

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Agenda for the 76th Committee Meeting

to be held on Friday, November 1st at 2.15pm
at the Biochemical Society, Warwick Court,
High Holborn.

1. Matters arising from minutes of the 75th Committee Meeting.
2. Institute of Physics Representation on the B.B.S.
3. Report from the Honorary Secretary.
4. Report from the Meetings Secretary.
5. Report from the Honorary Treasurer.
6. Future Meetings.
7. Consideration of committee for 1986.
8. Any Other Business.

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17th October, 1985.

MINUTES OF THE 75TH COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY, HELD
ON 3RD JUNE, 1985 AT THE BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY
HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON.

Apologies for Absence: Professor Grant, Drs. Greenwood, Morris, Offer.

Present: Professor Atkins, Drs. Bayley, Beddell, Eisner, Goodfellow, Hladky, Itzhaki, Lips, Neidle, Rattle.

- 85/13. No matters arising were reported from the minutes of the 74th Committee Meeting.
- 85/14. Report of the Meetings Secretary. Dr. Bayley reported that 80-85 people attended the Norwich meeting, which was jointly organised with 'Eurage'. The provisional accounts of the meeting (not presented) were reported to be close to being balanced, with sponsorship of £3500. 30 participants paid the full £25 registration fee. Dr. Goodfellow reported on the discussion meeting organised by Dr. P. Poole at Birkbeck College on 'bound water'. 70 people attended, and it brought together crystallographers and spectroscopists. Total expenses amounted to £72. In view of the success of this meeting, it was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Dr. Poole.
- 85/15. The poor attendance at the AGM in Norwich was discussed. The suggestion that it be moved back to a London meeting of the Society was accepted nem. con.

- 85/16. Treasurers report. The current account of the Society has £650 in credit, with £15,000 in reserves. Dr. Rattle proposed that the subscription of £4 (which has been held since 1972) be raised to £8 or £9. It had been £2 from 1961-72. It was resolved that the benefits to members of the BBS be more widely disseminated. Dr. Rattle reported that the membership records would shortly be transferred to Portsmouth, and put on a data base.
- 85/17. Dr. Goodfellow presented a discussion document describing a new style of BBS meetings, which produced considerable debate. Issues raised included that of publication of proceedings, joint meetings with the Biochemical Society, and industrial sponsorship. It was widely felt that such meetings could be in addition to, rather than replacing, the existing formats.
- 85/18. Future BBS meetings. The December meeting at King's College, London being organised by Professor Simmons will have the first day devoted to muscle proteins, and the second to cross-bridge action. There will be six USA speakers, one European and five from the UK. Sponsorship is being pursued. The financial projects presented indicate a healthy budget. Accommodation for the meeting will be at the Wellington Hall. The registration costs agreed were for a three-tier system of £30 / £20 / £5. A poster session is envisaged, together with a conference dinner and possibly an industrial exhibition. In view of the 25th Anniversary of the Society,

a special Society Dinner could well be appropriate. The meeting was formally approved by the committee.

The proposed April 1986 meeting is being organised by D. Lilley and S. Neidle. It was agreed that they would finalise dates and venue by the end of the month. Dr. Lips reported that he has contacted Dr. M. Miles regarding the proposed polymer group meeting. £3000 in sponsorship funds have already been collected: the organisers wish to append the BBS name to the meeting, and for it to be notified to the membership. It will take place in July 1986 at Cambridge, and will be a two day meeting. Professor Atkins and Dr. Lips spoke in favour of the meeting. The committee decided to support the meeting.

The December 1986 slot is still unfilled, it was reported. Dr. Rowe had been asked to supply revised proposals, but had not as yet replied. It was felt that, as earlier presented, they were not sufficiently concrete. The committee felt as well that this slot should be for a London meeting.

Dr. Goodfellow reported that the discussion meeting on 14th November, 1985 at Daresbury is being supported by SERC, who will pay speakers' expenses. A meeting in February/March 1986 at the Rutherford Laboratory is being planned.

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Dr. Lips suggested 'physical methods for characterising biopolymers' as a future topic.

Dr. Bayley reported that the German Biophysical Society would be pleased to collaborate on a joint meeting in December 1987.

85/19. It was reported that Professor Grant wished to stand down as IOP representative. A discussion was held on the need for this representative, and it was pointed out that the BBS does not have representation on the polymer physics Group. It was resolved that Professor Grant be asked for his views.

85/20. Any Other Business. Dr. Goodfellow introduced a new poster distribution list. Dr. Bayley introduced the subject of VAT; he mentioned that the Oxford 1984 meeting had avoided some VAT payments.

It was resolved that Dr. Beddell would be the BBS representative on the Molecular Enzymology Group.

85/21. The next meeting was provisionally set for mid-October, possibly the 18th.

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