

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Committee took place at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 30th, 1969 at the Institute of Biology, 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Present: Dr. E.M. Bradbury (Meetings Secretary)

Professor R.E. Burge

Dr. P. Fatt

Dr. J.B. Finean (Secretary)

Professor R.A. Kekwick

Dr. A.C.T. North

Dr. A.R. Peacocke (Chairman)

Professor M.R. Pollock

Dr. E.C. Richards

Dr. M.P. Tombs (Treasurer)

Professor P.M.B. Walker

Apologies were received from Dr. D.M. Blow and Professor R.H. Pritchard.

69/23 The minutes of the 27th meeting of the Committee were amended, approved and signed by the Chairman.

69/24 Matters arising from the minutes not listed separately in the agenda: Publications (69/8, 69/17).

The Secretary reported that only four members of the Society had taken advantage of the facility for purchasing Volume 19 of Progress in Biophysics and Molecular Biology at a reduced rate, three of them from overseas.

United Kingdom Crystallographic Council-(69/18).

The Secretary read out a letter from Dr. Blow in which he discussed the declared aims of the Council and suggested that the Society should join the Council particularly to encourage it to perform usefully in the coordination of meetings and to consider this as a requirement for continued membership. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

Editorial Board of the Biochemical Journal (69/18).

Dr. North reported that the Board had noted that the number of physical papers submitted to the Journal was slowly increasing and that there was optimism concerning the continued collaboration of the British Biophysical Society in this venture.

Computer Group (69/18).

Dr. North reported a continuing failure of the Secretary of the group to inform our Meetings Secretary of future plans for group meetings in time to circulate Biophysical Society members. He would continue to press for this cooperation.

69/25 Nominations to British National Committees

In response to an invitation from the Executive Secretary of The Royal Society, the Committee agreed to nominate Professor G.A. Gilbert to take the place of Dr. P. Johnson on the National Committee for Biochemistry and Professor R.E. Burge and Dr. A.R. Peacocke to take the places of Dr. J.C. Kendrew and Dr. R.D. Keynes on the National Committee for Biophysics. They would be expected to serve for the six year period 1 January, 1970 to 31 December, 1975.

69/26 Nominations to British Biophysical Society Committee.

It was agreed to hold the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Society on Thursday, December 18th, 1969 at Imperial College, London, during the December meeting.

The Committee would propose that the present officers should continue in office for a further year and would nominate three new candidates to take the places of Professors Burge, Kekwick and Pollock who were due to retire from the committee. A number of names were suggested and it was left to the secretary to make appropriate enquiries and to draw up the final list of nominations.

69/27 Physical Biochemistry Group Committee

A new committee was elected at the one day meeting on 23rd June at Mill Hill. The members are:-

Dr. J.M. Creeth - Lister Institute. Secretary

Dr. N.M. Green - Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill.

Dr. J.N. Miller - University of Loughborough

Dr. K.V. Shooter - Chester Beatty, Pollards Wood.

Dr. P. Spragg - Dept. of Chemistry, University of Birmingham.

The Meetings Secretary of the Society (ex-officio).

69/28 Finance

The Treasurer reported that he had produced a trial balance for the year which showed a surplus of £28.16. 0d. The books had now been sent to the auditors. Expenses at the Institute of Biology from 1/8/68 to 30/6/69 had amounted to £443.19. 9d. As this was the end of the first year of operating this arrangement, the Treasurer and Secretary were asked to discuss with the secretary of the Institute the experience of the past year and the basis for the charges in this and future years.

Reports on Meetings

The Meetings Secretary reported two very successful meetings of the Physical Biochemistry Group at Mill Hill on June 23rd (attendance 70-80) and at Isleworth on September 12th (attendance 75-80). The generosity of Unilever in providing expenses for overseas speakers at Isleworth was noted.

The meeting on "The Future of Biophysics in the United Kingdom" at Queen Elizabeth College on September 22nd was attended by about 220 people. Reports on the meeting had appeared or were to appear in Nature and in New Scientist. Professor Burge had also agreed to write a 2000 word article on the subject for Nature, but he emphasised that this would be a predominately personal view. After some discussion on the desirability of producing a publication from the proceedings of the meeting, Professor Burge was asked to obtain a transcript from the taped record as a first step towards assessing its potential value.

Dr. Peacocke recalled Professor Kellenberger's remark that the British Society was the only biophysical society in Europe, and suggested that the Secretary might enter into further discussion with Professor Kellenberger concerning any role that the British Biophysical Society might play in encouraging biophysics in continental Europe.

It was also suggested that there might be a follow-up meeting on, say, teaching courses in biophysics in about a year's time and that information on courses already available might be collected together prior to such a meeting.

69/30

Future Meetings.

Main Meetings.

December 17 & 18. at Imperial College, London.
"Photosynthesis".

The Meetings Secretary reported that a grant for £175 had been obtained from the Royal Society to cover the expenses of a speaker from Israel. Total expenses at Imperial College were not yet known but it was agreed that Registration Fees of £2 for non-members and £1 for members should be charged.

A suggestion from the local organisers at Imperial College that publishers and equipment manufacturers should be allowed to hire exhibition space in the entrance hall was not supported. As a general policy, The Biophysical Society had decided not to associate its name with such exhibitions.

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Committee took place at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 30th, 1969 at the Institute of Biology, 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Present: Dr. E.M. Bradbury (Meetings Secretary)
Professor R.E. Burge
Dr. P. Fatt
Dr. J.B. Finean (Secretary)
Professor R.A. Kekwick
Dr. A.C.T. North
Dr. A.R. Peacocke (Chairman)
Professor M.R. Pollock
Dr. E.C. Richards
Dr. M.P. Tombs (Treasurer)
Professor P.M.B. Walker

Apologies were received from Dr. D.M. Blow and Professor R.H. Pritchard.

69/23 The minutes of the 27th meeting of the Committee were amended, approved and signed by the Chairman.

69/24 Matters arising from the minutes not listed separately in the agenda: Publications (69/8, 69/17).

The Secretary reported that only four members of the Society had taken advantage of the facility for purchasing Volume 19 of Progress in Biophysics and Molecular Biology at a reduced rate, three of them from overseas.

United Kingdom Crystallographic Council-(69/18).

The Secretary read out a letter from Dr. Blow in which he discussed the declared aims of the Council and suggested that the Society should join the Council particularly to encourage it to perform usefully in the coordination of meetings and to consider this as a requirement for continued membership. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

Editorial Board of the Biochemical Journal (69/18).

Dr. North reported that the Board had noted that the number of physical papers submitted to the Journal was slowly increasing and that there was optimism concerning the continued collaboration of the British Biophysical Society in this venture.

Computer Group (69/18).

Dr. North reported a continuing failure of the Secretary of the group to inform our Meetings Secretary of future plans for group meetings in time to circulate Biophysical Society members. He would continue to press for this cooperation.

For the Winter Meeting, 1971, Dr. Fuller and Dr. Gratzner of King's College had agreed to organise a programme on some aspects of the interactions of proteins and nucleic acids. The Meetings Secretary was asked to try to book the lecture hall of the Institute of Electrical Engineers for this meeting.

For the Spring Meeting, 1971, one suggestion was that fibrous proteins might provide a suitable topic and that it might be held in Manchester or Leeds. As fibrous proteins was one of the topics under consideration for 1971 by the Physical Biochemistry Group, the Meetings Secretary was asked to consult with Dr. Creeth (Secretary) and Dr. Grant (potential organiser).

Physical Biochemistry Group.

January 8, 1970 at MRC Biophysics Unit London.

"Applications of U/V Spectroscopy to the study of Nucleic Acids".

April 14, 1970 at Guy's Hospital Medical School, London,

"Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems - ESR & NMR.

September 25, 1970 at University of Bristol,

"Structural Aspects Common to Synthetic and Biological Macromolecules".
(Joint meeting with British Polymer Physics Group)

Summer School - Edinburgh.

Professor Walker reported that the extra-mural Department in Edinburgh were interested in organising the school which would be held in Professor Pollock's department. The numbers would be limited to about 20 and the charge for this one week residential course was likely to be about £30. Registrants would be largely confined to Great Britain. Professor Pollock reported that the one day meeting for North British members was now fixed for February 11th. Of the 49 members circulated he anticipated that about half would be able to attend.

69/31

It was agreed to hold the next committee meeting at the Institute of Biology at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 4, 1971.