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AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of the sixth meeting.
- 2) Correspondence.
- 3) Report on the meeting held at Newcastle, 2nd - 4th April, 1963.
- 4) Report on the Informal Meeting on Cell Electrophoresis, held at the Chester Beatty Research Institute, 7th - 8th May, 1963.
- 5) The present arrangements for sessions of contributed papers at formal meetings.
- 6) Future meetings of the Society:
 - a) King's College, London, 16th - 17th December, 1963.
 - b) Birmingham University, 20th - 21st April, 1964.
 - c) Imperial College London, December, 1964.
- 7) Letter from the Pergamon Press.
- 8) A National Film Catalogue.
- 9) The subject of biophysics (minute 63/14) - continuation of discussion.
- 10) Any other business.
- 11) Date of next meeting.

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The sixth meeting took place on Wednesday, 13th March, 1963 at 2.0 p.m. at the Faraday Society, 6 Gray's Inn square, London, W.C.1.

Present: Sir John Randall (Chairman)
Dr. S. Brenner,
Professor A.F. Huxley,
Dr. J.C. Kendrew,
Dr. P. Johnson,
Dr. R.D. Keynes,
Professor J.W.S. Pringle,
Professor 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 Professor J.J. Weiss.

63/11 International Organisation of Pure and Applied Biophysics

In response to an enquiry from Professor J.A.V. Butler, the names of the following persons were suggested, subject to their agreement, as suitable participants in the meeting organised by the Commission of Molecular Biology at Cold Spring Harbour, 7th - 13th June, 1963: G. Brown, A. Stretton, A.J. Rowe, G.N. Gosson, K.V. Shooter, P.M.B. Walker, J.B. Gurdon, J. Tooze, U. Loening, C. Bevan and Pateman (initials unknown). The Committee felt that no further approach could be made to the Wellcome Trust for travel funds, following discussions the Trust had had with the Meetings Secretary. The Secretary was asked to communicate the above to Professor Butler, and in addition to suggest the following topics for consideration by the Council of I.O. P.A.B. when it meets on 4th and 5th May. (1) Provision of 100% fares to participants in meetings of the Commissions. (2) Circulation of information on the courses available in various countries on Biophysics. (3) Circulation of general information about I.O.P.A.B. activities. (4) Circulation of advance information about National and International Meetings on Biophysics.

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International Organisation of Medical Physics

The Meetings Secretary reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Association of Hospital Physicists, concerning the formation of a National Committee in connection with the I.O.M.P. The Committee instructed the Meetings Secretary to write the view of the Committee, that the A.H.P. should approach the Royal Society for a decision on the Constitution of such a National Committee.

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Future Meetings:

Newcastle, 2-4th April, 1963

The Meetings Secretary reported on the detailed programme sent in by Professor Weiss. The Committee ruled that the Contributed Papers should be brought forward from the end into the centre of the programme, some being possibly incorporated in the symposia. Dr. Burge was instructed to contact Professor Weiss to this effect, and if this was not possible in his absence from England, to effect any necessary reorganisation to secure this result.

Chester Beatty Meeting on Electrophoresis, 7 & 8th May, 1963.

The Committee approved Dr. Ambrose's provisional programme as circulated.

King's College, 16 - 17th December, 1963

The Meetings Secretary reported that Dr. Brenner had agreed to organise the Symposium on Control Mechanisms. The Biochemical Society has agreed to collaborate, and the meeting will follow on their meeting at Leicester on 11-12th December. Dr. Brenner reported on his preliminary plans for a one-day Symposium and the Committee asked him to arrange to intercalate two half-day sessions of contributed papers. Dr. Brenner said he proposed to contact Professor Kornberg, the Biochemical Society Symposium organiser, and expected to secure a satisfactory division of speakers. The B.B.S. Symposium would deal with the "recognition elements in protein structure" and the Committee agreed that Professor Waddington should be asked to sum up the symposium with special reference to its possible applications to higher organisms. The Committee agreed that £100 should be made available

to bring two speakers from Paris and one from Copenhagen. It suggested that when available, a provisional programme might be sent to the Society of Experimental Biology with an invitation for contributed papers on implications for higher organisms.

Birmingham, 20 - 21st April, 1964.

Dr. Finean has agreed to proceed with the organisation of a meeting on Lipids and Cell Membranes.

Imperial College, December, 1964.

Professor Helen Porter has agreed to this proposal, subject to their last day of term (so far undecided) falling on 11th December, because of difficulties in booking accommodation.

63/14 The Function of the Society in relation to the future of Biophysics; the expansion of the subject and recruitment of Biophysicists.

Two main points emerged from an extended discussion, namely the need to influence on the one hand, the Treasury and U.G.C. with respect to the growth of facilities for teaching and research in Biophysics in the Universities, and on the other, to discuss with schoolmasters the content of school courses in biology, combination of biology with mathematics and physics, etc. It was suggested that one document might be prepared by a sub-committee which might be useful for both purposes. The country is favourably placed at present to hold a leading position in exploiting the results of molecular biology in the general field of biophysics, and it was suggested the document should discuss the expenditure necessary to achieve this objective.

It was agreed to have a further discussion at the next meeting, when members of the Committee could formulate their ideas in a more detailed fashion.

63/15 Six application for membership and three resignations were noted.

63/16 The next meeting was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1963.

J. Kendall