

Annual General Meeting

Mme Patricia Curd

Thirty members attended the AGM which was held in a conference room at the restaurant “Le Buisson” in Trélazé. Another twenty-five members sent apologies for absence.

The President, Patricia Curd, opened the AGM and spoke of the sadness felt at the recent death of M. Giorgio Gualandi, a long standing member of the ESU.

In the President’s report, Patricia began by talking of ESU France which this year celebrates its 30th anniversary. She explained that as yet there has been no announcement of the celebrations planned to mark the event. Following a stroke several months ago, Béatrix de Montgermont-Keil, President of ESU France, has now returned home and appears to be making a good recovery.

Next year the ESU will celebrate its centenary in London. As yet no dates have been published. However, it is anticipated that the festivities will coincide with the International Council Meeting 2018.

With regards to our own branch, we are now the largest of the four French branches. The President thanked committee members for their hard work and welcomed an application from Dorothy Morison to join the committee. She reminded members that their help is always welcome even if they would prefer not to become committee members and invited volunteers to form a sub-committee to prepare the organisation of an exchange with another branch.

The Secretary’s report was presented by Jackie Sheppard followed by Roy Powell who presented the Treasurer’s report. This was accepted unanimously.



Following the closure of the AGM members were offered an aperitif before being joined by 2 guests and sitting down to enjoy a meal together in the restaurant. French and English members were really intermingled and the atmosphere at table was particularly convivial and relaxed on this occasion.