

Minutes of the 140th Committee Meeting of the British Biophysical Society

9 Jan 2007, 1.00pm

MINUTES

Present: R Cooke
C Cooper
M Ferenczi
G Grant
E Hounsell
J Ladbury
G Roberts
A Rodger
D Sheehan
J Seddon
C Veigel
A Watts

Action

Mike Ferenczi was thanked by the Committee for organising the meeting room and lunch.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from M Miles, S Tilley, M Walkinshaw.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Mark Sczelkun will be approached re joining the committee. It may be too early in Finn Werner's career for him to join the committee

Payments from the BBS to student societies have been made.

Details of BBS bursaries are now publicised.

The Young Biophysicists meeting will be tried with a small UK community, possibly in London in 2008.

The Royal Society has been contacted to claim the rebate for subscriptions to IUPAB.

It has been agreed to award the BBS medal to Lars Leuken (Leeds).

4. **EBSA 2007**
 Registrations are currently slow, but are expected to accelerate in the coming months.
 Sponsorship is still slow, but several companies are considering whether to attend.
5. **Publicity Officer's Report**
 Held over until next meeting
6. **Secretary's Report**
 Nothing further to add.
7. **Treasurer's Report**
 The invoice to Birkbeck College needs to be paid **J Ladbury /
D Hornby**
8. **Irish sub-section**
 The tour is planned for the last week of March. Paula Booth is first option. Cork, Dublin and Belfast are likely venues. An essay prize may also be included. **A Watts**
9. **Meetings Report**
 Preparations for the NACON meeting are proceeding OK.
 A BBS lecturer for the Harden conference will be identified **G Grant**
 The Diamond meeting will be supported.
 It was agreed to sponsor the Louis Johnson meeting to £500. **J Ladbury**
 The Walkinshaw meeting should be organised around the Louise Johnson meeting. **G Grant**
 The Klenerman meeting in December doesn't need support from the BBS.
 It was agreed to proceed with a joint meeting with the Spanish and Portugese societies.
 Mike Williamson will be approached to see whether his structural biology meeting should be joint with the BBS. **G Roberts**
 Steve Chapman will be contacted regarding the Andrew Thomson retirement symposium. **G Grant**
 Guy Grant may organise a multi-scale symposium in 2009
 There was considerable discussion as to how the BBS could do more to promote their own meetings.
10. **Biosciences Federation**
 The last meeting highlighted the "Naked Scientist" web site as a fine example of communication.

Caroline Wallace now reports on policy decisions for the BSF and IOB.

The DFES website gives details of future metrics-based research assessments.

10. **Honorary Members**

Jim Barber, Guy Dodson, Tim Bliss and Gordon Roberts will all be contacted by Tony Watts and recommended for election at the AGM.

A Watts

11. **AOB**

Tony Watts will contact Mark Sczcelkun to progress his nomination for the EBSA medal.

A Watts

Tony North will be contacted regarding compilation of a history of the BBS

A Watts

Production of a banner for general use at BBS events will be investigated.

**A Watts/
S Tilley**

12. **Date of the next meeting**

Post-meeting note: The date for the next meeting has been set as Monday April 30th at Imperial.