

# Minutes of the 136th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

15 September 2005, 1.00pm

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## MINUTES

Present: R Cooke  
C Cooper  
M Ferenczi  
G Grant  
D Hornby  
E Hounsell  
J Ladbury  
G Roberts  
D Sheehan  
J Seddon  
S Tilley  
C Veigel

### Action

Mike Ferenczi was thanked by the Committee for organising the meeting room and lunch

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from A Rodger, M Walkinshaw, A Watts

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to record that John Ladbury had not received details concerning Centreparks. With this change the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

**Item 7:** It was considered there is nothing appropriate for the BBS to support at the next Biochem Soc meeting.

4. **EBSA Congress 2007**

The recent EBSA/IUPAB congress in Montpellier proceeded successfully. IUPAB may change their direction to more high power scientific meetings. The Biophysical Society has now joined IUPAB at category 1, in addition to the IUPAB adherence by their national association.

The dates of the 2007 EBSA congress have been moved to July 15-18 (delegates arrive on the 14<sup>th</sup>).

It is necessary to populate organising committees and identify themes and speakers.

An organising committee was suggested: Mike Ferenczi (chair), David Hornby, Rob Cooke, Gordon Roberts, John Seddon, Sarah Tilley, Tony Watts, Tony Wilkinson.

A scientific committee was suggested: Tony Watts (chair), Claudia Veigel, John Ladbury, Guy Grant, Gordon Roberts, John Seddon, Liz Hounsell.

EBSA would be requested to provide additional members of the scientific committee.

**R Cooke**

The following were suggested as plenary speakers and/or session chairs: John Walker, Matthias Mann, Jean Marie Lehn, Robert Balleman, Steve Block, Jonathon Howard, Dave Delpy, George Whitesides, Tim Richmond, Raymond Dwek, Tony Ryan, Dave Stuart, Tom Blundell, Janet Thornton, Carol Robinson, Walter Blackstock, Anne Dell, Julia Goodfellow, Sydney Brenner, Richard Henderson, Nigel Unwin, David Phillips.

Lecturers should also come from the BBS and EBSA.

Lord Sainsbury should be considered for the opening address.

Tim Burgis was suggested to help out with the web site.

Mike and Sarah will liaise over images for a conference poster.

**M Ferenczi /  
S Tilley**

It was suggested that London-based scientists may volunteer to host visitors.

Some suggestions were made to include school students and/or their teachers, but it was agreed that any such activities should not be a distraction from the main purpose of the meeting.

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

At the next AGM a proposal will be made to change the requirement for new members to be nominated by two existing members to one existing member.

The next newsletter will be slightly delayed. David Hornby will be the subject of the next profile.

An outstanding bill with Birkbeck needs to be resolved.

**S Tilley /  
D Hornby**

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

John Seddon will be nominated for the Scientific Unions Committee.

**R Cooke**

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

Accounts have been finalised for submission to the accountants.

8. **Irish sub-section (presented by Dave Sheehan)**

The last lecture of the tour by Nigel Scrutton went well. The lecturer for the next tour (scheduled for February 2006) will be confirmed.

**D Sheehan**

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

A small report is required for the Harden meeting.

**C Veigel**

The BBS medal will be presented at the Response to DNA Damage meeting at Sussex.

Preparations for the cryo EM meeting are proceeding well. It was agreed to give one year's BBS membership to bursary recipients.

The photosynthesis meeting will take place in December.

A RSC/IBDG meeting on Metals and Radicals – Spectroscopic Insights will take place on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Queen Mary College. A BBS lecturer will be underwritten to £500.

Michael Overduin will not be organising an NMR meeting for Spring 2006, but one will be hosted by Iain Campbell and Tony Watts.

The summer school on Physics of Molecular Machines in Les Houches in May 2006 will be underwritten by the BBS to £2000. The organisers will contact David Hornby to arrange payment.

**C Veigel**

EBSA was identified as another source of funding, and publication in EBJ should be considered.

**C Veigel / A Watts**

The Applications of Biocalorimetry meeting in Zaragoza in July was endorsed by the BBS.

The Committee repeated its support for a Young Biophysicists meeting and encouraged John Ladbury to pull together a firm proposal.

**J Ladbury**

The Walkinshaw/Brady meeting on Molecular Simulations should be considered for an EBSA satellite.

A speaker will be supported at the Harden conference organised by Sheena Radford in 2007.

Colin Reynolds has expressed interest in organising a meeting on Chromatin in Liverpool in 2008, to coincide with its designation as city of culture.

The concept of a joint meeting with Spanish and Portuguese Biophysical Societies in 2008 was supported in principle.

It was agreed not to support the FASEB meeting, but students could apply direct to the BBS for support.

10. **Biosciences Federation**

Richard Dyer has been appointed CEO of the BSF.

The BSF has produced a response to the RAE. Any comments should be sent to Liz Hounsell for compilation.

All

11. **Honorary Members**

Nominations for Honorary membership should be sent to Rob Cooke, for discussion at the January committee meeting.

All

12. **AOB**

It was agreed that students for the microelectrode techniques workshop can apply for bursaries (max. £200 each).

13. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at Imperial College.