

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1963

Meetings of the Society

Four meetings have been organised since the last report and three of them were held.

1. University College, London 17th & 18th December, 1962

This meeting included two symposia on "Electron Microscopy and its Physical Aspects" and "Nuclear Structure and Function". There were two sessions of contributed papers. The meeting was attended by about 100 people and about 50 were present at the dinner on the 17th.

2. King's College, Newcastle, 2 - 4th April, 1963

This meeting included two symposia on Nucleic acids. These were "Physical and Physicochemical Aspects" and "Effects of Radiation". A number of sessions of contributed papers were held. About 90 people attended the meeting and about 60 were present at dinner on the 3rd.

3. Chester Beatty Research Institute, London, 7th & 8th May, 1963

The Society sponsored a symposium of invited speakers on "Cell Electrophoresis" organised by Dr. E.J. Ambrose. A display of apparatus was also arranged. About 60 people attended the meeting. The proceedings are to be published.

4. School of Pharmacy, London, 30th September, 1963

A one day meeting for contributed papers was organised but only one firm offer of a contribution was received. The meeting was therefore cancelled.

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Minutes of the ninth meeting of the Committee

The ninth meeting took place on Friday, 15th November, 1963, at 11.00 a.m. at the Faraday Society, 6 Grays Inn Square, London, W.C.1.

Present: Sir John Randall (Chairman)
Dr. S. Brenner
Professor A.F. Huxley
Dr. J.C. Kendrew
Dr. R.D. Keynes
Professor J.J. Weiss
Professor M.H.F. Wilkins
Professor D.D. Eley

Apologies for absence were received from Professor Pringle, Professor Burge and Dr. Walker.

63/34 The Chairman offered the congratulations of the Committee to Professor A.F. Huxley on his receiving the Nobel Prize for Medicine.

63/35 The Secretary reported that he had not yet written the Secretary of the Physiological Society about the W.B. Hardy Symposium. The Committee decided to ask Dr. R.P. Johnson to consider the nature of the Society's participation. For example, it might be possible to suggest a lecture by either Professor A.V. Hill, or failing him, Professor Roughton.

63/36 Meetings for Contributed Papers

There was a discussion on the reason for the failure of the recent school of Pharmacy meeting for Contributed Papers. It was decided to form a sub-committee to consider the matter, with the Meetings Secretary as Convenor, membership to be appointed from the new Committee at its first meeting in 1964. The new Style of Meeting Sub-Committee should keep in touch with the Summer School Sub-Committee in its deliberation.

63/37 Arrangements for the A.G.M., 2.15 p.m., Tuesday, 17th December

The date and time was confirmed. The Meetings Secretary was requested to circulate a card to the membership stating a last date for receipt of applications.

63/37 Committee Nominations for Officers

Professor Burge, Professor Eley and Dr. Walker were renominated as Meetings Secretary, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, respectively for 1964.

63/39 Committee Nominations for Membership of Committee

Professor Eley pointed out that he and Dr. Walker wished to resign their offices at the end of 1964. It was expected that Professor Burge would become Honorary Secretary, and nominations would therefore be needed, in one year's time, for Meetings Secretary and Treasurer. Therefore, new committee members should be recruited with this ultimate need in hand. The following names were proposed (order of priority):

- 1) Dr. D. Noble, Physiology Laboratory, Oxford
- 2) Professor J. Dainty, University of East Anglia, Norwich
- 3) Dr. W.B. Gratzer, King's College, London
- 4) Dr. D.C. Phillips, Royal Institution
- 5) Dr. D.R. Wilkie, University College London.

Dr. Keynes was asked to find out if Dr. Paley Johnson would accept a nomination in one year's time as Treasurer for 1965. If so, Dr. Keynes would then seek Dainty's agreement to be nominated. If not, it was proposed to omit Professor Dainty's name and approach Dr. Phillips. Professor Huxley was to approach Dr. Noble, and Professor Randall Dr. Gratzer. The Honorary Secretary was to be informed as soon as possible as to the outcome of these negotiations.

63/40 Draft Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer reported by telephone he was still waiting to hear from the auditors.

63/41 Draft Report of Meetings Secretary (appended)

This was approved.

63/42 Meeting at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, 16-17 December, 1963
Symposium on Control Mechanisms

Arrangements were virtually complete. There would be no dinner, no abstracts, no contributed papers, no lunch arrangements or coffee. Some notes by Dr. Brenner would be circulated.

It looked as though numbers might be about 200 at this meeting, from requests to date.

63/43 Future Meetings of the Society

- a) Birmingham University, 20-21st April, 1964: "Structural Organisation of Lipid-Containing Systems". (Joint meeting with the Biochemical Society)

Dr. Finean was Local Organiser and Dr. Hawthorne was acting for the Biochemical Society. Professor Burge and Dr. Finean are to meet soon to finalise the programme.

- b) Possible collaboration with the Physiological Society in the W.B. Hardy Commemoration, July 1964. Nothing further to report.

- c) Imperial College London, 8-9th January, 1964

"Morphogenesis and Differentiation in Relation to Cellular Fine Structure"

Sir John Randall agreed to explore the ground for a programme for this meeting and report to the next Committee Meeting via Professor Burge.

- d) Ref: Minute 63/21

To resolve a clash of dates the Meetings Secretary proposes the following:
Haemoglobin and Myoglobin, Cambridge, April, 1965.

Queen Elizabeth College, December 1965.

Resonance Techniques in Biophysics, Nottingham, April, 1966.

Genetic Code and the Origin of Life, December 1966.

Consideration of these suggestions was left for the first meeting in 1964.

63/44 Summer School Sub-Committee

Dr. Brenner reported that in 1964 he was partaking in:

- a) a three-day summer school for sixth-formers on "Molecular Biology", to be held in King's College, Cambridge.
- b) a three to four week summer school sponsored by the Italian Physical Society, organised by Dr. Levinthal at Varenna.

He was hoping to organise a three-week Phage Course during the Summer of 1965 in the Cambridge University Zoology Laboratory, for 20-30 people, estimated cost £2,000 plus, with possible support from industry, NATO, DSIR or the Wellcome Trust.

63/45 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to hold this at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th February, 1964.

MHF Welkin

J. Mendrew