

**The 167th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society, held from
9.00 am – 12.00 pm on Friday 22nd January 2016 at the Edinburgh International
Convention Centre, Ochil Suite**

Edited Minutes

Date: 22nd January 2016

Present: Anthony Watts (Chair), Tharin Blumenschein (Secretary), Guy Grant (Meetings Secretary), Jeremy Craven (Treasurer), John Sanderson, Ehmke Pohl, John Seddon, Robin Leatherbarrow and David Scott.

1 Apologies: Gordon Roberts, Tuomas Knowles, Mark Wallace, Mark Leake, Rob Cooke, Svetlana Antoniuk and Syma Khalid.

2 Approval of Minutes of the 166th meeting

The Minutes were accepted without changes.

3 Matters Arising

We need to check that Mark Wallace was ratified by the IoP as their representative in the BBS committee.

Action: Tharin to contact Mark and confirm

It would also be good to find an RSC representative, from the Chemistry Biology Interface Division or from the Biophysical Chemistry Group.

Action: Tharin to contact Prof Rob Field, from CBID

Action: John Sanderson to ask RSC about BCG

4 Chairman's Report (Anthony Watts)

The Chairman's main activity between September 2015 and January 2016 has been working on organising the 2017 IUPAB/EBSA/BBS/IoP Congress, with an organising meeting, with all those involved taking place later today.

The committee thanks Anthony Watts for getting the organisation of the Congress so well advanced at this point.

5 EBSA/IUPAB Activities (John Seddon/Gordon Roberts)

EBSA – the committee has not met since September, so there is nothing to report.

IUPAB – Gordon Roberts was not able to attend this meeting to report.

6 IOP Activities (Mark Wallace)

The IoP is involved in the organisation of the 2017 IUPAB/EBSA/BBS/IoP Congress, and joined the BBS at the first scientific planning meeting in Luton, in September 2015.

7 Secretary's Report (Tharin Blumenschein)

Received emails from the organisers of the ResoN8 meeting, asking for sponsorship; and from the IoP, asking if we would be interested in co-sponsoring the "Physics Meets Biology 2016" meeting. We agreed on both accounts.

The (American) Biophysical Society is organising the first ever Biophysics Week, for 7th – 11th March, and invited other societies to take part. The committee decided that the BBS should take part, and encourage all efforts to organise events in the UK. Towards that goal, £50 grants from the BBS will be available for local travel, when necessary, to organise those events.

The BBS will also send daily emails to our members during Biophysics Week.

Actions: Tharin to reply to the Biophysical Society
John Sanderson to email newsgroup

8 Treasurer's Report (Jeremy Craven)

Accounts for 2014-15 have been prepared and shown to the committee. The finances look healthy in advance of the 2017 IUPAB/EBSA/BBS/IoP Congress.

9 Meetings Secretary's Report (Guy Grant)

2016

11th January: ResoN8 NMR Meeting. University of Liverpool
Poster prize sponsored, we should ask for a report from the recipient.

11th – 12th April: Astbury Conversation. Leeds (Sheena Radford)
Bursaries are available for two talks selected from abstracts. Tony will take the BBS banner and postcards.

Action: Tony Watts

6th – 8th July: BBS Biennial Meeting, Liverpool.

Being organised by Svetlana, plans are well advanced. We should produce some promotional material to be distributed. Session chairs still need to be chosen, committee members should volunteer to do it. Chairs will not have an organisational role in the sessions.

Jeremy will talk to Svetlana about finances, and Guy will talk to her about publicity.

The budget for travel bursaries to the BBS meeting is £500, in principle. Poster

prizes will also be paid directly by the BBS to the meeting.

Actions: Svetlana Antoniuk, Jeremy, Guy,
all (for chairing sessions)

December: Protein-protein interactions, self-assembly and aggregation, London one-day meeting.

Action: Tuomas Knowles, all

2017

16th – 20th July: Joint IUPAB / EBSA / BBS / IoP Congress, Edinburgh.

Action: all

John Sanderson is planning to organise a satellite meeting:

The Interplay Between Membrane Physics and Protein Activity (working title).

- Number of attendees approximately 100
- Start Friday 21st July 2017, lunchtime, end Sunday 23rd July lunchtime.
- 2 plenaries, one at start, one at end.
- 6 sessions, five oral, one poster:
 - Membrane Mechanics
 - Leaflet Asymmetry
 - Lipid Composition and Protein Activity
 - Phase Behaviour
 - Membrane Protein Topology
 - Posters will cover all these topics be visible throughout and next to coffee area. Each session will have oral presentations from a leader in membrane science and a leader protein science (30-40 min), plus shorter talks from PGs/PDRAs.

December: a one-day meeting to be organised, volunteer required.

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July: BBS Biennial Meeting, Southampton.

Action: Syma Khalid

There's also the potential for a joint meeting with the Belgian Biophysical Society, in Brussels, in the Spring.

Action: Tony and John Seddon to discuss with Belgian Biophysical Society

Another possibility is a joint meeting in Brazil, with funding from the BBSRC.

Action: Tony to apply for funding once his BBSRC grant starts

10 **Newsletter/Publicity Officer** (Syma Khalid/John Sanderson)

Nothing to report.

11 **Website** (Mark Wallace)

We should consider including teaching resources on the website.

12 Membership (Ehmke Pohl)

Nothing to report.

13 Irish Sub-section (Dave Sheehan)

Nothing reported.

14 BBS Medal

We have received few nominations so far; the deadline will be extended, and nominations will be sought. The medal selection panel will be composed by Guy Grant, Ehmke Pohl and Tharin Blumenschein.

15 Honorary Members (Anthony Watts)

We will need more suggestions for 2016.

Action: all

16 Archival of the BBS website

The Bodleian Library has asked about archiving the contents of the BBS website, since they now hold the archive for the minutes. The suggestion was approved, and the websites will be archived by them without any further action required from the committee.

17 Membership of the Royal Society of Biology

The BBS has been contacted and asked if we would like to become members of the Royal Society of Biology. We are in principle interested in the idea.

Action: Tony to contact them

18 AOB

1. Emails for key people from the Research Councils have been added to our newsgroup.
2. The committee decided that the BBS will send congratulations to Cait MacPhee, on being appointed CBE for her services to women in Physics.
3. The BBS has been asked about sponsorship for a Gordon Conference, but the committee decided against it.

19 Date of Next Meeting

In the second week of May 2016, in London. Exact date to be agreed depending on availability of committee members.