

Minutes of the 129th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

16 May 2003, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
C Cooper
M Ferenczi
G Grant
D Hornby
E Hounsell
M Miles
J Seddon
S Tilley
M Walkinshaw
A Watts

Action

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from S Harding, J Heliwell, G Roberts, M Sternberg

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 3: Disks of archived material have been created. Duplicates will be sent to the BBS Secretary.

A Watts

Minutes of the most recent BBS meeting only will be posted on the web site.

S Tilley

The Biochemical Society does not provide telecon facilities. The IOP is being visited directly after this meeting.

R Cooke

Item 5: An Acrobat license will be purchased asap and Sarah will apply to David for re-imbusement.

S Tilley

Item 8: David Sheenan has been asked whether he could act as the Irish representative.

Item 9: The website has been updated to indicate BBS sponsorship of speakers.

The possibility of a joint meeting with Swedish biophysicists will be discussed in June

G Grant

Item 10: Julea Butt has been nominated for the EBSA medal.

4. **Publicity Officer's Report (presented by Sarah Tilley)**
- Updates from BBS members and local profiles should be encouraged. The first to be tried out will be Edinburgh.
- Nature and Physics world will be notified about the BBS medal.
- S Tilley /
M Walkinshaw
- S Tilley
5. **Secretary's Report (presented by Rob Cooke)**
- Mike Ferenczi (Rob Cooke as alternate) would be nominated to the IOB to be representatives of the SUC
- R Cooke
- Sarah Tilley will investigate publicity and communication matters with Catherine Joynson at the IOB.
- S Tilley
6. **Treasurer's Report (presented by David Hornby)**
- There are now 264 fully paid up members (out of 381 on the database). By next January all but 5 or 6 members will be paying either £10 or £15 by direct debit.
- The meetings guidelines will be modified to encourage capture of new members.
- G Grant
- The transfer of £5K into savings account was approved.
- The chair expressed the thanks of the committee to David and Pam for pulling the membership lists into shape.
- The payment of £250 to Sheffield to pay for Pam's time was approved.
7. **Irish sub-section**
- Mark Sansom or Janet Thornton will be approached to be the next visiting lecturer.
- A Watts
8. **Honorary Meetings Secretary's Report (presented by Guy Grant)**
- The meeting at Southampton attracted 85 registrants. The scientific and financial report will be chased.
- J Seddon
- The French ion channels meeting was small but apparently successful.
- Plans for the Intermolecular associations meeting are in place.
- EBSA has a large number of abstracts and registrants. There have been several applications for bursaries. Guy Grant will distribute up to £1000 total as he sees fit.
- G Grant
- The reference to an NMR meeting Sep 2003 is a misprint.
- The David Trentham meeting has attracted only 15 registrants so far.
- It was agreed to support the Woledge meeting on muscle energetics with £50.
- The NACON meeting in Easter 2004 will go ahead.

- The mass spec meeting for December 2003 will probably not proceed. David Hornby will contact Carol Robinson. **D Hornby**
- The BBS AGM will be held at a meeting in December, or possibly Easter.
- Chris Cooper will discuss a joint meeting with the RSC – possibly on metals in biology. **C Cooper**
- A joint meeting with the IOP in 2-3 years time would be investigated. **D Hornby**
9. **GRC and IUPAB Meetings**
- In recent years GRC has moved internationally (Italy, France, Japan, Hong Kong and UK). Peter Knowles is now a GRC trustee.
- Meetings are fully funded by GRC endowment and registration fees.
- There are currently three formats: **A Watts**
- 5-day meetings – maybe an annual series
- 3-day meetings – one off topics
- Graduate schools
- There is also the possibility of 4-day meetings on broader topics.
- GRC try to ensure there is no overlap between US and European conferences in same season, and there could be instances where conferences alternate between US and Europe.
- The constitution limits the number of participants to 135, although in practice this can creep up to 160.
- The committee was not convinced about the desirability of an IUPAB satellite meeting in Britain. The possibility of a joint meeting with the French was raised. Drs Lavalle and Rees will be approached. **M Ferenczi / A Watts**
10. **UKLSC and IOB matters**
- The UKLSC education committee is carrying on; hopefully it will be picked up by the Federation. A recommendation of whether or not to join the Biosciences Federation will be brought to the next meeting. **E Hounsell**
10. **AOB**
- John Ladbury, Dave Sheenan, Claudia Viegel, Tony Wilkinson were suggested as new members of the committee. **A Watts**
- EBSA reps would be sorted out by Tony and Mike. **M Ferenczi / A Watts**
- The possibility that Richard Templar's RSC subgroup may fold and join the BBS will be investigated. **J Seddon / A Watts**
12. **Date of the next meeting**
- Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 23 September 2003 at the Novartis Foundation, 41 Portland Place.

