

Minutes of the 126th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

22 May 2002, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
M Ferenczi
G Grant
S Harding
D Hornby
E Hounsell
P Malthouse
G Roberts
J Seddon
S Tilley
A Watts

Action

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from R Cross, J Helliwell, M Miles, A North, M Sansom, M Sternberg, A Wilkinson

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 4: The links on the BBS website have been updated.

Item 6: Tony Watts has identified possible candidates for archiving BBS documents.

Plans for the BBS medal are progressing. It was decided that residents of Ireland should be eligible for nomination.

Item 8: The Knowles meeting had been supported by the BBS.

Plans for an AFM meeting (Mervyn Miles) were progressing. An update will be sought at the next Committee meeting.

G Grant

Item 9: The IUPAB Congress proceeded smoothly, and the organisers should be congratulated for achieving this despite the economic difficulties. The potential for IUPAB to sponsor meetings in difficult circumstances was mentioned. The question of the value of IUPAB and whether BBS should continue to contribute was also raised.

Item 10: The IOB and UKLSC are continuing to lobby effectively for UK Science.

4. **Publicity Officer's Report (presented by Sarah Tilley)**

The BBS web site and "what is" pages are evolving steadily.

A new URL for the BBS would be obtained before switching to the new logo.

S Tilley

It was considered appropriate to incorporate flyers in the BBS newsletter.

The mailing list now stands at about 350.

The request from Bede scientific to link to our web site cannot be stopped. They would be approached regarding sponsorship of a scientific meeting.

S Tilley

5. **Secretary's Report (presented by Rob Cooke)**

The EBSA subscription is due. The committee was reminded that this has been raised to 2 Euros per full member.

R Cooke

6. **Treasurer's Report (presented by David Hornby)**

There have been recent difficulties with the accounts as the Bank of Scotland had lost the records, and access is required for the National Savings account.

The rebate from the Royal Society for the IUPAB subscription would be accelerated.

R Cooke

The Treasurer is working with Grant Thornton to simplify the ledger system.

The membership has recently increased by 25-30, not all of which are from meeting registrations.

An email list for members would be compiled. All messages using this list will be sent through the Publicity Officer.

**S Tilley/
D Hornby**

7. **Irish sub-section (presented by Paul Malthouse)**

Justin Molloy's lecture tour went well, although numbers were disappointing (approx. 30 in Dublin, 15 in Cork, 15 in Belfast). It was suggested that future tours be held before Christmas to encourage more student attendees.

8. **Honorary Meetings Secretary's Report (presented by Guy Grant)**

The MGMTS meeting in Bristol and the Bionanotechnology meeting in Oxford both went well. Neither cost the BBS anything.

The Knowles symposium was successful. The BBS supported the lecture by Kleinman.

The BBS is sponsoring Len Dutton at the Harden meeting.

Requests to sponsor speakers at meetings in St Andrews and Charnwood were approved. Guy Grant will negotiate with the organisers of each regarding registration fees and membership.

G Grant

The meeting organised by the Societe Francaise de Biophysique should be endorsed by the BBS rather than supported.

There was a recent meeting of the EBSA committee in Alicante to compile an agenda for the next congress

The Biochemical Society is organising itself into theme panels. Focus meetings offer a good opportunity for joint meetings. There is a possible focus meeting on intermolecular associations in 2D and 3D for June 2003; the BBS may wish to get involved. A letter would be drafted for the BBS chair to send to the Biochemical Society regarding links between the two organisations.

**S Harding /
A Watts**

An IBDG meeting is planned for January. The format of these is interesting and the BBS may wish to participate in future ones.

There is an RSC Biophysical group meeting on lipid biosynthesis in Southampton in December. The possibilities for BBS participation and hosting the AGM will be investigated. the also the possibility of an AFM meeting in May 2003.

J Seddon

If the AGM is not held at the Southampton meeting, the Charnwood meeting or the Easter mass spec meeting are possible hosts.

At the last EBSA meeting no decision was reached on whether or not Leeds should host the 2007 congress.

It may be necessary to move the mass spec or protein misfolding meeting from Easter to December 2003.

G Grant

A nucleic acid meeting was mentioned as a possibility for Easter 2004.

9. **Any Other Business**

The American Biophysics Society is providing funding through an outreach scheme. A link will be made from the BBS web site.

S Tilley

10. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 23 September 2002 at the Novartis Foundation, 41 Portland Place.