

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 101st Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th January 1994 at 1.00 p.m. at the Biochemical Society, 59 Portland Place.

Present: K.Fox, D.Hukins, R.L Leatherbarrow, G.Moore, G.Roberts, M.Sansom, J.Thornton, A. Rees, A. North, S. Harding

Apologies for absence: W. Hunter, P. Bayley, L. Fisher

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Matters arising:-

- (1) ACTN reported that he has written to the Institute of Physics with respect to his resignation. There was discussion of possible alternative representatives for the IOP.
- (2) The Biophysical Chemistry subgroup of the Faraday Division of the RSC was discussed.

Honorary Secretary's Report.

- (1) It was agreed that a charge should be made for inclusion of details of a special issue of Faraday Transactions in the BBS newsletter.
- (2) A letter has been received from the British Joint Committee for Electron Microscopy concerning bursaries for attendance at the International Congress on Electron Microscopy next July in Paris. It was agreed that the BBS could support three such bursaries at £250 each.
- (3) Affiliation of the BBS with the Institute of Biology was discussed. It was decided to investigate the benefits of continued membership and to review before next September.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

It was reported that the handover to the new Honorary Treasurer (RL) was underway.

Honorary Meeting Secretary's Report

A detailed written report was tabled, and is appended to the minutes.

- 1) *December 1993.* DNA Structure and Recognition: 40 years on. 17th December. Organised by Julia Goodfellow and Stephen Neidle. Venue: Wellcome Trust, London.
This was reported to be a well organised and enjoyable meeting.
- 2) *January 1994.* Biological Mechanisms from Crystal Structures, 5 January, NIMR, organised by Peter Turner. Arrangements were well advanced. The BBS contribution had been fixed at £500. A full report will be presented at the next meeting.
- 3) *April 1994.* Structure and Function of Ion Channels, David Ogden & Mark Sansom, Liverpool. 14-15 April. A joint meeting with the ion channels group of the Physiological Society. Arrangements were underway. A budget would be sent to the Honorary Meeting Secretary as soon as possible.
- 4) *December 1994* Oligosaccharides, 19-20 December 1994

organised by Steve Homans and Liz Hounsell. This would be coorganised with the Molecular Graphics Society. A draft budget and programme were presented. There was discussion of how to reduce costs.

- 5) A one day meeting on *FTIR spectroscopy of biomolecules* had been proposed by Professor Dennis Chapman and Dr P. Haris. Early January 1995 was suggested as a possible time. A tentative list of speakers was tabled.
- 6) A joint meeting with the Biophysical Chemistry subgroup of the Faraday Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry was discussed for Easter 1995, on *Mechanical properties of macromolecules and tissues*. DWLH agreed to write to the Faraday Division concerning this.
- 7) *Future Meetings*.
 - (i) A possible joint meeting with the Australian Biophysical Society was further discussed. GCKR will write again to the Secretary of the Australian Biophysical Society concerning this.
 - (ii) Possible topics for the Dec 1995 meeting were discussed. JT and ARR agreed to explore the possibility of a meeting on protein structure, molecular recognition and signalling and to report back to the committee on this.

New Committee Members.

- 1) KF and DH had kindly agreed to be co-opted for 1 year.
- 2) Three further vacancies on the committee were discussed. GCKR agreed to contact possible new members and to find out whether they would be willing to be coopted in advance of the next AGM.

IUPAB

ACTN presented the need for nominations for the 6 IUPAB commissions. Suggestions were discussed and GCKR agreed to contact them and pass nominations onto the Royal Society.

Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11th May 1994, Biochemical Society.