

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

The 51st Meeting of the Committee will be held at 14.15
on MONDAY, 9th MAY 1977 at the Biochemical Society Rooms,
7 Warwick Court, High Holborn, London WC1R 5DP.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome new Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of 50th Meeting (already circulated).
4. Matters arising.
5. Report of the Secretary.
6. Report of the Meetings Secretary.
7. Report of the Treasurer.
8. Organisation of Meetings.
9. Representatives' Reports.
10. Undergraduate Biophysics Seminar - report.
11. 6th International Congress on Biophysics, 1978, Kyoto.
12. Any other business.
13. Date of next meeting.

For signature

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The 50th Meeting of the Committee was held at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th January 1977 at the Biochemical Society Offices, London.

- Present:
- Dr. S.P. Spragg (In the Chair) (i)
 - Dr. M.E.J. Holwill (Secretary) (ii)
 - Dr. H.C. Watson (Treasurer) (iii)
 - Dr. G.L. Kellett (Meetings Secretary) (iv)
 - Professor T.L. Blundell
 - Dr. K.A. Cammack (v) and (iii)
 - Dr. R.A. Crowther (vi) and (v)
 - Dr. P. Eagles
 - Dr. P. Harrison
 - Dr. P.J. Highton
 - Dr. G. Offer
 - Professor C.F. Phelps

Apologies for Absence were received from Professor March and Drs. Miller and Pike.

77/1 The Chairman welcomed Dr. Kellett as Meetings Secretary and Dr. Cammack as a new member of the Committee.

77/2 The Minutes of the 49th Meeting, with minor modifications, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

77/3 Matters Arising from the 16th Annual General Meeting

(a) Free Communications of Society Meetings (AGM 76/7)

Following the response of the Members of the Society, it was agreed that the general form of Society Meetings should remain as at present, with Free Communications related to the topic of the Meeting. It was also felt that relevant poster displays should be encouraged.

(b) Conference Dinner

It was considered that participants would be prepared to pay for a good dinner and that interest in the function might be increased with an after-dinner speaker or films.

77/4 Report of the Meetings Secretary

(a) Spring Meeting, 1977. The main speakers for the N.M.R. meeting had been invited and advertisements inviting submission of posters circulated. Registration fees of £10 (members of B.B.S.) and £20 (non-members) were agreed. It was noted that, as discussed at the 1976 A.G.M., any loss from the Meeting would be borne by Members subscriptions. Dr. Dwek had obtained support for the Meeting from industrial organizations.

(b) December Meeting, 1977. A preliminary programme for the Cell Motility meeting was presented and discussed. Dr. Holwill undertook to follow up suggestions made by Committee Members.

(c) Spring Meeting, 1978. Dr. Kellett reported that preparations for this Meeting were in hand.

(d) Topics for future Meetings. The following suggestions were made:

- (i) Active sites of enzymes with known structure and sequence;
- (ii) Electron transport;
- (iii) Metal ion transport;
- (iv) Biophysics teaching.

(iii) and (iv) were considered more suitable for Easter Meetings or, in the case of (iv) a special one-day Meeting.

It was decided to ask the membership of the B.B.S. to suggest further suitable topics and recognised that a definite decision about the subject of the December, 1978 Meeting would need to be made at the next Committee Meeting.

(e) Abstracts. An enquiry had been received from the Editor of a Journal in relation to publishing proceedings of Meetings. It was noted that the policy of the B.B.S. was not to publish Meetings material for general circulation and agreed that the continuation of this policy was in the best interests of the Society.

It was resolved that in future Abstracts of Meetings would be sent only to those Members who requested them.

(f) Duration of Meetings. After some discussion, it was agreed that Meetings should be held over three days, starting late (after coffee or lunch) on the first day and closing early on the third.

77/5 Treasurer's Report. The Committee sanctioned the investment of £2,000 at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Dr. Watson reported that the membership response to the increased subscription was good, and he expected the number of members to approach 500.

It was agreed to sponsor the Committee organizing a Symposium on Drug Action; this would incur a maximum expenditure of £15 with no further commitment.

77/6 Reports of Representatives.

(a) Inorganic Biochemistry Group.

Dr. Harrison reported that there were over 100 members in the Group which had financial assets of about £400. The recent Meeting at the Institute of Child Health had been successful. Future meetings included one on "Metalloenzyme evolution" in July and another on "Electron transfer" in December. The Group is preparing a report to be completed in 1978 for the ~~Bio~~Chemical Society on Inorganic Biochemistry.

(b) U.K. Crystallographic Committee

It was noted that an International Congress on Crystallography was to be held in Warsaw from 3-12 August, 1978.

Those who wished to be included in the Directory of European Crystallographers should contact Dr. Glazer, University of Aberdeen, as soon as possible.

77/7 Undergraduate Biophysics Seminar.

Professor Phelps reported that Dr. Eagles had joined him in the organization of the Seminar. Financial support had been received from The Royal Society, The Institute of Physics, Unilever and M.S.E. Students could expect some support from Vacation Grants.

77/8 Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 2nd International Colloquium (Biophysics).

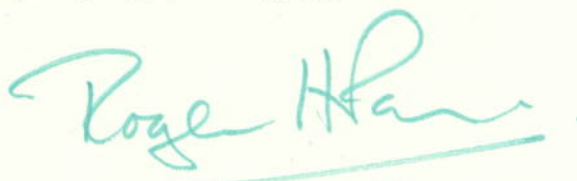
The Secretary was asked to write to The Royal Society with a view to obtaining support for this Colloquium. Several members of the B.B.S. had been invited to contribute papers.

77/9 Election of Chairman.

Professor R.H. Pain, proposed by Dr. S.P. Spragg, seconded by Dr. H.C. Watson, was duly elected to serve as Chairman for 1977.

Dr. Spragg, as retiring Chairman, was thanked for his contributions to the Committee over a number of years.

77/10 Date of Next Meeting Monday, 25th April, 1977 at 14.15.


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