

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

The eighth meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, 30th September, 1963 at 10.30 a.m. (before the Society Meeting at 11.30 a.m.), at the Medical Research Council Laboratories, Mill Hill.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the seventh meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. Proposed Summer School in Biophysics (letter for the Nuffield Foundation).
4. Royal Society Meeting on "Scientific Publications", 13th June, 1963.
5. Meeting for Contributed Papers at Mill Hill, 30th September, 1963.
6. Future Meetings of the Society;
  - a) King's College, London 16 - 17th December, 1963,
  - b) Birmingham University, 20 - 21st April, 1964,
  - c) Imperial College London, December, 1964.
7. Any other business.

NOTE: Since only 50 minutes is available for this meeting it was agreed that only the most urgent matters requiring Committee assent should be brought up under any item.

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Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Committee

The seventh meeting took place on Wednesday, 22nd May, 1963 at 2.30 p.m. at the Faraday Society, 6 Gray's Inn Square, London, W.C.1.

Present: Sir John Randall (Chairman),  
Dr. S. Brenner,  
Prof. A.F. Huxley,  
Dr. R.D. Keynes,  
Prof. M.H.F. Wilkins,  
Dr. R.E. Burge (Meetings Secretary),  
Dr. P.M.B. Walker (Treasurer),  
Prof. D.D. Eley (Hon. Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. P. Johnson, Professor J.W.S. Pringle, Dr. J.C. Kendrew and Professor J.J. Weiss.

63/17 It was reported that none of the members listed in minute 63/11 had in fact received invitations to attend the Cold Spring Harbour Meeting in June 1963.

63/18 Newcastle Meeting 2nd - 4th April, 1963

The Hon. Secretary reported: About 80 - 90 people attended, 60 attending the dinner and about 60 staying in the Eustace Percy Hall. The DNA symposium was very successful, with an excellent discussion. Attendance at the contributed papers, and to see the excellent "flys-eye" demonstration was poor. Shortcomings in the last respect could be partly attributed to last minute unscheduled alterations in programme. It was recommended that unscheduled alterations should be avoided in future meetings. Professor Baddiley's after-dinner lecture was a great success, and this feature can well become a permanent part of our formal meetings.

63/19 International Symposium on Cell Electrophoresis, 7th - 8th May, 1963 at the Chester Beatty Research Institute

The Secretaries reported: The purpose of this meeting was to bring together workers in the field of cell electrophoresis in various parts of



the world, also to draw the attention of biophysicists to the applications of the method. We were successful in finding speakers from nearly all the main centres of research. The subjects covered were, techniques of cell electrophoresis, the mobility of blood cell, cells from normal and tumour tissues, adsorption and transformation of cells by viruses, adsorption of antisera on cell surfaces, the electrophoresis of sperm, bacteria, plants cells and isolated cellular particles. The standard of presentation was high and good discussions were held on most of the papers.

About 60 people attended. It is intended to publish the proceedings. The authors and Messrs. J and A Churchill have agreed to the arrangements.

63/20 Session for Contributed Papers

It was agreed to continue to include sessions for contributed papers along with symposia at formal meetings.

In addition it was agreed to hold one day meetings from time to time in London, for this purpose alone.

The Meetings Secretary was asked to arrange a meeting for contributed papers in London at 11.30 a.m. on 30th September, at Mill Hill or failing this venue, Birkbeck College, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Bedford College or the Middlesex Hospital.

63/21 Future Meetings

a) King's College, London, 16th - 17th December, 1963.

Symposium on Control Mechanisms.

Dr. Brenner reported he had secured a satisfactory division of speakers with Professor Kornberg. There was no overlap in material with Kornberg's Biochemical Society Symposium on Microbial Adaptation. Either Jacob or Monod would give the Introductory Lecture. Other speakers would be Cohen, Mahler, Perutz and Brenner.

It was agreed that Dr. Brenner should invite a number of ten-minute contributed papers on cognate subjects, and that he should approach Professor Waddington.

- b) Birmingham University, 20th - 21st April, 1964  
Symposium on Lipoproteins.

Dr. Finean has agreed to be local organiser. Dr. Finean, Dr. Burge and Professor Saunders were meeting next week to discuss the programme.

- c) Imperial College, December 1964

The date of end of term is still unknown.

The further additions were tentatively made to the programme, after Dr. Keynes had explained the arrangements for the I.O.P.A.B. meetings in Paris, 22nd - 27th June, 1964. (The two commissions concerned were:

- (1) Communications and Control, (2) Cell and Membrane Biophysics.)

- d) Symposia on (i) Low Angle X-ray Scattering,

(ii) Stereochemistry of Macromolecules

at Queen Elizabeth College, London (Dr. Burge) to be held in April, 1965.

- e) Genetic Code and the Origin of Life (Dr. Brenner) December, 1965.

- f) Resonance Techniques in Biophysics (Professor Eley) Nottingham April, 1966.

The Chairman stressed the need to organise meetings well forward in time, so as to secure bookings of lecture halls and halls of residence.

63/22 Future Informal Meeting

It was agreed to hold a one-day meeting on Ribosomes in September, 1964.

63/23 Membership List

It was agreed to send a copy of this, at a charge to be decided by the Treasurer, to the Pergamon Press, following a request.

It was also noted that there was one resignation, and seven additions.

63/24 A National Film Catalogue

The Press Release on this matter was noted.

63/25 The Subject of Biophysics - a continuation of 63/14

It was agreed there is a shortage of suitably qualified Molecular Biologists to take up University posts available at present.



After a lengthy discussion the Secretary was asked to write to the Nuffield Foundation to ask if they would sponsor and finance a three-day Summer School to selected undergraduates and others on "Molecular Biology and Biophysics". The Society would provide the lecturers. The letter to the Foundation was to explain that Professor Wilkins would be willing to talk to them about the idea of the Summer School.

Failing the above, it was agreed to suggest a joint, one-day meeting with members of the Science Masters Association.

63/26 Contact between Scientific Societies

Professor Wilkins agreed to represent the Society at a meeting on 13th June called by the Royal Society, of officers of learned societies to discuss "Scientific Publications".

63/27 The next meeting was fixed for 10.30 a.m., 30th September, 1963 to precede the meeting for Contributed Papers.

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