

**THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION
(UNITED KINGDOM)
Charity No. 800663**

Accounts for the year ended

30th June, 2016

**Montpelier Professional (Galloway) Limited
Dashwood Square
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Reference and Administrative Information for the year ended

30 June 2016

Registered Charity No: 800663

Trustees: Dr Paul Harding (Journal Coordinating Editor and Vice-Chairman)
Dr Elizabeth Jane Warham (General Secretary)
Mr Keith Virgo (Chairman)
Mrs Lin Blunt (Membership Secretary)
Mr Jim Ellis-Jones (Treasurer)

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended

30 June 2016

Objectives, Mission, Governance, Trustees and Membership

The Tropical Agricultural Association (TAA) is unique professional association of individuals, businesses and corporate bodies involved in agricultural development.

Mission. The Association's mission is "*To advance education, research and practice in agriculture for rural livelihoods and sustainable development*".

Governance. The charity is administered in accordance with its constitution adopted on 1 December 1988.

Appointment of Trustees. Trustees are elected or appointed by Annual General Meeting. Although there is no formal induction programme or training, most trustees have served the charity for considerable time. It is the duty of the Trustees as a body to manage the affairs of the charity. The Trustees keep under review the major risks to which it may be exposed. The Trustees are supported by TAA's Executive Committee (ExCo), meeting quarterly at venues across the country (Newcastle, Peterborough and London).

Membership. The Association presently has over 600 members, including 24 institutional ones. During the year 67 new members were welcomed, including many students and four new institutions - the European Conservation Agriculture Federation, ECHO East Africa, Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural University in India and Vanilla Blue, UK-Nigeria.

Activities and Achievements

TAA's achievements during the year, 1st July 2015 – 30th June 2016, have included:

1. Networking and information exchange

UK Regional Branches. These continue to provide a varied and interesting programme for members including in the Southwest a number of meetings and seminars, a tour of farming in Wiltshire and a conference on "Soils" at the Royal Agriculture University (RAU) in Cirencester; in East Anglia events in association with Cambridge-based institutions, including the annual May seminar on Agri-Tech; in London and the South East bimonthly 'Curry Club Talks' and strengthened links with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture & Food for Development (APPG-A&FD); in Northern England a seminar on "Land Degradation" involving students from Newcastle University; and the newly formed Scottish Branch an inaugural seminar with focus on Malawi.

International Branches. Coordinators continue to act as points of contact in the Caribbean, India, South East Asia, the Pacific and most recently Zambia. Coordinators in Zambia and SE Asia arranged placements for students from RAU and Reading University, providing valuable practical field experience, as well as strengthening TAA's links with the Universities.

Specialist working groups. The Agribusiness group continues with its monthly meetings and the Land Husbandry group has been active at National and International Conservation Agriculture Farming events.

2. Communication

TAA's Journal - *Agriculture for Development*. This provides a key service for members raising the Association's credibility and impact. The Journal's already high standard has continued to improve with one open and two themed editions on "Urban Agriculture" and "Agroforestry" being published during the year.

TAA's Website (www.taa.org.uk). Improvements continue to be made with members able to add information to a "Directory of CVs" and "Career Summaries". "Email Alerts" on latest news, publications, job vacancies and events, reach members almost daily. A "Vacancies Team" posts a stream of new job opportunities of special interest to students and young professionals. A Student Job Seekers page and a Facebook Group have been introduced and a Twitter account has been established to further promote and share the work of TAA.

3. Professional development

TAA's Award Fund (TAAF): This year TAAF made awards to 13 MSc students to enable them to conduct dissertation studies in developing countries. The TAAF committee provided a valuable mentoring service for awardees. Awards were funded by generous donations from individual TAA members in addition to TAA's annual contribution.

Honours. TAA awards were made to George Rothschild as Development Agriculturist of the Year, in recognition of his life-time's work in agricultural research for development; to George Taylor-Hunt and Bill Reed (posthumously) both TAA Awards of Merit in recognition of their work over many years for TAA as members of ExCo and as Convenors of the South West Branch.

4. Evidence and advice for policy

TAA continues to support the APPG-A&FD, originally established with support from TAA institutional members. The convenor for L&SE maintains links with the APPG on a series of panel sessions.

TAA is an "organisational member" of the Royal Society of Biology and a TAA member serves on the advisory panel of the Society's UK Plant Sciences Federation.

Looking to next year

The Trustees, with the support of ExCo, aim to continue the range of activities, although some changes will occur in the venues and dates of key events.

- The successful Southwest Branch annual conference at the RAU will continue to be held in mid-October with the next event having the theme of "Pulses", 2016 being the International Year of Pulses.
- The Hugh Bunting Memorial lecture previously held in June each year at Reading University will be held in early November with TAA's Annual General Meeting beforehand. This is intended to facilitate increased participation by postgraduate students.
- An Annual Reunion will be held in London in early January 2017 to include presentations from TAAF awardees and the award of TAA Honours.
- The Ralph Melville lecture will be linked with either Regional branches or institutional members, the next, in 2017, being in Cambridge.

In addition, the Trustees, in conjunction ExCo and members, will be assessing past achievements and considering future strategy to ensure that TAA continues to fulfill its mission and objectives. Unfortunately an increase in membership subscriptions was required becoming effective from July 2016.

Acknowledgments: The Trustees express their thanks for the support provided by ExCo, the TAAF committee, Convenors of the UK Regional Branches and Specialist Groups and the organisers of our International Branches. We also thank the many TAA members who have contributed ideas, supported our *Ag4Dev* Journal and participated in the Association's activities.

Executive Committee members

President: Andrew Bennett

Chairman: Keith Virgo

Vice Chairman: Paul Harding

General Secretary: Elizabeth Warham

Treasurer: Jim Ellis-Jones

Membership Secretary: Linda Blunt

Coordinating Editor: Paul Harding

Technical Editors: Brian Sims and Elizabeth Warham

Award Fund Chairman: Antony Ellman

Institutional Members:

Martin Evans

Website Manager: Keith Virgo

East Anglia: Keith Virgo

London and South-East: Terry Wiles

North of England: John Gowing

Scotland: John Ferguson

South-West: Tim Roberts

Agribusiness Group: Roger Cozens

Land Husbandry Group: Amir Kassam

Environmental

Conservation: Keith Virgo

Student members: Alex Tasker

International Coordinator:

Nathan Duraisaminathan

TAA India: Sanjeev Vasudev

TAA Caribbean: Bruce Lauckner

TAA SE Asia: Wyn Ellis

TAA South Pacific: Ravi Joshi

TAA Zambia: Chris Kapembwa

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended

30 June 2016(Cont)

Financial Review

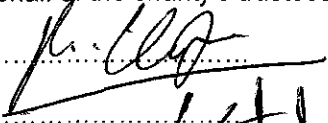

The charity had a deficit of receipts over payments for the year of £460 (2015: £757 surplus).

Reserves Policy

It is the trustee's policy to hold reserves of approximately twelve months expenses so that in the event of a significant drop in income the charity can maintain its current level of activities for a reasonable period until replacement funding is obtained. At the year end the charity held unrestricted cash funds of £34,097, which represents 20 months unrestricted expenses.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

.....  J. ELLIS JONES
.....  K. VIRGO
Date..... 9th November 2016

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2016, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examiners report is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions give by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out on the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J Simpson 14/11/16

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 30th June 2016

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions		-	19,580	19,580	18,267
Award Fund Donations		8,700	-	8,700	8,148
Other Donations		-	-	-	100
C. V. Directories		-	-	-	-
Functions - Conference & AGM		-	1,007	1,007	976
Bank Interest		-	33	33	34
Inland Revenue		1,462	1,350	2,812	2,841
Miscellaneous		-	57	57	297
Total Receipts		<u>10,162</u>	<u>22,027</u>	<u>32,189</u>	<u>30,663</u>
Payments					
Charitable Activities	2	12,500	17,851	30,351	27,939
Governance Costs	3	-	2,298	2,298	1,967
Total Expenditure		<u>12,500</u>	<u>20,149</u>	<u>32,649</u>	<u>29,906</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		- 2,338	1,878	- 460	757
Bank balance brought forward		24,309	35,219	59,528	58,771
Transfers		3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Bank balance carried forward		<u>24,971</u>	<u>34,097</u>	<u>59,068</u>	<u>59,528</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

as at 30 June, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Bank Balance		
Opening Balance - Current Account	738	1284
- Deposit Account	58790	57487
- Movement in Year	-460	757
	<u>59068</u>	<u>59528</u>
Closing Balance - Current Account	1232	738
- Deposit Account	57836	58790
	<u>59068</u>	<u>59528</u>
Other Assets		
Liabilities	(300)	(300)
Total Funds	<u>£ 58768</u>	<u>£ 59228</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on

9th November 2016

For and on behalf of the trustees



Mr K Virgo



Mr J Ellis-Jones

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 2016

1 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. They consist of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank and in cash by the charity during the financial year, along with a statement of assets and liabilities. No adjustments have been made for any income due but not received, or any expenses incurred but not yet paid at the year end.

2 Charitable Activities

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Journal	13,509	12,774
Shows, Exhibitions, Functions & Conferences	3,051	1,767
Reginal Subventions	-	298
Award Fund Grants & Expenses	12,000	9,215
LendwithCARE	-	2,100
Biology Society	520	250
UK Forum for All Parliamentary Group	500	500
Internet/web costs	771	1,035
	<u>£ 30,351</u>	<u>£ 27,939</u>

3 Governance Costs

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Insurance	455	441
Accountancy Fees	360	408
Exco/Meeting	1125	689
Administration	358	429
	<u>£ 2298</u>	<u>£ 1967</u>

4 Trustee Payment

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or ExCo member. Expenses of £876 were reimbursed to Trustees and ExCo members during the year

5 Restricted Funds

	<u>Opening</u>		<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>		<u>Transfers</u>		<u>Closing</u>
	<u>Balance</u>								<u>Balance</u>
TAA Award Fund	23,739		10,162	(12,000)	3,000		24,901
UK Forum Fund	570		-	(500)	-		70
	<u>24,309</u>		<u>10,162</u>	(<u>12,500</u>)	<u>3,000</u>		<u>24,971</u>

The TAA Award Fund is to make small grants available to young professionals to gain international development experience. The transfer of £3000 represents a transfer by the trustees form the general fund.

The UK Forum Fund contributes to a network of individuals, business and corporate bodies in the UK capable of responding to the needs in developing countries for agricultural research, development, education and skills in support of equitable and sustainable agriculture and natural resources management.