

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE 79TH COMMITTEE MEETING,

HELD ON FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1986.

Apologies for Absence: Professor Atkins, Drs. Hladky, Offer and Morris.

Present: Professors Greenwood and North. Drs. Bayley, Eisner, Gadian, Goodfellow, Greenwood, Lilley, Lips, Neidle, Phillips and Rattle.

86/16 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 78th Committee Meeting.

86/17 These minutes were approved.

86/18 Honorary Secretary's report.

The sole correspondence received during this period concerned discount rates for 'Annual Reviews in Biophysics'. There was some discussion as to whether the scheme should be administered by the BBS or by the Biochemical Society on its behalf. The Secretary volunteered to administer a 'pilot scheme' for the BBS.

86/19 Treasurer's Report.

Current membership is 474 UK-based and 137 overseas. The updated membership list is now available. Over half the membership now pays the new rate by standing order. Advice was sought on direct debiting: we are too small a society for this. The status of the BBS is 'a society governed by its AGM'. It is not a registered

charity, and it does not need to have professional audit. Grant Thornton expensive (£250 pa), but do offer advice. Current turnover is £4000-5000 per annum. The question of 'unaudited accounts' was discussed; it was decided to continue with these. The accounts will be presented at the AGM, and will be published in the newsletter. The question of VAT charged for meetings was also discussed. The treasurer stated that in order for VAT exemption for meetings to be obtained, it was necessary for the local organiser to be a member of the body concerned. The treasurer reported that the society is now registered in accordance with the Data Protection Act, and this will be announced in 'BBS News'.

86/20 Meetings Secretary's Report.

The April 1986 meeting made a profit, and accounts for it were presented.

The July newsletter with the announcement of the July meeting was delayed in mailing, due to problems at the Biochemical Society. Apologies are to be sent to Mervyn Miles.

The 'Chaos in Biological Systems' meeting in Cardiff (December 8-10th, 1986) was discussed. It was decided not to offer support, but to advertise the meeting.

The society has representation on the Harden Conference Planning Committee, although attendance by BBS representatives has been low, (3 in 8 years). There was some discussion on future BBS participation, and it was decided that Dr. Lilley would serve as the BBS representative for the next year or so.

86/21 Future Meetings.

The December NMR meeting is progressing well with £300 sponsorship money.

A detailed programme was presented for the April 1987 meeting.

Bursaries are to be offered to young scientists.

Preliminary program and costings were presented for the December 1987 meeting. After discussion on the content, it was decided that it should be recommended that the coverage of fluorescence microscopy and electron microprobe analysis should be increased, and "other microscopies" topics should be brought into the middle of the program. The Great Hall at King's College was felt to be too expensive, except if sponsorship could be found.

The July 1987 Leeds meeting will be on Friday 10th. Ex-members of the Leeds Biophysics Department to be speakers:- E. Atkins, R.D. Preston, H. Morris, A. Watts and present members. The meeting will be low-cost. Professor North will provide a more detailed program, and the BBS will offer £250 for support.

Dr. Beddell reported that for April 1988, Drs. Lilley (Sheffield) and Jones (Newcastle) may organise a meeting on drug-receptor thermodynamics and kinetics. An outline program will be presented.

The Anglo-German meeting might be held in December 1988; more information will be sought on a biosensors meeting in 1989.

86/22) The AGM will be held during the December meeting, and a sherry

86/23) reception will be organised for it. The Honorary Secretary announced his intention to retire at the AGM. Dr. Goodfellow was

nominated in his place and Dr. Phillips to succeed her.

Nominations were sought for the committee vacancies. S. Neidle and P. Garland (Unilever) were nominated by the committee. After discussion, Drs. Ferenczi (NIMR), Cull-Candy (UCL), Hukins (Manchester), were chosen and would be approached by S. Neidle.

86/24 Professor North introduced some discussion regarding contacts that he had with the Egyptian Biophysical Society. It was decided that it would not be appropriate to link up with them in a formal sense.

86/25 Any Other Business.

The Committee was reminded to submit suggestions on the "Why Biophysics" booklet to Professor North.

The next meeting was set for Friday, 16th January 1987, when a light lunch will be provided.

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