

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 81st Committee Meeting held on Friday 15th May 1987

Present: Professors North and Greenwood, Drs Bayley, Beddell, Ferenczi, Gadian, Goodfellow, Hladky, Hukins, Morris, Neidle, Rattle and Phillips.

Dr. Vadgama (Newcastle) kindly agreed to attend part of this meeting in order to present his plans for a future meeting on 'Biosensors'.

Apologies for Absence were received from Dr Cull-Candy

87/11 The Minutes of the 80th committee meeting were approved.

87/12 Matters Arising:

ACTN has written thanking the former committee members and has received suggestions for future committee members.

PB is to check on any correspondence relating to reduced personal subscriptions to Quarterly Reviews of Biophysics

87/16 Future Meetings

It was decided to discuss the proposed meeting on Biosensors as Dr Vadgama had kindly agreed to attend the committee meeting to present his ideas. The proposal for a meeting organised by Drs Vadgama (Newcastle), Rolfe (Oxford) and Chapman (Royal Free, London) to be held in London in December 1988 was warmly received by the committee. A reduction in the number of proposed speakers, extension to 2 full days and a preference for a December rather than January meeting were recommended by the committee. This latter restriction would require the organisers to find a site in Central London other than the Royal Free.

The arrangements for the 25th Anniversary of the Astbury Department of Biophysics meeting was finalized and registration forms were to be circulated to members in the May/June newsletter.

Details of the December 1987 meeting on Modern Microscopies were presented. The committee recommended that bursaries for young scientists be available, the program should be more detailed as to the applications talks, and that a slot should be scheduled for the AGM. SEVP is to check on the nature of the NMR imaging talk scheduled as it was unclear that this was appropriate.

Dr Hladky (Cambridge), Dr Hesketh (Cambridge) and Professor Cherry (Essex) are to organise the joint Anglo-German meeting on membranes in April (6-8th) 1988 at Selwyn College, Cambridge. JMG agreed to write to Eric

Sackmann confirming the BBS's intention of going ahead with this meeting and requesting that the German Biophysical Society choose representatives to contact Dr Hladky about the scientific program and Dr Phillips about the general financial arrangements. It was agreed that there should be a direct meeting between Dr Hladky and a German organiser to sort out the scientific program as soon as possible and money was to be made available either for accommodation in Cambridge for the German representative or for travel monies for Dr. Hladky. It was decided that the BBS would pay for accommodation for all speakers out of the registration fees and sponsorship as well as travel for British AND North American speakers. The GBS would be responsible for the travel payments for German speakers.

Other future meetings included the April 1989 meeting on Drug-Receptor Interactions at Sheffield organised by Dr Lilley and Dr Jones. A formal letter requesting outline program, dates and budget to be sent by SEVP.

SEVP had contacted the secretary of the French Biophysical Society (Garnier) with a view to a joint anglo-french meeting in 1989/1990.

Possible topics for one day discussion meetings were reviewed including that of Maximum entropy and fourier methods with McLaughlin (LMB, Cambridge) to be approached as possible organiser, Intracellular Calcium Indicator Methods (SH to investigate) and cage compounds (MF to investigate). DG is to present outline of a future meeting on biochemical and physiological information available from medical imaging techniques.

ACTN reported that the Egyptian Biophysical society was going ahead with a joint anglo/egyptian biophysics meetings sponsored by the British Council.

87/15 *Treasurer's report*

HEWR reported that our finances were fine and that our membership stood at 487 in the UK and 138 overseas. This latter list needed to be pruned. The April 1987 meeting made £800 profit (after giving out £1300 or more in bursaries) and it was decided rather than to give more money out in bursaries for this meeting that we would be able to earmark money for bursaries for future meetings.

87/19 *Rules of the Society*

HEWR reported that we had affiliated to the society for science and technology. He was to arrange to see chairperson and contact S.M. with a view to making the Rules of the Society more appropriate to its current role.

87/13 *Secretary's Report*

JMG reported that the Society for 'Scientists for the Release of Soviet Refuseniks' had written asking about ways in which the BBS could publicize the

aims of their society. The committee decided that it was not appropriate to send information to our members about such a political cause.

87/14 *Meetings Secretary's Report*

SEVP thanked Drs Thornton and Chothia for their organisation of the April 1987 meeting in Cambridge which was very successful. The meeting made a profit of £800. The committee agreed to give £250 towards the meeting on the retirement of Professor Gutfreund (Bristol).

87/17 *IUPAB Meeting in Jerusalem*

The Royal Society had still not allocated the money for this meeting as it was undersubscribed. The deadline was to be extended. ACTN was chosen to represent the BBS at the EBSA committee meeting in Jerusalem.

87/18 *Representation on Committees*

Detailed discussion of this topic was postponed until the next meeting.

87/20 *AOB*

87/21 The next meeting of the BBS is to take place on *October 16th 1987* at 1.0 pm.

JMG 17.9.87

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