**ELECTIONS TO THE BSA FRIENDS’ COMMITTEE**

 **2021**

Dear BSA Supporters,

I write to inform you that two members of the inaugural BSA Friends’ Committee are due to step down on Wednesday 31 March 2021.

Nominations are accordingly now invited for **two** vacancies on the BSA Friends’ Committee: **one** elected from and by those belonging to the Friends tier, **one** elected from those belonging to any tier of BSA Supporter by those belonging to all tiers of BSA Supporters. If sufficient nominations are received, a second stage of the electoral process will take place. Those elected will serve for **four years from 1 April 2021**. For the avoidance of doubt, only Supporters of the BSA may participate in the elections. The current list of BSA Supporters who have consented to appear on our website is available to view here. If you are unsure of your Supporter status, please contact us at bsa@britac.ac.uk.

Current membership of the Friends' Committee is as follows:

Dr Pamela Armstrong **(Chair)**

Prof. Mike Edwards

Mr Nicholas Jaquet

Mr Paul Smee **(until 31 March 2021)**

Prof. Peter Warren **(until 31 March 2021)**

The nomination form with further details is attached. It is also available to download at www.bsa.ac.uk (under 'Governance', please open the link Friends’ Committee Nomination Form 2021). Professor Graham Shipley has kindly agreed to act as Returning Officer, and completed forms should be sent directly to him via e-mail (graham.shipley@leicester.ac.uk), and not to the BSA. **Closing date for nominations:** **Tuesday 16 March 2021.**

Many thanks for your continued support of the BSA. We look forward to welcoming two new members to the BSA Friends’ Committee!

Best wishes,

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**FRIENDS’ COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

The Friends’ Committee fosters activities, projects, and events in which Subscribing Members may participate. It has responsibility for allocations from a restricted fund held by the BSA, and designated the ‘Friends’ Fund’.

Membership: Five members, one to be appointed by the Council, three to be elected by and from the Friends tier of membership, and one to be elected by the Supporters from any tier of membership. The Committee shall elect a chair from its own membership, provided that if no member is willing to serve as chair the Council shall make an appointment to the role.

The Development Officer and Administrative Assistant shall be in attendance. The Committee may co-opt one additional member when a specific additional skill is required.

Functions:

1. Developing and organising a regular programme of lectures in the UK, and on occasion other educational or outreach events.
2. Developing and organising group fundraising events or projects, in collaboration with the Development Committee.
3. Taking decisions on allocations from the Friends’ Fund for specific BSA purposes, on receipt of proposals, normally from the Director, or as put forward by the Council. The prime purpose of the Fund shall be to support research facilities, particularly the Library (Athens and Knossos) and the Fitch Laboratory. In moments of need, allocations could on occasion to be made to satisfy other requirements that might normally be met out of other funds held by the BSA.

*The Friends’ Committee reports to the Council*