

Minutes of the 130th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

23 September 2003, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
D Hornby
E Hounsell
J Ladbury
M Miles
G Roberts
J Seddon
S Tilley
C Viegel
A Watts

Action

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from C Cooper, G Grant, S Harding, D Sheenan, M Walkinshaw

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Item 5: Substitute Royal Society for IOB in the first action.
Item 8: It was agreed to support the Woledge meeting with £500 not £50.

With these changes the minutes were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 3: Further BBS material will be sent to Tony Watts for archiving.

R Cooke

The cost of hosting a meeting with telecon facilities at the IOP was considered too expensive. The possibility of having the next meeting at UCL would be investigated.

J Ladbury

The Acrobat license has been purchased.

Item 9: Peter Knowles will be contacted regarding the possibility of hosting a GRC meeting at Ambleside.

A Watts

Further attempts will be made to contact Tony Rees.

A Watts

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

Web pages are up to date, including details of committee members. Two new *what is* pages (mass spec and liquid crystals) will be completed by the end of the year.

The BBS URL is currently on hold.

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

John Seddon would be nominated to the Royal Society as representative for the SUC.

R Cooke

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

The BBS accounts are about to be submitted.

The Treasurer will write to retiring members suggesting they will be converted to Emeritus status unless they object.

The amounts to be awarded as bursaries to attend meetings will be decided on the basis of travel distance by the Treasurer, up to a limit of £200 per bursary.

People who receive bursaries will be listed on the web page, and a report will be expected.

7. **Irish sub-section**

David Sheenan has arranged a tour by Mark Sansom for late 2003.

8. **Honorary Meetings Secretary's Report**

A joint meeting with the RSC Biophysical Chemistry group has been proposed by Malcolm Walkinshaw. The theme may be around protein-ligand interactions. Tony Watts will contact Malcolm, then John Seddon will liaise with Malcolm & Richard Templar.

A Watts/
M Walkinshaw/
J Seddon

The Nucleic acids meeting in Sheffield 4-8 April 2004 will proceed. During this meeting the BBS AGM will be held.

A meeting is planned for 20-21 May 2004 to mark the 50th anniversary of the sliding filament muscle hypothesis (following a meeting at the Royal Society). Support to a level of £1500 was approved.

BBS endorsement for the *Applications of Biocalorimetry* meeting (31 Aug – 3 Sep 2004) and eligibility for bursaries was approved.

BBS endorsement for the International Carbohydrate symposium and eligibility for bursaries was approved.

A joint meeting with the IBDG on *Metals in Biochemistry* has been scheduled for Jan 2005. The AGM could be held at this event.

David Neuhaus will be contacted regarding regular biological NMR meetings.

G Roberts

The David Trentham and Bionanotechnology meetings in 2003 attracted a healthy attendance.

9. **EBSA report**

The EBSA meeting in Alicante was successful. The BBS was represented by Wolfgang Fischer.

EBSA will be meeting in April to plan for the congress in 2007.

10. **UKLSC and IOB matters**

Liz Hounsell will stay on with the Biosciences Federation education group.

Liz Hounsell will contact Lynn Jones regarding membership of the Biosciences Foundation.

E Hounsell

Liz Hounsell and Rob Cooke will forward emails to Tony Watts who will formulate a response on behalf of the BBS.

**E Hounsell/
R Cooke/
A Watts**

The BBS will withdraw from membership of the IOB.

R Cooke

11. **Nomination of Honorary Members**

David Trentham and Louise Johnson were recommended for Honorary membership. Tony Watts will contact them before the AGM.

A Watts

12. **AOB**

It was suggested that, where possible, future committee meetings should be associated with scientific meetings.

R Cooke

13. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 14 January 2004 at the Novartis Foundation, 41 Portland Place.