

Chair's Page

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Hello to you all,

It's September the 29th, and I am late putting together this Chair's page (the deadline is 30th September). I hope you are able to forgive me for this oversight and the resulting length of this page.

There are exiting new projects to report on - in the main projects stemming from a great discussion at the board meeting on the 20th September.

The plans for a festival/conference in both 2009 and 10 have commenced. We have taken the steps to form an Event Planning Sub-Group. Any of our membership is welcome to be active in the group or send in any thoughts and feelings about how to move this forward. In the first instance please contact Julian Nangle by e-mail at admin@ahpb.org.uk. Julian is the group's facilitator. Both he and I wish for as strong a group as possible to create the success of this important project.

Changes in how we seek funding are now being explored and I will keep you all as up-to-date as I am able.

Some changes in the use of S&S are moving forward. In the main an electronic version to help us advertise the journal and to facilitate showing it to larger numbers of outlets. Possible other developments may include a newspaper-type publication. This is very much in the discussion phase at this time, so if you have any thoughts please let us know how you feel.

The most exiting time at the last board meeting was discussing what's next for AHPB. In the main the whole board put its weight behind AHPB being able to meet the challenging times they felt would be experienced in the next twelve to twenty-four months. The sense that we need to support AHPB to be as outward looking as possible was strongly felt at the board meeting on the 20th. This also highlighted the need for every type of humanistic view-point to be welcomed into a safe haven and gave us all at the board meeting a sense of a positive feel for the future. The opportunity for an exiting future seemed almost tangible.

As with all things the devil is in the detail and the conversion into actions. All present were committed to doing their best.

On a very upbeat note I think we are as up-to-date as possible.

Warmest regards,

CHRIS