

# Minutes of the 131st Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

14 Jan 2004, 1.00pm

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## MINUTES

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

### Action

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from S Harding, D Sheehan, M Miles, M Walkinshaw

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Item 10:** Lynn Jones should be replaced by Glyn Jones

With this change, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

**Item 3:** A room at UCL could not be booked for this meeting, but with sufficient notice it should be possible to book future meetings.

R Cooke/  
J Ladbury

**Item 6:** The guidelines for awarding bursaries to students wishing to attend BBS associated meeting will be modified to indicate that up to £200 can be awarded. The award of bursaries shall be at the discretion of the Honorary Treasurer

S Tilley/  
D Hornby

**Item 8:** David Neuhaus is no longer in charge of the NMR DG. The new organiser will be contacted regarding regular biological NMR meetings.

G Roberts

**Item 10:** Glyn Jones has sent through details of the Biosciences Federation.

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

The next Biophysics profile will be focussed on Gordon Roberts.

G Roberts

The Meetings page on the web has been updated.

The application for a BBS web site is still pending. Alternatives will be investigated.

**S Tilley/  
D Hornby**

The list of Honorary members will be updated to indicate those who are deceased, and those who are Nobel laureates will have links to their biopic.

**R Cooke/  
S Tilley/  
D Hornby**

It was agreed to allow links to academic jobs sites such as jobs.ac.uk and academicjobseu.com

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

Nothing to report.

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

PayPal has been set up to collect subs from foreign members at minimal cost.

The status of payments to IUPAB and rebates from the Royal Society will be checked

**R Cooke/  
D Hornby**

7. **Irish sub-section**

Mark Sansom's trip went well.

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

More meetings are required.

The Nucleic acids meeting in Sheffield will include a Biophysics day, during which the BBS AGM will be held.

Mike Blackburn is organising an RSC meeting at the end of June with Biophysics as a major theme. A speaker has been requested. Details will be circulated.

**D Hornby**

The Jean Hanson meeting in May is proceeding, and will be co-promoted with the Royal Society meeting.

The Swedish Biophysical Society will be contacted regarding a possible joint meeting post-2004.

**G Grant**

Dean Myles (ILL, Grenoble) was suggested as a speaker for the Edinburgh meeting.

The use of the BBS logo for the Applications of Biocalorimetry meeting was approved.

The Mass Spec community in Yorkshire will be contacted to investigate the possibility of holding a meeting in Summer 2005, possibly joint with the Biochem Soc.

**D Hornby**

The meeting on Protein Dynamics & Function in Leicester (provisionally Jan 5-7 2005) will be underwritten by the BBS to a limit of £1500, and is eligible for bursaries. The question as to whether it is joint with the IBDG or not will be resolved.

**G Roberts**

The next EBSA congress will be held in late Summer 2005. The possibility of hosting a satellite meeting in London will be explored.

**A Watts**

The concept of a "Young Biophysicists' Forum" received support, and will be developed for the next meeting.

**G Grant**

A meeting for 2006 on Photosynthesis was suggested.

A request from the British Radiofrequency group to support a speaker at the Ray Freeman retirement meeting in June 2004 was approved.

The question as to whether the BBS should sponsor meetings more of interest to the general public (e.g. weak field effects, nanotechnology, protein misfolding) was discussed.

The Committee reaffirmed their interest in participating in a GRC meeting. Peter Knowles will be contacted.

**A Watts**

The EBSA executive will be meeting in April, at which time the 2007 Congress will be discussed.

9. **The UK Biosciences Federation**

The IOB and Biosciences Federation (BSF) have been active with consultation documents.

BBS representation at the next BSF meeting is desirable.

BBS membership of the BSF will be progressed up to a level of £1 per member

**E Hounsell**

10. **AOB**

Concern was expressed over the profile of Biophysics and its lack of prominence with funding authorities. Research grants which cover the area of Biophysics will be examined to see whether the amount of funding is appropriate for the size of the community.

**J Ladbury**

Applications for the BBS medal will be judged by David Hornby, Gordon Roberts and Tony Watts.

Relevant university departments will be mailed inviting applications for the medal.

Colin Kleanthous and Carol Robinson were suggested as possible new Committee members. Rob Cross will be approached to see whether he is happy to continue as a Committee member.

**R Cooke**

11. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 11 May 2004 in the Cruciform Building, UCL.