

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

The 58th Meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday,  
26th September at 2.15 p.m. in the Biochemical Society Rooms,  
7 Warwick Court, High Holborn, London WC1R 5DP.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 57th Meeting (previously circulated).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
  - (i) Policy towards publishers (Enclosure 1).
4. Report of the Secretary
  - (i) Association of Researchers in Medical Sciences (Enclosure 2).
5. Report of the Meetings Secretary
  - (a) December 1979: Dr. D.A. Rees
  - (b) Spring 1980: Professor C.F. Phelps
  - (c) December 1980: Dr. S.D. Dover (Enclosure 3)
  - (d) Other Proposals
    - (i) Semiconductors: Dr. S.D. Dover (M.R. Willis)(Encl. 4)
    - (ii) Biophysics: Dr. S.D. Dover (A.C.T. North) (Encl. 5)
    - (iii) Trigger Processes in Biology: Dr. Knowles
    - (iv) Biophysics of Drug Action: Dr. Goodford (deferred).
6. Report of the Treasurer.
7. Representatives' reports.
8. Any other business. *Nominations.*
9. Date of the next meeting.

G.L. Kellett  
12.9.79.

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Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, 9th May at the Biochemical Society Rooms.

Present: Dr. M.J. Holwill: in the Chair  
Dr. G.L. Kellett: Secretary  
Dr. S.D. Dover: Meetings Secretary.

Dr. R. Dwek  
Dr. P.J. Goodford  
Professor P.M. Harrison  
Dr. R. Henderson  
Dr. P.F. Knowles  
Professor D.A. Rees

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79/12 Apologies for Absence were received from Professor D. Chapman, A. Keller and C.F. Phelps.

79/13 The Minutes of 56th Meeting were approved with two minor amendments:

(a) Minute 79/9(a) to read "Miss Stella Dutton of IPC".

(b) Minute 79/9(c) to read 'the new journal "International Journal of Biological Macromolecules"'.  
*that the U.S. Army might support the meeting*

79/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Biophysics Booklet

Dr. Holwill agreed to contact Professor Phelps about the progress of the booklet.

(b) Biophysics Journal

Dr. Kellett reported correspondence with Lord Adrian, Chairman of the Royal Society National Committee for Biophysics. Lord Adrian, as new Chairman of the Committee, did not feel able to judge the Committee's likely reaction to the idea of a "European Journal of Biophysics".

Dr. Holwill agreed to explore the matter further at the next meeting of the National Committee.

79/15 Report of the Secretary

Dr. Kellett reported several requests from book companies for the membership list for circulation purposes. There was general consensus that the membership list should not be released, but that the Society should consider offering circulation facilities. The Secretary agreed to prepare a paper on the matter.

79/16 Report of the Meetings Secretary

(a) Easter 1979: "Metal Ion Transport and Storage".

Professor Harrison reported that the Easter Meeting had been very successful. There were 116 participants including 55 non-members, many from abroad. The provisional balance sheet showed a small loss on the meeting. It was agreed that the Inorganic Biochemistry Discussion Group, with whom the meeting was jointly held, should be informed of the loss, so that they could make some financial contribution if they so wished. Professor Harrison was congratulated on her successful efforts.



(b) Easter 1979: Biophysics Seminar.

Dr. Dover reported that the undergraduate seminar organised by Professor Phelps on "Muscle as a System" had been very successful. There was now, however, some question about future finance since the present sponsors felt that they had supported the seminars for a sufficiently long, introductory period. Dr. Dover agreed to approach a new ICI official for support.

(c) Winter 1979: "Receptors at Cell Surfaces".

Professor Rees reported that all speakers had accepted except for Dr. Koshland. Professor Rees was to approach a suitable replacement. The provisional balance was remarkable, since Professor Rees had already raised industrial contributions of £1800.

(d) Easter 1980: "Electron Conduction"

On behalf of Professor Phelps, Dr. Dover reported that Professor R.J.P. Williams had agreed to become a co-organiser of the meeting and that already about threequarters of the speakers had accepted invitations. The cost of the meeting was provisionally given as £1500. Dr. Dover agreed to explore further the possibility that the U.S. Army might support the meeting.

(e) Future Meetings

Teaching of Biophysics: It was noted that the Society would come-of-age in 1981. Accordingly, it was felt that a meeting on the 'Teaching of Biophysics' would be appropriate for Spring 1981, preferably examining the interface between Biology and Physics in the light of future trends. Dr. Dover agreed to examine this possibility further.

'Trigger Processes in Biology': Dr. Knowles suggested a meeting on this topic to examine how membrane events are related to intracellular events. He and Professor Chapman were to discuss this topic further and report back.

Dr. Dover suggested "Chromatin" for Winter 1980 and Dr. Goodford suggested "Biophysics of Drug Action" for Winter 1981.

79/17 Report of the Treasurer

Dr. Dover agreed to examine the problem of members who have not paid their subscription.

79/18 Reports of Society Representatives

(a) Dr. Dover informed the Committee that he was also the Secretary of the Techniques Group of the Biochemical Society.

(b) Dr. Knowles reported that the Molecular Enzymology Group of the Biochemical Society had arranged two meetings: "Light-Activated Proteins" to be held in Bristol in January 1980; "Enzyme of Glycogen Metabolism" to be held in Dundee in March 1980.

79/19 Date of the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 26th September at 2.15 in the Biochemical Society Rooms.

