

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Committee held on Friday, 4th January 1980 at the Biochemical Society Rooms.

Present: Dr. M.J. Holwill: in the Chair
Dr. G.L. Kellett: Secretary
Dr. S.D. Dover: Meetings Secretary
Professor C.F. Phelps: Treasurer

Dr. P. Bayley, Dr. R. Dwek, Dr. P. Goodford, Dr. R. Henderson
Prof. B. Jennings, Prof. A. Keller, Prof. A.C.T. North.

Apologies: Prof. D. Chapman, Prof. P. Harrison, Dr. P. Knowles, Dr. D. Pees,
Prof. D. Wilkie.

80/1 The Minutes of the 58th Meeting were approved and signed by the
Chairman.

80/2 Membership of the Committee

The composition of the Committee for 1980 was circulated with
the Agenda. The Chairman welcomed the new member, Dr. P. Bayley.
It was noted that a Secretary for the Physical Biochemistry group
was needed.

80/3 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Biophysics Booklet

Professor Phelps presented alternative designs for the
booklet cover and asked for comments.

(b) May Circulation

Re minute 79/22a: The Secretary reported that the Biochemical
Society were prepared to put out our circulation in May
rather than July.

80/4 Report of the Secretary

The Secretary reported that the Royal Society had formally invited
the Committee to nominate a representative to the Steering
Committee of the IUPAB Congress to be held in Bristol 1984.
See minute 80/6 below.

80/5 Report of the Meetings Secretary

(a) The Meetings Secretary reported that it had been decided
at the Annual General Meeting that Christmas meetings should
be held alternately at Imperial College and Queen Elizabeth
College.

(b) Easter 1980: 'Electron conduction'

Professor Phelps presented the draft registration form and
fees of £10/£18/£20/£2.00 were approved. Professor Phelps
noted that £1500 had already been raised.

(c) December 1980: 'Nucleic acids: interactions with drugs and carcinogens'

Dr. S. Neidle was present for this item. The programme had been broadened as requested and, after some discussion, the title was changed from the original one to the one above. Dr. Neidle agreed to raise funds for this meeting.

(d) Easter 1981: 21st Birthday Meeting

Professor North presented detailed proposals for the meeting. Concern was expressed over the timing of the meeting in relation to the FEBS meeting in Edinburgh and Professor North agreed to investigate further.

(e) Future Meetings

It was noted that 'Trigger Processes in Biology' had not yet been formally adopted as the topic for Christmas 1981. The Secretary reported that Dr. Knowles would present further proposals at the next committee meeting. New ideas for future discussions would be welcomed and are needed.

80/6 Report of the Treasurer

- (a) The financial statement previously presented at the AGM was discussed briefly
- (b) It was agreed that the Biophysics Seminar on Ribosomes to be held in Lancaster this Easter would be underwritten to the sum of £250 and that there would be a joint financial fund for this and the meeting on Electron Conduction.
- (c) It was agreed that any decision on the administration of the membership list should be postponed until it was known what steps the Biochemical Society were going to take on the introduction of word-processors.
- (d) The following new members were elected to the Society.

Bartels, E.M.	Dr. Biophysics Group, Oxford Research Open University.
Basketter, D.A.	Mr. Unilever Research, Colworth House.
Bayne, S.	Dr. Fachbereich Biologie Univ. Konstanz, West Germany.
Chapron, Y.P.C.	Dr. Biophysics Unit Babraham Cambridge
Fefferd, R.J.W.	Dr. Unilever Research, Port Sunlight, Wirral, Merseyside.
Mannherz, H.G.	Dr. Max Plank Institute Heidelberg, West Germany (Jahnstr 29).
Sellwood, R.	Mr. ARC Inst. for Research Animal Diseases, Compton Newbury.
Sim, E.	Dr. Dept. Biochemistry, University of Oxford.
Thornhill, B.A.	Dr. Dept. Zoology & Comp. Physiol, University of Birmingham, U.K.
Worcester, D.J.	Dr. Dept. Physics, O.E.C. London.
Wray, D.A.	Dr. Dept. Pharmacology, Royal Free Medical School, London.


80/6 - IUPAB Congress 1984

Dr. Holwill provisionally agreed to represent the Society until 1984 on the Steering Committee for the IUPAB Congress. Concern was expressed, however, that the terms of reference for the Steering Committee and Scientific Committee were unknown and that their composition, especially that of the Scientific Committee, were less representative of British Biophysics than they might be. The Secretary was asked to raise these matters with the Royal Society.

80/7 The Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 14th April at 2.00 p.m. in the Biochemical Society Rooms.

G.L. Kellett
10th January 1980.


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