

BSA Animal/Human Studies Group Annual Report (2010/11)

Name: Animal/Human Studies Group (AHSG)

Established: June 2006

Number of members: 88 members of which 32 are currently postgraduate students

Income: balance as recorded at the end of January 2011 is £ 878.26

Expenditure:

Aims: key aims of the AHSG include:

- create a specialist research/academic forum and useful resources for specialists, mainstream sociologists and colleagues working in cognate disciplines
- provide opportunities for networking and interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration
- identify gaps in the animal-human research agenda
- raise the profile of animal-human related research in mainstream sociology

Review of the year:

- In April 2010, the AHSG held an informal networking session (lunch meet and greet) at last year's BSA Annual Conference.
- The Group had its first Postgraduate Meeting on the 13th of May 2010. The meeting was held in the BSA Meeting Room in London. The Group is planning to organise another PG event later this year.
- At the request of Tony Truman, the AHSG published updates of the Group's activities in *Network* during 2010.
- The Group has organised three sessions for the BSA Annual Conference in April 2011: this includes, a paper, roundtable and informal networking session (i.e. lunch meet and greet).
- In January 2011, Rebecca Tipper stood down from overseeing the Group's website and bibliographic database etc. We have still to find a replacement for Rebecca. In the meantime, Joao Bento, one of our Postgraduate members, is currently revising and updating the ahsg website. Once the changes have been made I will send the draft website to Donna Willis.
- Dr Rebekah Fox continues to oversee the preparation and circulation of the Group's e-newsletter.

Concluding remarks:

The AHSG continues to attract new members and looks forward to the forthcoming year.

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