

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 80th Committee Meeting held on Friday 30th January 1987

Present: Professor North, Drs Bayley, Beddell, Cull-Candy, Ferenczi, Gadian, Goodfellow, Hukins, Neidle, Rattle and Phillips.

Appologies for Absence were received from Professor Greenwood and Drs Hladky and Morris.

87/1 JMG welcomed the new committee members who were Dr. S.G. Cull-Candy (University College), Dr M.A. Ferenczi (NIMR) and Dr D.W.L. Hukins (Manchester University).

87/2 Professor A.C.T. North was elected to chair the BBS.

87/3 The Minutes of the 79th committee meeting were approved.

87/4 *Matters Arising:*

The committee thanked those members whose term ended in 1986 and Professor E.D.T. Atkins who had chaired the BBS for the previous two years. ACTN to send letters indicating our thanks for their efforts.

PB asked for clarification of our representation on the Harden Committee. It was confirmed that Dr. David Lilley (Dundee) would be our representative for the next year although he was no longer on the BES committee. It was decided to review our representation on committees at the next meeting in May.

PB queried the ad hoc arrangements of choosing new officers of the Society. It was agreed to review this with a more general discussion of the rules of the Society. HWER is to circulate copies of the Society's rules to all committee members.

ACTN reported that revision of the 'Why Biophysics?' booklet was still in progress.

It was decided that the Society could not pay for a speaker to attend a conference organised by the Egyptian Biophysics Society (EBS) as the Royal Society National Committee for Biophysics was the relevant committee from whom to ask for support. ACTN would investigate further whether a joint meeting of the BBS and the EBS was possible under the auspices of EBSA on his next visit to Cairo. SEVP is to write to the EBS on behalf of the Society.

87/5 *Secretary's Report*

The 26th AGM took place at 1.30pm on Friday 12th December 1986 at NIMR, London. The four nominees for ordinary committee members (Drs Cull-Candy,

Ferenczi, Hukins and Neidle) were elected. Drs Goodfellow, Phillips and Rattle were elected as Honorary Secretary, Meetings Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

S.N. reported on the success of the Winter Meeting organised by Dr. J. Feeney at NIMR. A letter of thanks had been sent.

The Royal Society and the Physiology society have both given £10,000 for travel to IUPAB in Jerusalem. JMG agreed to circulate membership when the deadline for applications was known.

87/6 Meetings Secretary's Report

The BBS agreed to sponsor the meeting in honour of Professor Gutfreund who had been an early member of the BBS by donating £250 for young scientists.

JMG agreed to check on reduced subscription to Quarterly Reviews in Biophysics and to circulate information to membership as requested by Cambridge Journals.

JMG reported on initial negotiations with the Biochemical Society to extend the secretarial and clerical assistance given to the BBS.

The Winter meeting was a success with an attendance greater than 120 and a small profit of £55 on a one day meeting.

87/7 Treasurer's Report

The accounts until June 1986 were presented at the AGM. They showed that we have nearly recouped the money donated to the IUPAB congress in Bristol. Our total assets are presently around £20,000. Standing orders for membership subscriptions are still being received.

87/8 Future Meetings

The final program and budget for the Spring 1987 meeting in Cambridge were approved with recommendation to the organisers to be flexible in giving bursaries to young scientists.

The 25th Anniversary of the Astbury Department of Biophysics meeting had very low outgoings and ACTN asked that the £250 from the BBS be used to support young scientists.

A provisional program and budget for the Winter 1987 meeting was presented. £1000 had been received from the Royal Society and a further £950 from industrial sponsorship. The final scientific program is to be presented at the next committee meeting. A discussion on modern optical microscopy led to the suggestion of this topic as a possible one day discussion meeting.

Initial arrangements for a joint Anglo-German meeting on membranes in April (6-10th ?) 1988 were presented. JMG agreed to write to Eric Sackmann confirming the BBS's intention of going ahead with this meeting. Drs Joyce Baldwin (LMB), Stephen Hladky (Cambridge) and Professor Richard Cherry (~~Kent~~) (Essex) were suggested organisers.

CB had contacted Drs Lilley (Sheffield) and Jones (Newcastle) about the drug-receptor kinetics/thermodynamics meeting. They expressed a preference for Spring 1988 but this was now unavailable because of the joint Anglo/German meeting. It was agreed that Lilley and Jones be asked for a provisional program and for their preference as to December 1988 in London or Spring 1989 in Sheffield.

CB also suggested a Dr. Vadgama (Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle) as a possible organiser of a meeting on Biosensors. The committee agreed that he should be asked to provide an outline program

Further discussion on topics for meetings included the following:

Intracellular Ions (DGG)
Applications of Cage Compounds (MF)
New Medical Imaging Techniques including positron emission tomography
ultra sound and laser doppler (DDG)
Anglo/French Meeting (SEVP)
Channels (SCC)

Further details of these topics to be presented at the next meeting.

A discussion of the style of BBS meetings was started with the possibility of including more review/educational meetings with more contributed papers as well as the current highly specialised topics.

87/9 HWER and SN agreed to look at the rules of the Society and suggest appropriate revision. The committee agreed to affiliate to the Foundation for Science and Technology at the London Science Centre (City University) as they can advise on legal and financial matters.

87/10 PB reported on the new discussion meetings organised under the auspices of the Harden Committee.

87/11 The next meeting of the BBS is to take place on *May 15th 1987 at 1.0 pm at the Biochemical Society*. Items for inclusion in the agenda to be sent to JMG by Friday 8th May, 1987. DGG to organise lunch.,

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15th May 1987