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I. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group was formally established on 2nd October 1999. Reports of the activities of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group can be found at the following issues of the PSA News:

- PSA News, Vol. 11, No. 2 (June 1999), p. 17
- PSA News, Vol. 11, No. 4 (December 1999), p. 20
- PSA News, Vol. 12, No. 3 (October 2001), p. 13
- PSA News, Vol. 13, No. 3 (October 2002), p. 10
- PSA News, Vol. 13, No. 4 (January 2003), p. 13
- PSA News, Vol. 14, No. 2 (July 2003), p. 3
- PSA News, Vol. 15, No. 3 (September 2004), p. 11
- PSA News, Vol. 16, No. 2 (June 2005), p.8
- PSA News, Vol. 16, No. 3 (September 2005), p. 5
- PSA News, Vol. 16, No. 4 (January 2006), p. 7
- PSA News, Vol. 17, No. 2 (July 2006), p. 14
- PSA News, Vol. 17, No. 3 (October 2006), p. 8

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In 2006, the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group undertook the following activities:

1. PSA 56th Annual Conference

Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson and **Professor Andrew Vincent** organised two panels on “British Idealist Thought” at the PSA 56th Annual Conference, University of Reading, 4th-6th April 2006. The speakers were:

- **Professor David Boucher** on “Henry Jones: Idealism as a Practical Creed”
- **Professor James Connelly** on “Idealism and Environmental Rights”
- **Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson** on “Social Justice in the Political Theories of Bernard Bosanquet and T. H. Green”
- **Dr. Colin Tyler** on “Idealist Theories of International Relations”
- **Professor Andrew Vincent** on “German Philosophy and Public Policy”

2. Collingwood and Italian Thought

Dr. Clementina Gily, Director of the Osservatorio di Comunicazione of the Università di Napoli Federico II, organised a Conference on Collingwood and Italian Thought. This wonderful event took place in Naples, Italy, 15th-16th June 2006. Three members of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group were invited to give papers:

- **Professor James Connelly** on “A Philosophical Correspondence: R. G. Collingwood and Guido de Ruggiero”

- **Dr. Josie D’Oro** on “Ragioni e cause: Collingwood versus Davidson”
- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** on “Bosanquet and the Italian Idealists”

3. Alan Milne Memorial Conference

Dr. R. W. Dyson and **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** organised the Alan Milne Memorial Conference at Durham University, 17th-19th August 2006. The highlight of the Conference was “A Personal Memoir of Alan Milne” in which **Dr. R. W. Dyson**, **Dr. Simon Court**, and **Professor Nicholas Rengger** discussed the life and work of the British Idealist philosopher Alan Milne. Dr. Tim Rosser, Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou, Mr. Steve Buckel, and Professor James Connelly participated in the discussion. Papers were given by the following speakers:

- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** on “The Philosophy of Alan Milne: Ethics, Politics and Society”
- **Professor Nicholas Rengger** on “Alan Milne and the International Order: Critical Humanism, Moral Cosmopolitanism, and the Ambiguities of Contemporary Rights Theory”
- **Professor James Connelly** on “Milne and Collingwood: A Critical Appraisal”
- **Dr. R. W. Dyson** on “Reason, Prescription and Passion”

II. LIST OF OFFICERS

- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** (University of Durham and University of York, UK): **Convenor**
- **Professor David Boucher** (Cardiff University, UK): **Convenor**
- **Professor Andrew Vincent** (University of Sheffield, UK): **Convenor**
- **Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson** (Durham University, UK): **Secretary and Treasurer**

III. LIST OF MEMBERS

The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group has 27 members:

1. Professor Kenneth Minogue
2. Mr. Peter P. Nicholson
3. Dr. Alberto De Sanctis
4. Dr. Giuseppina D’Oro
5. Dr. Richard Murphy
6. Dr. James Lund

7. Mr. Michael Kowalewski
8. Dr. Brian Trainor
9. Dr. Colin Tyler
10. Professor Rex Martin
11. Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou
12. Professor Avital Simhony
13. Professor Susan Daniel
14. Professor James Connelly
15. Professor Garry Browning
16. Dr. Jan Olof Bengtsson
17. Professor David Boucher
18. Professor William Sweet
19. Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson
20. Professor Andrew Vincent
21. Dr. Chris Colgan
22. Dr. Tim Rosser
23. Dr. Thom Brooks
24. Miss Caroline Watkinson
25. Dr. Denys Leighton
26. Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Lahel
27. Mr. Matthew Bailey

I enclose the membership list with complete details as a separate document.

IV. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The membership fee is £2 (students, unemployed, retired), £4 (junior lecturers), and £6 (senior staff). Income of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group for 2006:

£1,500:	PSA Specialist Group Funding
£658.36:	Balance put forward from 2005
£36:	Membership fee

Total income for 2006: £2,194.36

We have spent:

£823.49: Alan Milne Memorial Conference

Total expenditure for 2006: £823.49

The credit in the account now is: £2,194.36 - £823.49 = £1,370.87

V. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2007

1. Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict

Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson organise the international conference Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict, Durham University, 21st-23rd March 2007. Many of the speakers are members of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group and will present papers on different issues of Idealist political thought.

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2. 57th Political Studies Association Annual Conference

Dr. Colin Tyler organise two panels on behalf of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group at the 57th Political Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Bath, 11th-13th April 2007. The panels and the speakers are:

Panel I: “History and Politics in British Idealist Political Thought”

Professor David Boucher on “Oakeshott and the Study of the History of Political Thought”; Professor Susan Daniel on “Collingwood, Duty, and the Historical Consciousness”; Professor James Connelly on “A Tricky Thing to Get to Know: The Politics of Tradition”

Panel II: “Power and Society”

Dr. Thom Brooks on “Is F. H. Bradley a Retributivist?”; Dr. Colin Tyler on “Personality and Politics: The Neglected Idealism of Arthur Heath”

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3. Collingwood and Twentieth-Century Philosophy

This is a conference organised by the Department of Philosophy and **Professor Mathieu Marion** of the University of Québec, Canada, 18th-21st October 2007. Limited funding will be provided by the R. G. Collingwood Society and by the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group.

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4. Workshop on “British Idealism: Philosophy, Society and Politics”

Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou has made a proposal for a Workshop on “British Idealism” at the Workshops in Political Theory Fourth Annual Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, 3rd-5th September 2007.

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