

EURIM

(a company limited by guarantee)

Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 2004

Registered number 2816980

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

Principal activities

EURIM is a UK-based Parliament-Industry Group concerned with the politics of the "Information Society" in a UK and European context. It brings together MPs, MEPs, Peers, Corporates and not-for-profit associations to review issues and brief Westminster, Whitehall and Brussels on the areas of agreement and disagreement among its members. When there is consensus among the membership it works to secure timely and effective action accordingly.

Business review

During the course of the year activities were focussed on the following themes (and subgroups): Knowledge Economy (including UK competitiveness and Open Source issues); Social Inclusion (including public service delivery to target audiences); E-Crime (including legal issues, security and investigatory skills, policing structures and prevention measures), Personal Identity and Data Sharing, Intellectual Property Rights, and Communications (including the transition to Ofcom and the effects of fiscal and regulatory decisions on infrastructure investment).

Over sixty meetings and workshops were organised in the course of the year, including joint events with others, to help set the agenda for future policy as well as to help ensure balanced responses to consultations or inquiries already under way - including with The Home Office on Police Reform and ID Cards, with DCA on Data Sharing, with Cabinet Office on Open Source, with POST on Digital Switch Off and Open Source, with Intellect on IPR, with Westminster Media Forum on Ofcom related issues, with IPPR on E-Crime and with IWF on Internet Safety issues. Summaries of the meetings organised by EURIM were sent to those who had registered interest and also placed on the new website – www.eurim.org.uk. Five papers were published during the year on E-Crime issues. Papers were also published on Personal Identity, Data Sharing and Open Source issues.

Directors

The directors during the year were:

The Earl of Erroll (from 31 March 2004)
Lord Renwick
Lord Randall of St Budeaux
Giles Chichester MEP (until 31 March 2004)
Malcolm Harbour MEP (from 31 March 2004)
Margaret Moran MP
Lord McNally
John McWilliam MP
Ian Taylor MBE MP
Brian White MP

Auditors

A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Political and Charitable Donations

The Company made no political or charitable donations during the year.

By order of the Board

Brian White MP

1st February 2005
165 Queen Victoria Street
London
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Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Report of the independent auditors to the members of EURIM

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 6.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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 directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the 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 company's affairs as at 31 December 2004 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

1st February 2005

Income and expenditure account

for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	£	2004 £	£	2003 £
Turnover	2				
Subscriptions:					
Corporate members			143,131		110,335
Associate members			26,672		29,520
Other			17,818		38,777
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			187,621		178,632
Administrative expenses:					
Governance		(24,461)		(19,612)	
Management		(9,009)		(9,855)	
Membership Services		(25,720)		(20,327)	
Recruitment		(5,604)		(8,641)	
Dissemination and publication		(10,433)		(8,586)	
Research		(80,700)		(92,860)	
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			(155,927)		(159,881)
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Operating surplus			31,694		18,751
Interest on deposit accounts			7,111		4,189
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Surplus on ordinary activities before and after taxation			38,805		22,940
Retained surplus brought forward			93,542		70,602
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Retained surplus carried forward			132,347		93,542
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There were no other surpluses or deficits apart from those reported in the income and expenditure account.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2004

	<i>Note</i>	£	2004 £	£	2003 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		194,757		191,339	
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Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	4		194,757 (62,410)		191,339 (97,797)
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Net current assets			132,347		93,542
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Reserves					
Revenue reserve			132,347		93,542
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 1st February 2005 and were signed on its behalf by:

Brian White MP
Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1996) the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement in view of its size.

2 Turnover

Turnover represents subscriptions received from members exclusive of VAT.

3 Taxation

No corporation tax is payable as the Inland Revenue has confirmed that the company does not trade and the interest on building society and bank accounts is below £10,000.

4 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2004	2003
	£	£
Advance membership subscriptions and sponsorship receipts	57,031	85,032
Sundry creditors	5,379	12,765
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	62,410	97,797
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5 Members' liability

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. On a winding up each member and each person who ceased to be a member within one year prior to the date of winding up is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the assets of the company for payments of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he ceased to be a member of the company, and of the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the company.