

ISISA Treasurer's Report
ISISA 2024 Conference: Islands and Resilience, Lombok, 25-29 June 2024
 (Last report: Nature and Culture, St John's, Zadar, Croatia, 13-17 June 2022. That report is attached
 at the back of this report)
 Dates covered by this report: 08/06/2022 – 14/06/2024

	Current Account	Business Reserve Account	PayPal	Total
Brought Forward	2836.11	10320.63	3416.62	16573.36
Income				
Membership fees	449.89			
Interest		196.78		
Transfer from Business Reserve				
Transfer from Paypal				
<i>Total income</i>	449.89	196.78		
Expenditure				
Transaction Fees				
Scholarships	1095.13			
Charitable donation				
Charitable donation				
Website hosting Ross Signs	360.00			
Website 1 & 1 Internet Ltd	38.40			
Cost of hosting Island Studies Journal Account	23.00			
Transfer to business reserve				
Transfer to current account				
<i>Total expenditure</i>	1516.53			
<i>Excess of expenditure</i>				
<i>Excess of Income</i>				
Carried Forward	1769.47	10517.41	3416.62	15703.50

Andrew Jennings, ISISA Treasurer, Shetland, 14/06/24

This report covers the period from the ISISA Conference Nature and Culture, Zadar, Croatia, 13-17 June 2022 until 14 June 2024.

The last two years have been quiet in terms of the accounts. Everything is now sorted with Nat West and online payments are working well. Three life memberships have been paid into the Nat West

account, rather than into PayPal, which is still not working. It was felt that it was better to lose some of the fees to bank charges than not to process the membership requests. The decision by PayPal, just before Rosie Alexander's departure, to lock down ISISA's finances banked with them, is still in force. However, we now have a Scottish charity reference number, which ought to allow us access to PayPal, once other problems are ironed out. It took quite an effort to achieve this. Shetland citizen's advice were very helpful, but it still took many months.

In these circumstances, the finances are virtually unchanged since June 2022, although there is more bank interest currently being paid. No funds have been transferred from the current to the business reserve account. Three scholarships were paid out after Zadar. No charitable donations have been made. It was agreed that Adam Grydehoj, due to his long-standing relationship with ISISA, could transfer the Island Studies Journal monies into the NatWest account until he could find a new bank. He transferred £15730.01 on 25/11/22, a series of invoices were paid, and then he withdrew the difference of £8687.44 on 20/6/23. This left a short fall of £23 in our finances, which is noted in the accounts.

Despite the PayPal situation, which involves having my identity recognised and Rosie Alexander's name removed, which has been an on-going issue with many phone calls, it is my judgement that the accounts continue to remain in a healthy position going forward into the next year.

Andrew Jennings, ISISA Treasurer, Shetland, 14/06/24

ISISA Treasurer's Report 2021-2022
ISISA 2022 Conference: Nature and Culture, Zadar, Croatia 13-17 June 2022
(Last report: Sharing Lessons, Sharing Stories, St John's, Newfoundland, 14-18 June 2021. That report is attached at the back of this report)
Dates covered by this report: 08/05/21 – 07/06/22

	Current Account	Business Reserve Account	PayPal	Total
Brought Forward	1327.26	10318.07	3216.48	14861.81
Income				
Membership fees	355.35		211.57	
Membership fees from Newfoundland conference	1437.70			
Interest		2.56		
Transfer from Business Reserve				
Transfer from Paypal				
<i>Total income</i>	1793.05	2.56		
Expenditure				
Transaction Fees			11.43	
Scholarships				
Charitable donation				
Charitable donation				
Website hosting Ross Signs	265.00			
Website 1 & 1 Internet Ltd	19.20			
Transfer to business reserve				
Transfer to current account				
<i>Total expenditure</i>	284.20		11.43	
<i>Excess of expenditure</i>				
<i>Excess of Income</i>				
Carried Forward	2836.11	10320.63	3416.62	16573.36

Andrew Jennings, ISISA Treasurer, Shetland, 07/06/22

This report covers the period from the last Islands of the World Conference, held in Newfoundland, Canada, in June 2021 until June 2022.

I would like to thank Rosie Alexander for all her work as Treasurer for ISISA from 2016 to 2021, and for her support during the first few months while I found my feet in the role.

This year has been a quiet year in terms of the accounts because of two key factors:

1. The stressful lack of support from Nat West when I tried on numerous occasions to have Rosie Alexander's name, email and address removed from their on-line site and replaced with my own, which, despite my best efforts, lasted a few months, and equally its requirement for counter signatory endorsement at each stage. Eventually things were sorted and access to the Nat West account online was achieved.
2. The decision by PayPal, just before Rosie Alexander's departure, to lock down ISISA's finances banked with them, the reason behind a change in policy requiring ISISA to have a charity number or something similar.

Because of this, the normal procedure for members choosing to pay their subscription annually was blocked – only two members managed to pay this way before the lock down. Two others paid membership via the current account.

In these circumstances, the finances are virtually unchanged since June 2021, barring £1437.70 of membership fees from the Newfoundland Conference paid into the NatWest account, and a tiny amount of bank account interest, £2.56. No funds have been transferred from the current to the business reserve account. No scholarships have been paid, because the N'land event was virtual, so no travel and/or accommodation expenses were incurred by any of the participants, thus obviating the need to provide any scholarships as inducement. No charitable donations have been made. Website hosting company Ross Signs requested overdue payment as the changeover of treasurers was being made and subsequently a second payment was due before NatWest had given me access to funds. I therefore had to pay Ross Signs twice directly from my own account, £100 and £165. I was later able to recoup these by writing two cheques to myself drawn on the ISISA account.

I now have full access to Nat West funds but cannot request members to pay annual dues until the Paypal situation has been resolved. I have researched the position and feel the best course of action to regain access to our funds of £3416.62 is for ISISA to become registered as a Charity in Scotland, since I, as the Treasurer, am resident here. See AGM.....

Despite the Paypal situation which I am confident can be resolved although it will take a few months for the charitable status to be recorded, it is my judgement that the accounts continue to remain in a healthy position going forward into the next year.

Andrew Jennings, ISISA Treasurer, Shetland, 07/06/22