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BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

The sixth meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, 13th March, 1963 at 2.30 p.m. at the Faraday Society, 6 Gray's Inn Square, London, W.C.1.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting. *Objects to R.C. Burge*
2. Matters arising from the Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Topics for Future Meetings.
5. The function of the Society in relation to the future of Biophysics; the expansion of the subject and the recruitment of Biophysicists.
6. Any other business. *Letter from Burke*
R.C. Burge

D.D. Eley,
Honorary Secretary,
Chemistry Department,
Nottingham University.

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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Committee

The 5th meeting took place on Wednesday, 9th January, 1963, at 2.30 p.m. at 6 Gray's Inn Square, W.C.1.

Present: Sir John Randall (Chairman)
Dr. S. Brenner
Professor A.F. Huxley,
Dr. P. Johnson
Dr. R.D. Keynes
Professor J.W.S. Pringle
Professor J.J. Weiss
Dr. M.H.F. Wilkins
Dr. R.E. Burge (Meetings Secretary)
Dr. P.M.B. Walker (Treasurer)
Professor D.D. Eley (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. J.C. Kendrew.

63/1 Arising from Minute 62/30 Dr. Burge was asked, in conjunction with the Treasurer to prepare a shortened version of "Administrative Arrangements" for the membership.

Arising from Minute 62/34 the Treasurer reported the List of Addresses was in preparation. In response to a request, it was agreed to furnish a copy of this list to the Scientific Attaché of the U.S. Embassy.

63/2 Meeting at University College London, 17th and 18th December, 1962.

Professor Huxley reported that some invited speakers did not apply for meals in time, which caused some last minute difficulties.

The Meetings Secretary reported that approximately 100 attended each session and that the contributed papers went well, allowing twenty minutes for each paper plus discussion.

63/3 Modifications in Administrative Arrangements

The Committee agreed

- a) the Society should pay for meals and Conference Dinners for all invited speakers, including members.
- b) that the number of guests allowed per member should be decided for each meeting, in the light of the accommodation available.

It was agreed these modifications should be incorporated in the document "Administrative Arrangements".

63/4 Future Meetingsa. King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 2nd, 3rd, 4th April, 1963.

Professor J.J. Weiss reported the following arrangements:

- 2nd April, Physical Properties of Nucleic Acids and Nucleoproteins.
Evening reception given by King's College.
- 3rd April, Radiation Effects. Conference Dinner.
- 4th April, Contributed Papers.

Professor Weiss reported that the Symposium lectures were all arranged. The Meetings Secretary reported he had written to request travel funds from the Wellcome Trust for Dr. Marmur (Brandeis) and Dr. Shugar (Warsaw). Professor Weiss requested that a further approach be made on behalf of Dr. Geiduschek (Chicago).

b. Cell Electrophoresis at the Chester Beatty Institute.

Dr. Ambrose reported the meeting was to be held on 7th and 8th May and the Meetings Secretary was asked to contact Dr. Ambrose about final arrangements, symposium programme, and circulation of abstracts.

c. Birmingham Meeting, April 1964.

The Committee recommended that, in spite of the International Commission on Membranes meeting in June, 1964 in Paris, Dr. Finean should be asked, if he agrees, to proceed with the meeting on Lipoproteins and Membranes, and to incorporate in it the subject of Lipid Micelles.

The Committee appointed the following Sub-committee: Dr. Finean, Professor L. Saunders, and the Meetings Secretary to consider the above recommendation and report back. The Meetings Secretary reported that Dr. A.K. Solomon had reported that information on the programme for the International Meeting should become available after a meeting of the International Commission on 6th May, 1963.

d. The Chester Beatty Institute Meeting, December, 1963.

It was pointed out that the Biochemical Society and Society of Immunology were to have a meeting on Immunology during the coming year. Since this was one of the Symposium topics at the proposed meeting, it was agreed not to proceed with this meeting. The Meetings Secretary was asked to inform Professor J.A.V. Butler of this decision. After much discussion it was agreed to bring forward the topic of Control Mechanisms, and to hold this at King's College London, on the invitation of Sir John Randall, in December 1963. The following Organising Sub-Committee was appointed: Dr. Brenner,

Professor Wilkins, the Meetings Secretary. The Meetings Secretary was asked to enquire if the Biochemical Society would be interested in making this a joint meeting, and the Organising Sub-Committee was given power to coopt representatives of the Biochemical Society.

e. Meeting for December, 1964.

Sir John Randall was asked to explore the possibility of holding a meeting on "Morphogenesis and Differentiation in Relation to Cellular Fine Structure" at Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.

63/5 Proposed Joint Meeting with the Pharmaceutical Society

The Committee did not consider there were any topics in Biophysics suitable for a joint meeting at present. It was proposed to communicate this view verbally via Professor L. Saunders to the Research Officer of the Pharmaceutical Society.

63/6 Gordon Conference-type Meetings.

The Committee agreed it was not the function of the Society to organise closed meetings of this type, which were really a matter for the initiative of individual members or groups of members acting apart from the Society.

63/7 Contributed Papers

The Treasurer was asked to send a circular to members, hoping that any member with exciting new results will communicate them as a matter of course at Formal Meetings of the Society.

The Meetings Secretary pointed out that in the last two or three meetings exactly the right number of Contributed Papers had been forthcoming to fill the times allocated.

63/8 Agenda Topics

It was agreed that at its next meeting, the Committee should discuss the following two general subjects:

- a) Topics for Future Meetings.
- b) The function of the Society in relation to the future of Biophysics; the expansion of the subject and the recruitment of Biophysicists.

63/9 Applications for Membership

Four applications were approved and four resignations noted. A list of names is appended to the signed minutes.

63/10 Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday 13th March at 6 Gray's Inn Square, London, W.C.1.

J. Randall