

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 83rd Committee Meeting held on Wednesday January 6th 1988  
at 1.0 pm at Birkbeck College, London.

Present: Professors North, Drs Clark, Cull-Candy, Ferenczi, Fox, Gadian, Goodfellow, Hladky, Hukins, Neidle, Rattle and Phillips.

Apologies for Absence were received from Professor Greenwood, Drs Bayley and Bordas

88/1 ACTN welcomed the two new members of the committee who were present

88/2 *The Minutes* of the 82nd committee meeting were approved.

88/3 *Matters Arising:*

ACTN initiated a discussion on the poor attendance at the AGM which had been scheduled for 6.0 pm on December 21st 1987 after the afternoon session of the meeting on 'Modern Microscopies'. This session had overrun by more than one hour. All organisers of future meetings are to be warned about the importance of keeping sessions to time. As a result of the AGM being inquorate, the committee decided

(a) To provisionally adopt the accounts and appointment of auditors until the next AGM.

(b) To co-opt new Committee members until the next AGM

(c) To allow officers to continue in office until the next AGM

(d) To consider publishing a list of members and their addresses as done by other societies.

JMG reported that the 'ad hoc' arrangements to produce and circulate the newsletter cost just under £500. It was agreed to continue with this until the administration at the Biochemical Society improved.

The committee thanked MF for attending the meeting called by the Institute of Biology to discuss a Biology Centre in London. JMG is to ask Biochemical Society for their reaction to this proposal.

The committee thanked PB for attending the meeting on the ABRC report on UK Science base.

ACTN agreed to produce list of Biophysics Courses for next meeting.

It was agreed that Professor Keynes would be elected as an Honorary member of the BBS.

88/8 *Representation on Committees*

The following was agreed:

Royal Society National Committee for Biophysics: Secretary (ex-officio)  
Dr S. Hladky  
Dr S. Neidle

Royal Society National Committee for Biochemistry: Dr K. Fox

Biological Council: Meeting's Secretary

British Joint Committee for Electron Micro.: Dr S.D. Dover

Biochemical Journal Editorial Committee: Professor C. Greenwood  
Dr David Gadian

Harden Conference planning Committee: Dr P. Bayley

Molecular Enzymology Group: Dr C.R. Beddell  
Dr J.M. Thornton

Biochemical Society (Techniques Group): Dr H.W.E. Rattle

BCA Biol. Structures Group: Dr S.E.V. Phillips

88/9 *Rules of the Society*

HWER and SN had amended the Rules of the Society. Copies were distributed to committee members for discussion at the next meeting

88/11 *Date of Next Committee Meeting*

The next committee meeting will be at 1.0pm on Tuesday 3rd May, 1988 in room EB15 at Birkbeck College.

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88/4 *Secretary's Report*

JMG presented the Honorary Secretary's report for 1987 which would be published in the newsletter together with those from the Meetings Secretary and Treasurer.

88/5 *Meetings Secretary's Report*

SEVP reported that the Christmas 1987 meeting on 'Modern Microscopies' had around 90 participants and went well except for the timing of some talks. ACTN mentioned that a book of abstracts for each meeting was useful.

The organisation of the Spring 1988 meeting on 'Membranes', to be held at Selwyn, was proceeding well. The college had imposed a deadline for accommodation. Abstracts for talks would be available from S.H.

SEVP had received no reply from the organisers of the Christmas 1989 meeting on 'Biosensors' because of the holiday period.

88/6 *Treasurer's Report*

HWER presented the audited accounts for 1987 which will be published in the February Newsletter. The Society is to invest around £6,000 in a national savings investment account.

88/7 *Future Meetings*

The proposed meeting on 'Drug Receptor Interactions' will not take place as Dr Lilley is unable to organise it for Spring 1989. Two options exist for Spring 1989. These are the anglo/french meeting on molecular recognition and DG's proposed meeting on physiological and medical imaging (possibly to be held at Selwyn). DG and SEVP empowered to decide which meetings goes ahead for Spring 1989.

MF proposed a discussion meeting on 'Cage Compounds' scheduled for 21st July, 1988 to be sandwiched between meetings at the Royal Society and Physiological Society. The committee agreed to registration fees to include lunch, tea and coffee of £20 for members and £30 for non-members and a budget of £250 as usual for discussion meetings.

SN proposed a discussion meeting on 'DNA bending' which is to be scheduled for May or June at ICR. SN agreed to take over organisation of discussion meetings as CB has left the committee.

*A. G. Brown*

*3rd May 1988*