

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 82nd Committee Meeting held on Tuesday November 17th 1987  
at 1.0 pm at Birkbeck College, London.

Present: Professors North, Drs Bayley, Beddell, Ferenczi, Gadian, Goodfellow, Hladky, Hukins, Rattle and Phillips.

Apologies for Absence were received from Professor Greenwood, Drs Cull-Candy and Neidle

87/22 The Minutes of the 81st committee meeting were approved.

87/23 *Matters Arising:*

PB clarified the situation over the publication of Quarterly Reviews of Biophysics. Volumes 19 and 20 are being published in 1987. Cost per volume is only £36 to individuals.

87/24 *Secretary's Report*

It was decided to print and distribute the November newsletter from Birkbeck College using local printers and the clerical assistance of students.

MF volunteered to attend a meeting called by the Institute of Biology to discuss the setting up of a centre for biology in London.

It was agreed that a letter/article on ARMS should be published in the next newsletter

In reply to Professor Noble's letter about 1993 IUPS meeting in the UK, SC-C, MF, DG and SH were to be nominated as contacts between the Physiological Society and the BBS. The BBS is to offer to distribute information on Save British Science to members.

PB and HWER/JMG to attend discussion on response to ABRC report on Science

ACTN is to talk to President of AUT regarding the current state of Biophysics in the UK.

ACTN agreed to prepare item on Biophysics courses for next newsletter.

87/25 *Treasurer's Report*

HWER reported that the Society's accounts had been prepared in draft form and showed a net excess of income over expenditure of £2000 for financial year 1986/1987. The day to day expenses were covered by the subscription so there was no need to increase this. BBS membership stood at just under 500 in the UK and 137 overseas. It was necessary to discuss possible investments for £8000 with Grant-Thornton. Next newsletter to include statement on overseas members paying by International Postal Order for more than one year at a time.

87/32 AGM

The 27th AGM is to be held at Kings College London on Monday Dec 21st at 6.0 pm. Agenda to include reports by officers of the Society, nominations for 3 new committee members, proposal for Professor R. Keynes to become an Honorary member. The problem of increasing the number of members who attend the AGM was considered important as the society is an unincorporated Committee governed by articles of association responsible to the AGM.

87/31 Nominations

It was decided to nominate three new committee members from the following:

Either Dr Bordas (MRC, DL) or Dr Unwin (LMB)

Either Dr Clark (Unilever) or Dr Pardon (British Biotechnology)

Dr Fox (Southampton)

Dr Lea (UEA)

Dr Jones (Hammersmith PET)

Other names to be recorded for future discussion included Dr Irving (King's London), Dr Sternberg (Birkbeck, London), Dr Stuart (Oxford), Dr Roberts (Leicester) and Dr Tranter (Wellcome).

It was decided to ask the AGM to allow HWER to continue to stand as Honorary Treasurer even though he has officially been in office for five years.

87/26 Meetings Secretary's Report

The committee agreed to use the £250 given to Professor North for the 25th Anniversary of Astbury Department of Biophysics Meeting to pay the meeting's small deficit of £210.62. The organisers of the meeting in Bristol in honour of Professor Gutfreund thanked the Society for its sponsorship.

87/27 Future Meetings

The organisation of the winter 1987 meeting was going well. Hall accommodation has to be finalised by Nov 20th. Unilever has agreed to give £300 for bursaries. There will be 8 or 9 trade exhibitions.

Spring 1988 (Membranes) Meeting has definite list of speakers and provisional budget. Posters were about to be printed and distributed.

Biosensors Meeting (Winter 1988) is to be held at UCL. SEVP is to write to organisers about the size of lecture theatre, luncheon arrangements and program. Registration fees set at £30 and £40 for members and non-members respectively. Sponsorship versus increased registration fees for industrial participants was discussed.

April 1989 (Drug-Receptor Interactions). Dr. T. Lilley (Sheffield) is to be invited to attend January Meeting to discuss program.

A meeting on Medical Imaging was proposed by DG. This could be either 1 or 2 day meeting possibly at Royal College of Surgeons.

The provisional program for meeting on Cage Compounds was tabled by MF. Again, this was suitable for either one or two day meeting.

Anglo/French Meeting (1990). SEVP in discussion with Jean Garnier for meeting on Molecular/Immune Recognition to be held in South of France.

87/28 *EBSA*

ACTN reported on EBSA assembly at IUPAB in Jerusalem. A newsletter is to be printed twice a year.

PB reported on EBSA workshops and how BBS should support travel for young UK scientists to attend these.

87/29 *Representation on Committees*

Discussion deferred until next meeting

87/30 *Rules of Society*

HWER is to produce paper for next meeting.

87/33 *AOB*

ACTN reported on the first Egyptian/British biophysics conference which included five UK speakers.

The committee agreed to coopt SH onto the committee until after the Spring 1988 meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 6th January, 1988.

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6th Jan 1988