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## BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 88th Meeting held on Thursday 26th October 1989 at 1.0pm at Birkbeck College, London.

Present: HWER, SEVP, DH, AC, PB, KF, SN, JMG + DG

Apologies for absence: ACTN, GR, GM, JB, MF

89/11 The minutes of the 87th Committee were approved.

89/12 Matters Arising

89/7 IOP new Biophysics J. BBS participation in this journal was discussed again.

89/8 PB suggester we terminate discussion of this item for the present.

89/16a Future Meetings

DG reported on the arrangements for the December 1989 meeting. The program was finalized. Sponsorship has been received from Picker, Heydon and Oxford Instruments (£450) and has been promised from some others. The committee agreed to underwrite student bursaries.

89/13 Honourary Secretary's Report

- 1) JMG reviewed the changes made by the Royal Society to the British National Committees. The BBS committee was upset that the last meeting of the BNC had not taken place even though the question of representation on the new Internal Relations Committee needed clarifying. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Royal Society asking for clarification.  
It was agreed to nominate JMG, PB and SN to attend IUPAB assembly as it was expected that Professor Fuller would attend anyway and to propose Professor W Fuller to be a vice-president of IUPAB.
- 2) The BBS agreed to fund a small number (5) bursaries of £200 for students to attend the International Congress in Vancouver.
- 3) JMG reported on the Biochemical Society's response to the Government's green paper on funding in higher education.
- 4) It was agreed to pay the increased subscription of £45 to the

BJCEM but not to give studentships.

- 5) It was regretted that we could not afford to support the Internal Meeting on Magnetic Resonance in Biology as the Society's finances were not strong. Secretary is to write to Gordon Roberts.

89/14 Treasurer's Report

It was reported that the BBS is running at a constant deficit of £200 in current account. It was agreed that some of the National Savings certificates should be converted. It was also agreed that the finances of our April and December meetings should be closed after 3 months and any debts collected by the BBS itself.

89/15 Meeting Secretary's Report

- 1) December 1988: The final £584 profit is still to be paid to BBS (although £1000 had already been transferred).
- 2) April 1989: BBS input to this meeting is around £1,200. The French have a profit of £4000 which cannot be transferred to the UK. This money is to be deposited in a French bank account for use at future meeting in Marseilles area. (See future meetings).
- 3) Discussion Meeting September 1989

The committee noted that there had been only marginal interaction with BBS over this meeting. The organisers had also got sponsorship from sources which we approach for our main meetings. It was agreed that this should be discouraged.

89/16 G Future Meetings

- 2) April 1990: Protein Folding and Assembly.  
The program for this meeting is nearly finalized. The budget is healthy.
- 3) "Neutrons in Biophysics". This meeting has been postponed.
- 4) December 1990: "Nuclear Acid Structure". This meeting is to go ahead organised by K Fox and S Neidle. It will be based in Southampton and will have mainly UK participants. It is scheduled for 18-19th December.
- 5) April 1991: "Membrane Receptors".  
Dr J Findlay (Leeds) has agreed to organize this meeting which will be joint with Molecular Enzymology group.

- 6) Dr A Rowe (Nottingham) asked the committee to consider a joint meeting on proteins...protein interactions on 8/9 April 1990. This was decided <sup>against</sup> because of Finlay's meeting.
- 7) December 1991: Protein Design.  
SEVP is to write to Professor T L Blundell about organising such a meeting at Birkbeck.
- 8) April 1992: Joint Anglo/French meeting was <sup>suggested</sup> ~~proposed~~ on 'Calcium Binding Proteins' to be held at Marseilles.

89/17 New Officers and Committee Members

Both JMG and SEVP tendered their resignations. KF was nominated as the new Honourary Secretary. MF is to be approached as new Meeting's Secretary. AC offered if Mike was not willing to stand.

It was decided to approach:  
Dr G Taylor (Oxford, Bath),  
Dr N Barkakoti (Roche Products), and  
Dr W Lieb (IC) to see if they would be willing to be nominated. SEVP agreed to be nominated for 2 years. It was also agreed that we co-opt Professor W Fuller to the committee due to the reorganisation of Royal Society Committees. The appointment of a vice-chairman was postponed.

89/18 The AGM

The AGM is to be held at 2.0pm on Wed 20th Dec at Royal College of Surgeons.

89/19 AOB

SEVP is to be BBS representative to EBSA in Vancouver.

89/20 Next meeting on 20th Dec 1989 at 3.0pm. Place to be confirmed.

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