

**Multiple Sclerosis International Federation  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Company Registration Number: 5088553  
Charity Registration Number: 1105321**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**for the Year Ended**

**31 December 2010**

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**Multiple Sclerosis International Federation  
Trustees' Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2010**

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2010. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

**Company Number** 5088553

**Charity Number** 1105321

**Registered Office** Skyline House, 200 Union Street, London SE1 0LX

**Board of Trustees**

For the purpose of the Companies Act 2006, the Board of Trustees is regarded as the Board of Directors of the company. The trustees of the company throughout the period are as follows:

Sarah Phillips OBE, DL (UK)  
Mario Battaglia (Italy)  
Weyman Johnson (USA)  
Robert Hubbard (Australia)

**Chairman**  
**Vice Chairman**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

Pedro Carrascal (Spain)  
Frits Deiters (Netherlands)  
Siobhan Gilmour (UK)  
John Golding (Norway, appointed April 2010)  
Ali Hijjawi (Palestine)  
Ed Kangas (USA)  
Peter Kauffeldt (Denmark)  
Louis Maroun (Canada)  
Antonella Moretti (Italy)  
Joyce Nelson (USA)  
Allen O'Connor (Ireland, retired February 2011)  
Dorothea Pitschnau-Michel (Germany)  
Chris Polman (Netherlands)  
Kanya Puspokusumo (Indonesia)  
Dorinda Roos (Netherlands)  
Eli Rubenstein (USA, appointed April 2010)  
Yves Savoie (Canada)  
Alan Thompson (UK)  
Steve Umin (USA, retired January 2010)  
Charles van der Straten Waillet (Belgium)

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The Council, MSIF's supreme governing body, elects a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee invites MSIF member societies (and all Board and Committee members), past Board members, members of the international MS movement and relevant others to nominate candidates. They review submissions, interview candidates when necessary and meet to discuss and finalise a slate of candidates to fill all Board positions. The Committee distributes supporting papers to Council members and submits them with the slate for discussion and election. Under the Articles of Association the members of the Board of Trustees are elected at the biennial Council Meeting. The Board shall consist of no less than three members. Guidance is in place for rotation of Board members.

Trustees are responsible for the overall strategic direction of the charity while decisions on tactical means to achieve these objectives are taken by the Chief Executive in conjunction with staff.

New Trustees receive written induction information upon appointment and attend an induction day within the first six months of appointment and are sometimes allocated a mentor from among the longer serving Trustees.

**Chief Executive**

Peer Baneke

**Bankers**

Coutts & Co.  
440 Strand  
London WC2R 0QS

CCLA Investment Management Ltd  
COIF Charity Funds  
80 Cheapside  
London EC2V 6DZ

**Auditors**

Kingston Smith LLP  
Devonshire House  
60 Goswell Road  
London EC1M 7AD

**Solicitors**

Collyer-Bristow LLP  
4 Bedford Row  
London WC1R 4DF

**Governing Document**

Multiple Sclerosis International Federation is a charity established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association and incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital on 30 March 2004. The Federation was registered with the Charity Commission on 5 August 2004.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major governing, operational and financial risks which the Federation faces and confirm that systems have been established to lessen these risks. The potential risks and management of them are regularly reviewed by the Trustees.

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**The Objects of the Charity**

The objects for which the charity was established are to support and relieve persons affected by multiple sclerosis and allied conditions worldwide by:-

- 1) Promoting, stimulating and encouraging scientific research worldwide for the public benefit by the dissemination of information and knowledge into the causes of and cure and treatment for multiple sclerosis and allied conditions with the aim of eliminating multiple sclerosis;
- 2) Providing information, advice and support to further the development and work and promote the efficiency and effectiveness of voluntary national multiple sclerosis organisations or the formation of such organisations;
- 3) Educating the general public about multiple sclerosis by, amongst other things, collecting and disseminating scientific and educational information relating to multiple sclerosis;
- 4) Aiding, supporting and relieving persons who are affected by multiple sclerosis and allied conditions, to encourage them in every way possible to achieve their full potential as members of society by improving their quality of life;
- 5) Such other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion from time to time decide.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit

**Review of Activities and Future Development**

This report covers the third year of the current MSIF four year strategic plan. This plan identifies four key groups of activities: -

- Stimulating International Cooperation in MS research The resulting knowledge about multiple sclerosis (MS) is of benefit to people (and to the families of people) who have been – and those that will be in the future – diagnosed as having MS by providing new ways of alleviating their symptoms or, more distantly, by finding a cure. This and especially the possibility of eliminating MS have a benefit to society in general.
- Supporting the development of effective national MS societies. This contributes to the welfare of people with multiple sclerosis by an increase in the scale and effectiveness of the services available to them.
- Communicating knowledge, experience and information about MS. This contributes to the ability of people with MS or affected by it to deal with the symptoms and it increases the extent to which their needs are understood by the people they work and socialise with.
- Advocating globally for the international MS community. This contributes directly at the global level and indirectly at the local level to the realisation of the rights of people with MS.

The activities carried out in each area are set out below.

In setting our activities plan for each year we have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The trustees always ensure that the programmes are in line with our charitable objects.

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The benefits of our activities are available worldwide and have most relevance in those areas where the incidence of MS is highest. They are not dependent on membership of MSIF or of one of the national societies. They are directed in the main to people with MS, members of their families and others affected by it. Our material is available without cost through our website. We believe that our activities do not give rise to detriment or harm.

There are benefits to certain researchers (especially those that receive one of our awards or those that participate in collaborative efforts we support). We consider these benefits to be a necessary condition for obtaining the public benefit set out for the research activities.

**Stimulating International Cooperation in MS research**

MSIF has continued to develop its role among the international MS research community.

With the guidance of our International Medical & Scientific Board (IMSB), we continued to support the development of the global research coordination, involving key member organisations in the USA, Canada and Italy and the International Pediatric MS Study Group, which held a meeting on Evaluation of new and existing therapeutics for pediatric MS treatments in London in September 2010. Together with the Italian MS Society we also provided funding for a pilot project of one of the flagship projects of the Study Group. We facilitated communication between our member organisations in relation to the hypothesis of CCSVI and the related venal interventions. We gathered opinions from member societies and key members of the medical and scientific community around the world and published up a global MSIF statement, which was endorsed by the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ECTRIMS), and which was used by many MS organisations around the world.

Our Du Pré Grants and McDonald Fellowships fostered the skills of young scientists and actively encouraged them to remain in the MS field. In order to develop a lifelong relationship between Du Pré Grant and McDonald Fellowship alumni and MSIF we held the third International Research Alumni Meeting at the same time as the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ECTRIMS) conference in Gothenburg.

We worked with a team at the Institute of Neurology in London to identify the latest developments in MS research in peer-reviewed publications, which we communicated to the global MS community in our weekly email newsletter Making Connections.

We further developed our research funding database containing information about research spending patterns of our member societies.

**Supporting the development of effective national MS societies**

National MS organisations are best placed to directly support people with and affected by MS and play a significant role in improving their quality of life.

Where national MS societies exist we supported them in their work. Where such organisations don't exist or where they are emerging, we worked with relevant individuals and groups to stimulate their development.

In 2010 we piloted the use of a local consultant based in the region to support our development work with our stakeholders from 13 Arabic speaking countries. We worked with the Tunisian MS Society to organise a workshop on employment-advocacy in Tunis, which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to political developments in the country.

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In early 2009 we started a twinning programme, with the aim of stimulating mutually supportive partnerships between member societies. This led to the establishment of several partnerships, involving MS societies in the USA with India, and Spain with Cuba which continued in 2010. We also supported development initiatives in or gave advice to a range of countries, including China, Indonesia and Argentina and further strengthened our secretariat by the recruitment of an Arab speaking intern to work on the Arabic speaking region.

The All-Russian MS Society joined MSIF as an Associate Member, representing a huge extension to the global network, with exciting challenges opening up for MSIF. The Swedish Association of Neurologically Disabled became a Full Member. The membership of the Chilean Corporation Against MS was terminated as we were unable to maintain regular communication and they had consistently not paid their membership dues.

### **Communicating knowledge, experience and information about MS**

Explaining MS and its impact is at the heart of our work. We particularly aim to reach people in countries where there is little support. We use the latest information and communication technology to publish and disseminate quality material and relevant information about MS.

English is our official language, but language should not be a barrier to communication. Our *World of MS* website is in English, with many parts of it available in French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish. We have also provided *Mini World of MS* sites, consisting of the most important content only, in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, Greek, Japanese, Portuguese, Romanian, Bahasa Indonesia and Polish.

Twice in 2009 we produced an English print version and online version in English, Spanish and German of our free magazine for people affected by MS and health professionals, *MS in Focus*. Several issues were translated into French and we produced our first ever Russian compilation of several issues. Our Dutch, Italian and Spanish member organisations continued to print and distribute editions in their language. The Board commissioned articles from the world's leading experts and practitioners in the MS field. Downloads in 2010 alone reaching some 700,000 issues.

### **Advocating globally for the international MS community**

On 26 May 2010 MSIF and its member organisations launched the second World MS Day, with the specific theme of employment. We published the results of a global survey on employment and a report on the economic impact of MS.

Member societies continued to advocate for the ratification of the International Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and its Optional Protocol.

### **Future Developments**

During 2011 we will continue to offer Du Pré Grants and McDonald Fellowships and explore international research opportunities. We will continue to promote twinning and collaborative partnerships between member societies; which will enable smaller societies to increase their knowledge and build their capacity to support their local MS communities. Communicating information will remain at current levels with a stronger focus on linking web-based and interactive communication and on providing materials in other languages. We will coordinate another World MS Day on 25 May 2010, focusing on employment for a second year and on what employers can do to help people affected by MS to stay in work.

### **Maintain good governance and leadership**

The trustees held two meetings, in April by conference call (as the meeting had to be cancelled at short notice due to the Icelandic volcanic activity) and in October in Gothenburg where they reviewed board-functioning in a workshop facilitated by an external consultant. In April 2011 the

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board will participate in a second review-workshop to finish its review of its role and reflect on the overall purpose of MSIF.

**Transparent finance, personnel and administration structures**

MSIF maintained and developed existing relationships with sponsors, including companies within the healthcare industry, individuals and foundations, adhering to the Fundraising Strategy adopted in 2008.

In line with that strategy it diversified its funding sources by adding two pharmaceutical companies to the existing 4 from which it receives financial support. MSIF recruited a new Fundraising Manager.

**Performance summary**

MSIF measures the performance of its projects through both quantitative and qualitative data, ensuring that our activities are meeting our objectives and making a difference to people affected by MS.

*Quantitative data*

MSIF regularly collects quantitative data from a number of sources:

- website download and page visit statistics, for example the number of *MS in focus* magazines downloaded each month;
- numerical survey results;
- number of subscribers to printed publications and the weekly Making Connections newsletter;
- records of number of responses by email for requests for information and advice;
- number of annual applications for the Du Pré research grants and McDonald fellowships;
- number of contacts maintained with MS societies, individuals affected by MS and scientists throughout the world;
  
- number of MS societies and individuals taking part in MSIF events, such as the World MS Day.

*Qualitative data*

More important is the knowledge that MSIF projects are making an impact; stimulating international cooperation in research and helping improve the quality of life for people affected by MS. To do this, MSIF records and analyses qualitative data received from individuals and families, MS society staff and volunteers, scientists and health professionals. For example:

- thank you-notes and other feedback received to the [info@msif.org](mailto:info@msif.org) email address;
- comments made by participants in surveys, for example in the MSIF World MS Day evaluation survey;
- feedback from individual participants in MSIF meetings and project work groups;
- reports of positive outcomes due to an MSIF project;

All quantitative and qualitative feedback received by MSIF is stored and analysed and, where possible, suggestions for improvements are considered.

An indication of overall performance is provided by the results for the second year of our major advocacy event, World MS Day and for our key publication, MS in Focus.

The number of viewings across all available languages of the World MS Day film on YouTube has reached 330,000, and the number of participants in the World MS Day Facebook reached 43,000.



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Download figures for **MS in Focus** show that we maintained the progress made over several years, as shown by the figures from 2006 to 2010:

- 2006: 269,000
- 2007: 334,000
- 2008: 654,000
- 2009: 715,000
- 2010: 723,000

We aim to maintain this success in 2011.

### **Financial Review**

Income and expenditure as a whole were below the expected level despite an increase in Membership Dues received. Expenditure was again below target due to fewer McDonald Fellowship applications being awarded, due to some cuts in program and to some activities taking more time to implement and being postponed into 2011. Expenditure on World MS Day was lower than in 2009 resulting in a decrease in spending under Advocacy. Unrestricted Reserves were slightly higher than anticipated due to unexpected restricted income being received at the end of the financial year towards Development. Expenditure for Development was originally being funded from unrestricted income.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees' policy on unrestricted reserves is that such reserves should be sufficient to fund the annual overhead costs of the charity, currently in the range of £550,000 to £650,000. As at 31 December 2010 unrestricted reserves amounted to £695,018. This policy ensures the future security of the Charity against fluctuations in income in the short-term.

### **Audit information**

So far as each of the directors at the time the trustees' report is approved is aware:

- a) there is no relevant information of which the auditors are unaware; and
- b) they have taken all relevant steps they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

### **Auditors**

The auditors, Kingston Smith LLP, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Note of Appreciation**

We would like to thank the people affected by MS, national MS society staff and volunteers, scientists and other professionals, donors, sponsors - both corporate and individual - for their generosity and support, without which we would not be able to continue our activities.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities  
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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)


Company law required trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**On behalf of Trustees**

  
Sarah Phillips OBE, DL  
Chairman

Date: 8/6/2011

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Multiple Sclerosis International Federation**

We have audited the financial statements of Multiple Sclerosis International Federation for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors**

The trustees' (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records, if the charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made.

We read the Trustees' Annual Report and consider the implication for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### **Basis of Audit Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2010 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- the information provided in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

  
**Nicholas Brooks, Senior Statutory Auditor**  
For and on behalf of Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

Devonshire House  
60 Goswell Road  
London EC1M 7AD  
Date: 22/7/11

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
for the year ended 31 December 2010

	Note	2010			Total
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2009 £
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<i><b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b></i>					
Voluntary income	2	13,193	728,432	741,625	754,978
Meeting Income		10,621	-	10,621	26,566
Bank Interest		3,624	-	3,624	8,321
<i><b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b></i>					
Membership dues		298,106	-	298,106	229,054
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>325,544</b>	<b>728,432</b>	<b>1,053,976</b>	<b>1,018,919</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<i><b>Costs of generating funds</b></i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		26,685	-	26,685	63,594
<i><b>Charitable activities</b></i>					
Stimulate research		-	279,995	279,995	317,506
Develop national MS societies		-	87,972	87,972	93,765
Communicate MS		-	225,043	225,043	229,709
Advocate for & support people affected by MS		20,645	172,359	193,004	311,794
<i><b>Governance costs</b></i>		125,667	-	125,667	131,338
<b>Total resources expended</b>	3/4	<b>172,997</b>	<b>765,369</b>	<b>938,366</b>	<b>1,147,706</b>
<b>Net incoming resources before transfers</b>		<b>152,547</b>	<b>(36,937)</b>	<b>115,610</b>	<b>(128,787)</b>
Transfers between funds	11	(78,353)	78,353	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>74,194</b>	<b>41,416</b>	<b>115,610</b>	<b>(128,787)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>620,824</b>	<b>165,848</b>	<b>786,672</b>	<b>915,459</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2010</b>	11	<b>695,018</b>	<b>207,264</b>	<b>902,282</b>	<b>786,672</b>

All gains and losses arising in the period have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities and relate to continuing operation.

The accompanying notes on pages 14 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements.


**Multiple Sclerosis International Federation**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as at 31 December 2010

	Note	2010		2009
		£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Equipment at Cost, less				
Accumulated Depreciation	6		1,900	2,550
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Debtors & Prepaid Expenses	7	115,467		49,602
Cash at bank & in hand	8	<u>952,742</u>		<u>907,115</u>
		<b>1,068,209</b>		<b>956,717</b>
<b>Creditors' amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(167,827)</u>		<u>(172,595)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>900,382</b>	<b>784,122</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	10		<u><b>902,282</b></u>	<u><b>786,672</b></u>
<b>Funds</b>				
Unrestricted Funds			695,018	620,824
Restricted Funds	11		207,264	165,848
			<u><b>902,282</b></u>	<u><b>786,672</b></u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The accompanying Notes on pages 14 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The accounts were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on.....*15 April 2011*.....  
and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
**Robert Hubbard**  
Treasurer



**Multiple Sclerosis International Federation  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Accounting**

These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the provision of the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards.

The following principal accounting policies have been consistently applied in preparing the financial statements.

**Incoming Resources**

Income including membership dues is recognised in the accounting period to which it relates. Donated services are valued at the advised commercial rate.

**Resources Expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Wherever possible costs are directly attributed to these headings.

The costs of generating funds are those costs of seeking potential funders and applying for funding.

Support costs are those costs incurred in support of the charitable objectives.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out on the following pages.

**Fixed Assets**

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets in excess of £1,000 to write off the cost during their estimated useful lives which is currently over 3 years.

**Foreign Currencies**

Transactions in foreign currency during the year are converted at the rate ruling at the date of transaction and any exchange differences arising are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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**2. Voluntary income**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
Bayer Schering	-	64,103	64,103	92,782
BiogenIdec	-	40,000	40,000	45,000
Hertie Foundation	-	-	-	42,882
Merck Serono	100	178,900	179,000	120,000
Merck Serono (donated service)	-	14,400	14,400	-
MSIF Foundation	907	24,559	25,466	24,679
MS Societies	3,331	16,319	19,650	27,906
Novartis	-	29,986	29,986	29,758
Teva	-	8,586	8,586	-
Vanneau Trust	-	351,579	351,579	350,000
Other	8,855	-	8,855	21,971
	<b>13,193</b>	<b>728,432</b>	<b>741,625</b>	<b>754,978</b>

- A number of trustees made personal donations during the period amounting to £1,086.

**3. Resources Expended**

	Grants Paid £	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	573	26,112	26,685	63,594
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Stimulate research	157,155	23,611	99,229	279,995	317,506
Develop national MS societies	666	8,969	78,337	87,972	93,765
Communicate MS	-	89,259	135,784	225,043	229,709
Advocate for & support people affected by MS	500	61,941	130,563	193,004	311,794
<b>Governance costs</b>	-	73,441	52,226	125,667	131,338
	<b>158,321</b>	<b>257,794</b>	<b>522,251</b>	<b>938,366</b>	<b>1,147,706</b>

- Grants to organisations/institutions during the period amounted to £24,155 of which £6,000 was accrued in 2010 to be paid in 2011. £2,000 per fellow to: The University of Dusseldorf, CRICM/INSERM Paris, University of British Columbia and The Oregon Health & Science University for hosting a McDonald Fellowship winner; £5,000 to University of Oslo for a workshop - 'From genes to pathogenesis of MS'; £4,660 for 'Imaging brain remodelling in MS'; £6,495 to the National MS Society for the International Conference on Outcomes Assessment in MS.
- Grants to individuals during the period amounted to £134,166. £500 paid to the Nicholson Award winner; £1,000 paid to the Young Researcher Award winner; £666 paid for the Twinning Programme recipient; £25,000 paid during 2010 and £75,000 accrued in 2010 to be paid in 2011 for McDonald Fellowship winners; £16,000 paid during 2010 and £21,000 accrued in 2010 to be paid in 2011 for Du Pré Grant recipients; £5,000 credited from 2009 accruals for a Du Pré Grant recipient unable to proceed with their original placement.

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**4. Breakdown of Resources Expended by Activity**

	Generating Voluntary Income £	Stimulate Research £	Dev. Nat Soc. £	Communicate MS £	Adv. & Sp. Charit. Activ. £	Total Governance £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
<b>Direct Costs</b>								
Conferences & Meetings	-	7,058	2,584	717	-	47,068	57,427	132,512
Travel & Accommodation	121	5,236	2,820	250	1,335	3,120	12,882	25,977
Professional Fees	380	11,157	3,327	47,479	51,474	23,253	137,070	260,894
Printing & Publications	72	160	238	39,967	230	-	40,667	29,393
Website Costs	-	-	-	846	8,902	-	9,748	5,921
Grants (note 3)	-	157,155	666	-	500	-	158,321	197,260
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>180,766</b>	<b>9,635</b>	<b>89,259</b>	<b>62,441</b>	<b>73,441</b>	<b>416,115</b>	<b>651,957</b>
<b>Support Costs</b>								
Staff Costs (note 5)	20,336	77,277	61,008	105,748	101,681	40,673	406,723	388,570
Education & Training	186	710	559	968	931	373	3,727	798
Rent, Rates & Insurance	3,719	14,133	11,158	19,341	18,598	7,439	74,388	77,170
Premises Maintenance	532	2,024	1,597	2,768	2,660	1,065	10,646	10,626
IT Support & Maintenance	689	2,615	2,063	3,577	3,440	1,375	13,759	5,507
Office Expenses	292	1,109	876	1,517	1,459	584	5,837	5,983
Financial Expenses	184	696	551	955	918	367	3,671	4,148
Depreciation (note 6)	174	665	525	910	876	350	3,500	2,947
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>26,112</b>	<b>99,229</b>	<b>78,337</b>	<b>135,784</b>	<b>130,563</b>	<b>52,226</b>	<b>522,251</b>	<b>495,749</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>26,685</b>	<b>279,995</b>	<b>87,972</b>	<b>225,043</b>	<b>193,004</b>	<b>125,667</b>	<b>938,366</b>	<b>1,147,706</b>

- Auditors Fees during the period amounted to £4,100 + VAT. Auditors' Other Services during the period amounted to £1,018. (December 2009 - Auditors Fees £3,980 + VAT. Auditors Other Services - nil)
- Support costs are apportioned on the basis of staff time



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<b>5. Staff Costs</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries	345,205	326,277
Social Security	37,058	35,498
SMP Reclaimed	(8,585)	(4,409)
Pensions and Other Costs	33,045	31,204
	<u><b>406,723</b></u>	<u><b>388,570</b></u>

The average number of employees during the year was 10. (2009 9)

One employee received total taxable emoluments of between £80,000 and £90,000 during the year (2009 one £80,000 - £90,000). No other employees received total taxable emoluments exceeding £60,000 (2009 nil).

No Trustee received any remuneration from the charity in the period. During the period three Trustees received expenses totalling £3,591 from the charity. Much of this was generously provided by way of a grant from the UK MS Society (2009 nil).

**6. Fixed Assets**

	<b>Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b> brought forward at 1 January 2010	59,472
Additions	2,850
Disposals	<u>(6,926)</u>
Cost/depreciation carried forward at 31 December 2010	<u>55,396</u>
<b>Depreciation</b> brought forward at 1 January 2010	56,922
Depreciation for the year	3,500
Disposals	<u>(6,926)</u>
Cost/depreciation carried forward at 31 December 2010	<u>53,496</u>
<b>Net Book Value at 31 December 2010</b>	<u><b>1,900</b></u>
Net Book Value at 31 December 2009	<u>2,550</u>

**7. Debtors and Prepaid Expenses**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sundry Debtors	79,062	10,950
Prepayments	27,486	31,408
VAT Reclaimable	8,919	7,244
	<u><b>115,467</b></u>	<u><b>49,602</b></u>

**8. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Accounts	952,231	906,814
Cash	511	301
	<u><b>952,742</b></u>	<u><b>907,115</b></u>

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**9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2010	2009
	£	£
Other Creditors	14,127	8,687
Accruals	<u>153,700</u>	<u>163,908</u>
	<u><b>167,827</b></u>	<u><b>172,595</b></u>

**10. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	1,900	-	1,900
Current Assets	860,945	207,264	1,068,209
Current Liabilities	<u>(167,827)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(167,827)</u>
	<u><b>695,018</b></u>	<u><b>207,264</b></u>	<u><b>902,282</b></u>

**11. Restricted Funds**

	Balance	Resources	Resources	Transfers	Balance	Balance
	01.01.10	Incoming	Outgoing		31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£	£	£	£	£
a. Research Fellowships & Grants	48,065	138,969	151,668	-	35,366	48,065
b. Research M'ting Grants	4,062	31,123	26,377	-	8,808	4,062
c. Research Support	61	75,764	42,590	-	33,235	61
d. Charcot Award	2,600	-	-	-	2,600	2,600
e. IMSB	7,418	26,506	27,578	-	6,346	7,418
f. IPMSSG	6,294	69,957	31,782	-	44,469	6,294
g. Mem'ship Development	-	82,665	36,096	-	46,569	-
h. Regional Programmes	-	18,500	38,153	19,653	-	-
i. Twinning Programme	-	2,000	13,723	11,723	-	-
j. WoMS	55,699	-	52,324	-	3,375	55,699
k. MS in focus	34,592	99,900	116,813	-	17,679	34,592
l. Making Connections	-	20,096	20,890	794	-	-
m. MSIF Comms.	-	10,000	35,016	25,016	-	-
n. Advocacy	-	15,000	13,057	-	1,943	-
o. Economic Impact of MS	7,057	20,000	20,183	-	6,874	7,057
p. World MS Day	-	117,952	139,119	21,167	-	-
	<u><b>165,848</b></u>	<u><b>728,432</b></u>	<u><b>765,369</b></u>	<u><b>78,353</b></u>	<u><b>207,264</b></u>	<u><b>165,849</b></u>

The purposes of the restricted funds are as follows:

**a.** Fellowships are awarded to young researchers from emerging countries for research in MS. The 2 year award includes a grant to cover travel and living costs, and an additional contribution of £2,000 per year to the host laboratory. The total award is a maximum of £25,000 per annum. Up to 5 fellowships per year.

Grants enable young researchers to undertake short visits to MS research centres of excellence. Each grant is £1,000 - £5,000 to cover travel costs or as a top-up to an existing grant. Up to 10 grants per year.

**b.** Established to help support the costs of the organisation of international meetings focused on MS research.

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- c.** Facilitate, co-fund and cooperate in relation to international research programmes/conferences.
- d.** Awarded for a lifetime achievement in outstanding research into the understanding or treatment of MS. The winner gives the Charcot Lecture at ECTRIMS. Their travel costs, and expenses are covered, up to a maximum of £5,000. A grant of £1,500 is awarded to the winner.
- e.** To identify and propose relevant international research projects for MSIF, support and generate exchange of information between the MSIF Board and the MS scientific community.
- f.** Facilitate and coordinate the work of the International Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Study Group. The group of neurologists, paediatricians and healthcare professionals aim to optimise worldwide care, education and research in paediatric MS.
- g.** Support and encourage the development of new MS societies and national MS societies in their work.
- h.** To bring together, encourage and facilitate the sharing of information, skills and experience of, representatives involved in the provision of support for people affected by MS from one region. To identify the MS needs and priorities in the region and to establish a programme of development.
- i.** Provide support, to assist MS societies to come together to share skills and knowledge in all aspects of work involved in operating a national MS society.
- j.** The MSIF website 'World of MS' provides information, resources for persons affected by MS, their caregivers and MS professionals. The funding covers technical development, maintenance and hosting of the website.  
  
My World of MS provides a safe online community for people with MS and people affected by MS worldwide to share experiences and help each other cope with the challenges of life with MS.
- k.** A biannual free magazine aimed at the MS community with an English print version and online versions in English, Spanish, German, Dutch, French and Italian. Its uniqueness resides in its depth of focus on specific themes relevant to MS, selected by its international Editorial Board. Articles are commissioned from the world's leading experts and practitioners in the MS field.
- l.** A weekly email newsletter for the organisation's stakeholders with an update on MS research, MSIF projects, people with MS and MS news.
- m.** Presenting, representing the organisation and generally communicating its key messages. Attending conferences, meetings and seminars such as ECTRIMS, MS Life, etc.  
  
The annual review is published annually. It provides information on the key achievements of the Federation's objectives and on the development of new projects.
- n.** Advocacy on issues affecting the quality of life of people with MS in the short and long-term, and specific to the challenges MS presents.
- o.** An independent evidence based tool to be used by people affected by MS, national MS societies and MSIF to highlight the economic impact of MS nationally, regionally and globally and to campaign for initiatives to improve the quality of life of people affected by MS.
- p.** World MS Day (26 May) is an opportunity for people worldwide to join the global MS movement and participate in events and activities to raise awareness of MS as a global issue.

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**12. Future Commitments**

At 31 December 2010, MSIF had annual commitments under operating leases as set out below:

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Equipment</b>		
Expiring within two to five years	685	685
<b>Land and Buildings</b>		
Expiring within two to five years	<u>56,650</u>	<u>56,650</u>
	<u><b>57,335</b></u>	<u><b>57,335</b></u>