

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

The 48th Meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.30p.m. on Monday April 26th 1976 in the Seminar Room, King's College, Drury Lane, London.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 47th Meeting of the Committee (previously circulated)
3. Matters Arising:
 - 76/8 Biophysics for undergraduates - Professor Phelps to report
 - 76/9 Response to enquiry from Royal Society about general administration of the British Biophysical Society - Treasurer to report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Letter from Dr. Smart regarding meetings devoted to general communications - copy of letter attached.
6. Meetings Secretary's Report
7. European Crystallography Meeting, Oxford 1977 - Dr. Blundell to report
8. Physical Biochemistry Group Report
9. Reports from Representatives
10. International Classification for Physics subjects - letter from Prof. Depireux attached
11. Any Other Business
12. Date of Next Meeting

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The 47th Meeting of the Committee was held at 14.30 on Tuesday, January 6th, 1976 at Imperial College, London in the Department of Physics.

Present: Professor W. Fuller (in the Chair)
Dr. M. E. J. Holwill (Meetings Secretary)
Dr. D. J. Cove
Dr. R. A. Crowther
Dr. P. Eagles
Dr. G. Offer
Professor C. F. Phelps
Dr. R. Pike
Dr. S. P. Spragg

Apologies for Absence were received from Professor Pain, Professor March, Drs. Harrison, Highton, Miller and Watson, and Dr. Blundell.

76/1 The Chairman welcomed Drs. Crowther, Eagles and Pike to the Committee as new members.

76/2 The Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Committee were approved and signed by the Chairman.

76/3 The Report on the Annual General Meeting given by the Chairman was accepted by the Committee.

76/4 Election of Chairman

Dr. S. P. Spragg was proposed by Professor Fuller, seconded by Dr. Holwill and elected unanimously.

76/5 Treasurers Report

In a letter to the Chairman, the Treasurer noted that he had nothing to add to the report presented to the Annual General Meeting.

In reply to a question from Professor Phelps, the Chairman said that subscriptions from members joining at a Meeting were included in the Meeting Account.

76/6 Meetings Secretary's Report

(i) The Winter Meeting 1975 on 'Structure and Function of Membranes' had been very successful with 350 registered participants. Between 40 and 50 people were refused registration because of oversubscription, but all those refused had submitted application forms which arrived more than one week after the advertised registration deadline.

The final financial outcome of the Meeting was not known, but there should be a reasonable excess of income over expenditure.

(ii) Spring Meeting 1976. Professor Clarke and Dr. Ferscht were continuing their organisation of this Meeting. The Meetings' Secretary reported that a grant of £200 had been

received from the Royal Society in respect of this Meeting and it was hoped that other funds might be provided from industrial sources. Because of rising costs it was agreed that the subscriptions for this Meeting should be £5.00 for members and £6.50 for non-members.

- (iii) Winter Meeting 1976. To avoid coinciding in time with the December Meeting of the Biochemical Society and because of accommodation difficulties, the dates of the B.B.S. Winter Meeting have been altered to 21st-22nd December 1976. It was agreed that this meeting should occupy two full days.
- (iv) Topics for future Meetings. Dr. Holwill agreed to organise a meeting on cell motility in non-muscular systems to be held in December 1977.

Other Meeting subjects suggested were aspects of Neurobiology, Sensory perception, Drug-Protein interactions, Chromatin structure, Genetics.

- (v) Venue for London Meetings. It was generally accepted that Queen Elizabeth College was a convenient venue, but concern was expressed at the standard of overnight accommodation for invited speakers. For future meetings it was agreed that invited British speakers should be given hotel accommodation. The C.I.B.A. Foundation usually provided overnight accommodation for invited overseas speakers.

76/7 Physical Biochemistry Group Report

Dr. Spragg reported that the December Meeting on Dielectrics organised by Drs. Suggett and Sheppard had been successful.

Dr. Miller is organising a Meeting on Photo-electron Spectroscopy in Loughborough on 12th April 1976. A meeting of the same title planned for 1975 was postponed as other Meetings of interest to members were to be held at the same time.

Dr. Peacocke is organising a one-day meeting on Thermodynamics in Biochemistry to be held on 20th December 1976.

Dr. Spragg noted that he was retiring as secretary to the group. The new secretary is Dr. J. Miller of Loughborough.

76/8 Biophysics for Undergraduates

Professor Phelps presented a paper entitled Biological Teach-ins for Undergraduates which summarised preliminary informal enquiries he had made into possible ways to interest undergraduates in biophysics. The responses from people with biophysical interests in various universities were encouraging. The teach-in would take the form of a 4 or 5 day meeting in either the Summer or the Christmas vacation in a place which offered opportunities for good walking. Mornings and evenings would contain lectures and discussions, leaving the afternoons free. The exercise should be directed towards 2nd year students as it was felt that 3rd year students were pre-occupied with examinations. 2-5 students from each participating university would attend the meeting, giving a total of about 100. The students would be selected by their own inclinations or volitions. In addition

to the students and lecturers it would be useful to have people from relevant industries, ex-students with 1-2 years postgraduate experience and a pastoral member of staff from each university. The possibility of funding the venture from the Biochemical Society, B.B.S. and vacation grants was mentioned.

After some favourable discussion of the paper the committee gave its full support to a proposal that Professor Phelps should explore the project more formally.

76/9 Any Other Business

The Chairman reported that he had received from the Royal Society an enquiry (being sent to all learned societies) about the general administration of the B.B.S. He would be discussing this further with the Treasurer.

76/10 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held at 14.30 in the Biochemical Society Offices on April 27th, 1976.

J.P. Spragg