

Minutes of the 133rd Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

16 September 2004, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
D Hornby
E Hounsell
G Roberts
S Tilley
M Walkinshaw
A Watts

Action

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from C Cooper, G Grant, J Ladbury, M Miles, J Seddon

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

C Cooper was inadvertently omitted from the list of those present, and Colin Myles should be Colin Miles. With these changes the minutes were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 3: The BBSRC have been contacted regarding a presentation to the BBS Committee, but have yet to reply. Discussion at the November meeting of BMS will be sought.

Carol Robinson has not accepted the invitation to join the BBS. Colin Kleanthous has accepted.

Item 7: Dave Sheehan is sending a report from the Irish tour.

Item 9: The BBS web site has been linked to the Biosciences Federation.

Item 10: The possibility of a "Young Biophysicists Day" will be followed up.

A Watts

Item 11: The RAE panel will include Chris Cooper, Ken Dill, John Ladbury and Gordon Roberts.

4. **Publicity Officer's Report (presented by Sarah Tilley)**

The owner of bbs.org will be approached to see if they are willing to sell the site for a reasonable amount. Otherwise the url will be britishbiophysics.org

S Tilley

www.123-reg will be used as an ISP

	Using the newsletter to target members with no email details has been successful.	
	The profile of Liz Hounsell was very good. The next one will feature Claudia Viegel.	S Tilley / C Viegel
	The list of Biophysics Departments in universities and contact names will be updated.	S Tilley
	The Interface journal from the Royal Society will be mentioned in the next newsletter, as will details of other journals.	S Tilley
	A membership card and number scheme will be introduced.	S Tilley / D Hornby
	All Committee members should link to the BBS site from their own sites	All
5.	<u>Secretary's Report (presented by Rob Cooke)</u>	
	The email requesting a new editor of the EMBO Journal will be circulated.	R Cooke
	David Hornby was thanked for organising the meeting.	
6.	<u>Treasurer's Report (presented by David Hornby)</u>	
	There have been several outgoings recently.	
	The Perham meeting has been supported.	
	A letter advising students of the benefits of joining the BBS generated a lot of interest. This will be sent to Biophysics contacts at other universities for wider circulation.	D Hornby / S Tilley
	A proposal will be presented to the AGM to change the membership nomination process from two existing members to one.	
	The Committee agreed with the proposal to use GDT as accountants.	
7.	<u>Meetings Secretary's Report</u>	
	The British Radio Frequency meeting was supported with £500. It had 80-90 delegates. A report will be sought.	A Watts
	The Jean Hanson meeting was supported with £1500. A report and financial statement will be sought.	C Viegel/ S Tilley
	The Perham meeting is imminent, and has been supported with £500. Alan Berry will be contacted for a report.	A Watts
	A report from the carbohydrate meeting is due.	E Hounsell
	The Edinburgh meeting went well; a report has been produced and will go on the web site. It is anticipated that the meeting will be close to break-even, and the underwriting funds from the BBS will not be required.	
	A list of sponsors of the Edinburgh meeting will be sent to Guy Grant to be sent on to organisers of future meetings.	M Walkinshaw

<p>A BBS speaker will be nominated for the Systems Biology meeting in Sheffield in January, to be accompanied by sponsorship of £500.</p>	<p>D Hornby</p>
<p>It was agreed to underwrite the Leicester meeting in January to £1500. It was further agreed not to have a named BBS lecturer, as the whole meeting is BBS sponsored. The BBS AGM will also occur take place at Leicester.</p>	
<p>Nick Keep and David Blow will be approached to see if a contribution for the David Blow meeting is required from the BBS.</p>	<p>S Tilley / G Roberts</p>
<p>Contributions such as poster prizes and bursaries will be offered to young scientists at the photosynthesis meeting in December.</p>	<p>D Hornby</p>
<p>Corrine Smith (Warwick) has mentioned a 1-day EM workshop. This will be encouraged and Easter suggested as a time.</p>	<p>S Tilley</p>
<p>Claudia Viegel and Mervyn Miles will be contacted re a Bionanotechnology meeting, possibly in December 2005.</p>	<p>A Watts</p>
<p>Neil Hunter will be approached to ascertain the status of the meeting in July 2005.</p>	<p>D Hornby</p>
<p>Approval was given for an EBSA satellite meeting (on simulations) in Paris in early September 2005, jointly with the French Biophysics Society.</p>	
<p>A possible CD meeting, organised by Alison Rodger, will be investigated.</p>	<p>S Tilley</p>
<p>The likelihood of GRC meetings in the UK will be investigated with Peter Knowles.</p>	<p>A Watts</p>
<p>Guy Grant will be contacted to see if he is able to continue as Meetings' Secretary</p>	<p>R Cooke</p>
<p>8. <u>The UK Biosciences Federation</u></p>	
<p>The BBS is now officially a member of the BSF, and details will be sent to Glynn Jones.</p>	<p>D Hornby / A Watts</p>
<p>Liz Hounsell will attend the next BSF meeting in October.</p>	
<p>It will be ascertained whether BBS materials could be distributed through the BSF.</p>	<p>S Tilley / E Hounsell</p>
<p>Chris Willmott will be approached to see if a Biophysics session would be possible at a BAAS meeting.</p>	<p>G Roberts</p>
<p>The possibility of a European Research Council is being discussed.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Biophysical Chemistry Group of the RSC</u></p>	
<p>Approval was given to embrace suggestions from theBCG, who wish to align themselves with the BBS. Richard Templer and Alison Rodger will be contacted.</p>	<p>A Watts</p>

10. **BBS medal**

Mark Szczelkun was chosen to receive the BBS medal.

A Faraday meeting was suggested as a suitable venue for the medal lecture. Richard Templer and Alison Rodger will be contacted.

A Watts

Nominations for the EBSA medal will be sought by email.

11. **EBSA/IUPAB congress**

Despite a slow start the next congress is progressing well. The UK is well represented on the speaker lists.

Mike Ferenczi will be invited to attend the next BBS Committee meeting to outline his plans for EBSA 2007, and establish what is required from the BBS.

R Cooke

12. **Honorary Members**

Peter Knowles and Andrew Thomson were recommended for Honorary membership. They will be contacted before the AGM.

A Watts

13. **AOB**

The Wellcome Trust will be contacted regarding storage of archived materials.

R Cooke

Dave Sheehan will be contacted concerning the next Irish tour.

S Tilley

14. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The next meeting has been arranged for 6th January 2005 in Leicester.