

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Committee held on Monday, 14th April, 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

Dr. P. Bayley, Prof. P. Harrison, Dr. P.F. Knowles,  
Prof. A.C.T. North, Prof. D. Wilkie.

Apologies: Prof. D. Chapman, Dr. R. Dwek, Dr. R. Henderson, Prof. F. Jennings,  
Prof. A. Keller, Prof. C.F. Phelps, Dr. D. Rees.

80/8. The Minutes of the 59th Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

80/9. Matters arising from the Minutes

IUPAB Congress, arising from Minute 80/6

The Secretary reported that the Royal Society in a letter from its Executive Secretary very willingly had offered the Biophysical Society one additional representative on each of the Scientific and Steering Committees for the IUPAB Congress and had outlined the functions of the Steering Committee. The Chairman reported that Professor Phelps and Professor R.H. Pain were prepared to act as representatives on the Steering and Scientific Committees respectively for a period of four years and the Committee approved their nominations.

80/10. Report of the Secretary

The Secretary reported a request from the Master of Darwin College, Cambridge for financial support for the Darwin Centenary Conference, 1982. The Committee felt unable to meet the request since any support of this type should now be reserved for the IUPAB Congress.

80/11. Report of the Meetings Secretary

(a) Easter 1980: 'Electron Conduction'

The report on this meeting was deferred until next time.

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

Dr. Dover reported that arrangements were well in hand and that funding was good. Accommodation would be at Imperial College.

(c) Easter 1981: 21st Birthday Meeting

Professor North reported that the dates for this conference would be Thursday, 25th to Saturday 27th March, immediately before the FEBS international meeting. Several speakers had already accepted invitations and replies were expected from others soon.



(d) December 1981: Trigger Processes in Biology

Dr. Knowles presented a draft programme and the topic was formally adopted for the December, 1981 Meeting.

(e) Future Meetings

The Meetings Secretary reported that he had received the following suggestions for future meetings: 'Bilayer lipid membranes' from Dr. Lee of East Anglia and 'Energetics of Molecular Associations' from Dr. Geddes of Leeds. The Committee asked Dr. Dover to request draft programmes for these topics so that the suggestions could be explored further.

80/12. Membership of the Committee

Dr. Knowles proposed that Dr. S. Geddes of Leeds should be nominated by the Committee for election to the Committee at the next AGM. The Committee concurred.

80/13. Report of the Treasurer

In the absence of Professor Phelps, this was deferred to the next meeting.

80/14. Accountability of the Society's Representatives

Concern was expressed that the Society's Representatives were often not Committee members and often did not meet or report to the Committee for very long periods. The Committee therefore agreed that its representatives should attend in person and submit a short, written report at the April Committee meeting.

80/15. The Status of Sub-Groups

(a) Techniques Group: The Committee was no longer certain whether the Techniques Group was set up as a joint-group with equal membership of the Biochemical and Biophysical Societies or as a Biochemical Society Group with one representative of the Biophysical Society. Dr. Bayley agreed to investigate.

(b) Physical Biochemistry Group: This group has not had a Secretary and has had no meetings for more than a year. It was agreed that the fate of this group should be discussed when the status of the Techniques Group had been clarified.

80/16. European Database for Electron Micrographs

The Chairman reported Professor Burge of Queen Elizabeth College had written to him asking for collaboration in setting up a European database for electron micrographs. The Committee decided that it wished to take no action in the matter.

80/17. Any Other Business

Dr. Dover asked again for suggestions of amendments to the poster list.

80/18. The Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30th September at 2.15 p.m. in the Biochemical Society Rooms.

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17th April 1980.

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