

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Agenda for the 78th Committee Meeting

to be held at 2.00pm on Friday, 2nd May 1986,
at the Biochemical Society, Warwick Court, High Holborn.

AT THE BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY, HIGH HOLBORN,

LUNCH AT 2.00PM.

Apologies for absence: Drs. Callan, Greenwood and Phillips.

Present: Professors Ashles and North; Drs. Bayliss, Seddell, Elwood,

86/9 Matters arising from minutes of the 77th Committee Meeting.

86/10 Report of Secretary.

86/11 Report of Meetings Secretary.

86/12 Treasurer's Report.

86/13 Future Meetings.

86/14 Any Other Business.

86/15 Date of next meeting.

86/4 The Meetings Secretary reported on the successful December meeting, and presented a document to the committee. The meeting was well attended, and made a net profit of £207. Dr. Goodfellow was congratulated by the committee for her major role in ensuring the success of the meeting. A letter of thanks will be sent to Dr. P. Bennett.

Stephen Neidle

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Accounts were MINUTES OF THE 77TH COMMITTEE
 1984/85 MEETING OF THE BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY,
 HELD ON FRIDAY, 10TH JANUARY 1986,
 AT THE BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY, HIGH HOLBORN,
 LONDON AT 2.00PM.

Apologies for absence: Drs. Gadian, Greenwood and Phillips.

Present: Professors Atkins and North; Drs. Bayley, Beddell, Eisner,
 Goodfellow, Hladky, Lilley, Lips, Morris, Neidle, Offer and Rattle.

- 86/1 New Committee members were welcomed, in their absence.
- 86/2 The Minutes of the 76th Committee Meeting were approved.
- 86/3 The Honorary Secretary reported that letters regarding postgraduate training had been sent to the SERC.
- 86/4 The Meetings Secretary reported on the successful December meeting, and presented a document to the committee. The meeting was well attended, and made a net profit of £387. Dr. Goodfellow was congratulated by the committee for her major role in ensuring the success of the meeting. A letter of thanks will be sent to Dr. P. Bennett.

The Daresbury discussion meeting, with about 40 participants, was felt to have been a success. £192 was spent on it.

It was decided that Dr. Beddell will take over responsibility for

86/5 Treasurer's Report.

Accounts were presented; these showed a deficit of £3304 for 1984/85. It was pointed out that subscriptions thus needed to be raised. The BBS accountants had highlighted the need for meetings accounts to be self-contained and clear. Professor North queried the 'unaudited' nature of the accounts; this will be investigated by Dr. Rattle. The VAT position regarding the Society was discussed: in general, the BBS cannot be registered for VAT, and thus cannot claim VAT paid.

The increased subscription has to date produced 160-170 completed Bankers Order forms. To date, only half the existing membership had responded. The others will be written to. Dr. Rattle estimates that about a third of the membership will not renew. The guidance of the committee was sought regarding overseas members: of 120, only about 30 pay membership subscriptions. It was resolved that a letter be sent asking overseas members what their wishes are, and that the BBS should continue to keep them on the mailing list even in cases of hardship when dues could not be paid.

86/6 The list of future meetings was circulated. The April 1986 meeting on 'DNA Structure and Gene Expression' had its registration fees set at £25 for members and £35 for non-members.

It was reported that the July 1986 meeting is now being finalised, and that ample funds have been obtained.

86/8 The December 1986 meeting on 'Biological NMR' will be one-day long. Its finances will be finalised at the next committee meeting.

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discussion meetings. Support has been requested for a meeting in Wales on 'Chaos in Biological Systems', but was deferred for further discussion pending more details.

Professor North spoke about the proposed Leeds meeting in 1987, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Astbury Department. After some discussion and suggestions, it was resolved that Professor North will come back to the committee with precise dates and a possible programme.

86/9 Dr. Bayley reported that the Anglo-German meeting has been
86/10 postponed until 1988.

86/11 The meeting proposed by Drs. Harding and Rowe was discussed. The
86/12 committee was still uneasy about various aspects, and it was
86/13 finally decided to support only a one-day meeting on hydrodynamics,
86/14 in conjunction with a Biochemical Society meeting.

86/15 Topics proposed for future meetings included New microscopies
(Offer), biosensors (Morris), cell surface receptors, drug
receptors (Beddell), fibrous macromolecules.

86/7 Any other business.

Professor North agreed to revise the 'Why Biophysics' booklet. #

Professor Atkins will write to the Biochemical Society to express
condolencies on the death of their Chairman.

86/8 The next meeting was set for 2nd May, 1986.

Stephen Hiddle
29th April, 1986