

BRITISH BIOPHYSICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 84th Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 1988  
at 1.0 pm at Birkbeck College, London.

Present : Professor North, Drs. Bayley, Bordas, Clark, Fox, Gadian,  
Goodfellow, Hukins, Neidle, Rattle & Phillips

Apologies for absence : Professor Greenwood, Drs. Cull-Candy, Ferenczi.

86/12 The minutes of the 83rd Committee Meeting were approved.

86/13 Matters Arising

ACTN reported that information on Biophysics courses was still being collected.

SN agreed to check BBS records about Honorary Members after which JMG is to write to Professor Keynes.

86/14 Secretary's Report

JMG reported correspondence from :

- (1) Professor G F Elliott regarding the bad time-keeping by Chairmen at the December 1987 meeting. PB & SEVP to draw up guidelines for Chairmen.
- (2) Dr S P Spragg regarding his resignation on retirement. The Committee agreed to propose changes to the rules to include emeritus members.
- (3) Cambridge University Press regarding 20% reduction in subscription to 'Bioessays'. The Committee agreed to publicize this journal at no cost to CUP.
- (4) Save British Science regarding Society membership. JMG is to find out more information regarding activities and possible policy role for Societies.

88/15 Meeting Secretary's Report

No final reports or budgets are available for either Winter 1987 or Spring 1988 Meeting. Preliminary information suggested that the Winter 1987 Meeting had 87 participants and would break even. However; the Spring 1988 (Anglo-German) meeting, with 81 participants, was likely to make a loss of around £200 possibly due to confusion as to which society paid air fares. Peter Bayley's discussion meeting on 'optical microscopy' was well attended.

88/16 Treasurer's Report

£7000 had been transferred to National Savings investment account (one month notice of withdrawal & 7% interest rate). The Society's long term investments were still at 10%. This left relatively small sums in our current and deposit accounts. Current membership stood at 497 UK and 130 overseas. It was agreed that we would circulate membership list to members with copyright statement.

88/17 Future Meetings

- (a) Winter 1988, "Biosensors", 19-21 December, UCL

Final program and budget were not available. Registration fees were set at £30, £40 and £60 for BBS, non-BBS and industrial participants. Dr Vadgama had sent 60 requests for sponsorship but had very few replies. Possibility of this meeting being joint with DTI/Laboratory of Government Chemist was discussed but only with adequate sponsorship. Dr Vadgama or other organiser to attend October Committee meeting if necessary.

- (b) Spring 1989 "Molecular Recognition", April - joint Anglo-French

SEVP had started organising this meeting with Dr J Fontacilla-Camps (Marseilles) to be held at Carry-le-Rouet between 12-14 April 1989. Simon was empowered to organise meeting with cash limits of £1000 for student bursaries and £1000 for other expenses. Detailed program and budget are to be provided by October.

- (c) Winter 1989 "Medical Imaging Techniques"

DG proposed to organise this 2-day meeting with Dr T Jones (Hammersmith) at ~~Institute~~ <sup>Royal College</sup> of Surgeons. Suitable accommodation needs to be found.

- (d) Discussion meeting on "DNA Bending", May, Sutton

SN repeated that this meeting is going ahead as planned and with very low expenses.

- (e) Discussion meeting, "Caged Compounds", NIMR, July 1988

This meeting has lots of sponsorship and will only require input of £200-£250 from BBS for bursaries and travel expenses.

- (f) Other meetings (non-BBS)

- (i) "Biologically Engineered Polymers '89".

M Miles requested collaboration. JMG is to write agreeing to advertise meeting but not as joint meeting.

- (ii) "2nd International Biophysics and S.R. Meeting"

The Committee agreed to S Hasnain (DL)'s request for £300 for bursaries *on condition that a report was received.*

- (iii) Harden Discussion Meeting on "Biophysics of Cytoskeleton"

The Committee agreed to PB's request for £300 for bursaries.

(g) Other BBS Meetings

Suggestions included

- (1) Muscle Biophysics
- (2) Optical Microscopy
- (3) Ion Channels
- (4) Transport and Connective Tissues
- (5) Image Processing
- (6) Biopolymer networks
- (7) Drug-receptor interactions

It was agreed that these proposals would be discussed in October with more details from Alan Clark on "Biopolymer Networks".

88/18 Rules of the Society

It was agreed that the final draft on the proposed changes would be agreed in October for presentation to the December AGM. A full discussion took place on each of the rules and Henry agreed to modify them in light of our discussion.

88/19 UGC Selectivity Exercise

JMG and ACTN agreed to attend the meeting at Institute of Biology on UGC selectivity and prepare document. JMG is to circulate information to all Committee members so they can contribute if they so wish.


88/20 Any Other Business

KF reported on Royal Society National Committee for Biochemistry. SN suggested the setting up of register of postgraduate projects in Biophysics. It was agreed to circulate any project in newsletter. The minutes of 83rd Committee Meeting were amended to include Dr J Feeny as possible new BBS representative on Biochemical Journal.

88/21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 13th at 1.0 pm at Birkbeck College.

JMG  
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PP chairman