physics	788.32	2,961.47
Total Expenditure assigned in 2006		£16,720.61

THE PRESENT - What Has Happened in 2007 so far?

Running the Branch		
February Meeting	155.95	
March Meeting	340.80	
Travel (branch business)	83.80	
Outreach		
National Science Week	1,293.53	
ChaOS	500.00	
www.fizzix.co.uk	120.00	
Paperclip Physics	614.98	
Cambridge Physics Centre	400.00	
Technobotts	500.00	
Equipment		
Memory Sticks	57.97	
Books (reference)	29.72	

Things we have agreed to pay for / are pending –

Purchase of a cycle trolley	£ 400.00	agreed
Physics at work	£1,800.00	pending
CHaOS (has applied for)	£1,500.00	pending

What about the Branch's equipment, books, demonstrations etc?

The computer is currently held by Dr. E. Haines as Branch Administration Officer, the books are held in the Cavendish and are on subjects such as hands-on experiments, photoshop, popular science. This is to help with hands-on physics at public events and also in producing posters etc. The demonstrations and books are stored by the Cavendish Laboratory and can be accessed by sending a request to the committee.

Why is the expenditure for National Science Week higher this year.

This is due to internal problems in the Cavendish Laboratory funding of the hands-on demonstrations, paying for attractions etc. This is being rectified and the Cavendish will either refund the Branch £ 250 or place the money in an account to reduce the cost of hands-on at December event. The committee agreed to a slightly larger expenditure this year than last, through payments to individual elements.

What kind of thing do we do with the funds? –

Example of Expenditure - Outreach

Age Range	Participation Level	Activity
All	Active / Passive	December Event
16-18	Passive	Cambridge Physics Centre
All	Active / Passive	National Sci. Week
All	Active (no pre prep)	CHaOS (tours EA region)
School age	Passive	School Lecture (Ipswich)
15-18	Passive	Physics at Work
14-18	Active (pre-prep)	PaperClip Physics

Do not forget Grants and Awards from IoP for specific purposes e.g. Public Understanding of Science. Values between £2,500 and £5,000 depending on scheme. Contact branch officers for help or for references.

Total in the bank account end April 2007 £13,156.16

THE FUTURE - What have we asked for ?

We have to apply for 3 years in advance, in **September**. Only the amount for the following year is fixed, the other years figures are a guide only. IoP Central does all index linking of the amounts. We can ask for more in 2008, 2009 etc as long as it does not represent a “large” increase or can be justified. **The table below was used for the 2007 bid.**

ITEM	AMOUNT / £	Sub-total
4 x committee meetings / yr	£ 1,600	
Annual General Meeting	£ 800	£ 2,400
National Science Week	£ 700	
December Event	£ 6,000	
Physics at Work	£ 2,000	
Support of Members in Teachers Network	£ 1,000	
Schools Lecture	£ 1,000	
Cambridge Physics Centre	£ 300	
Member events (4/yr)	£2,800	13,800
TOTAL (2006)		£ 16,200
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TOTAL Request 2007-2009		£48,600
Paperclip Physics (2007-2009)	£ 500 x 3	£ 1500

Note –Paperclip physics funding is being ended. If branch applies for help with this area, it must be for a “hands-on” school event. This section of the request is effectively defunct.

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¹ Please note full details of the account are available to be checked, with reasonable notice by any branch member.

Questions asked in the AGM in response to the report:

DA pointed out that the cost of the December event, combined with the estimated attendance figure of 150, meant that the cost per attendee was roughly £30 per person. This compared poorly with the Cambridge Science Festival Cavendish event. It was noted that, given the massive publicity campaign associated with the Science Festival that could be used essentially “for free”, publicity really was the major factor in determining whether an event would be well attended or not.

It was also noted later that the Cambridge Science Festival event was in fact joint with the Cavendish, and so the EA IoP did not provide all of the money anyway...

TW asked whether, likewise, the £500 sponsorship of the Technobots project was “value for money”. JDC said that, given the amount of publicity generated (press, internet, etc.) with the EA IoP logo plastered on it, it was indeed.