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1) To-day, October 3, 1975, the gentlemen listed underneath attended a meeting at the ISTITUTO ORTOPEDICO RIZZOLI, Bologna, Italy, the aim of which was the establishment of a European Society for Biomaterials:

BURNY F. - Centre Interdisciplinaire de Biomécanique Osseuse - Departement de Chirurgie Osseuse - Bruxelles;

CAPPOZZO A. - Istituto di Fisiologia Umana - Università di Roma;

CHIARI K. - Orthopädische Universitätsklinik - Wien;

CINI L. - Facoltà di Ingegneria - Università di Bologna;

DRIESSENS F. - University of Nijmegen;

ENGELHARDT A. - Orthopädische Universitätsklinik - Frankfurt/Main

GRISS P. - Orthopädische Klinik Lindenhof - Mannheim;

HEIMKE - Orthopädische Klinik Lindenhof - Mannheim;

HOHMANN - Orthopädische Universitätsklinik - Erlangen ;

KARBE E. - Battelle-Institut - Frankfurt/Main;

LERAY J. - Institut National de la Récherche Médicale et de la Santé - Paris ;

MICHIELI S. - Clinica Odontoiatrica - Università di Padova;

PALTRINIERI M. - Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli - Bologna;

PIZZOFERRATO A. - Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli - Bologna;

PUXEDDU L. - Clinica Ortopedica dell'Università - Cagliari;

SANDROLINI Cortesi S. - Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli - Bologna;

STARK K. - Rosenthal Technik - Lauf/Pegnitz;

TRENTANI C. - Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli - Bologna;

ZEIBIG A. - Rosenthal Technik - Lauf/Pegnitz;

WILLERT - Orthopädische Universitätsklinik - Frankfurt/Main.

2) All participants to the Meeting have emphasized the importance and the ensuing necessity of founding the European Society for Biomaterials, due to the many European Research Centers, which

have already given noticeable contributions as regards the medical application of such materials.

- 3) In order to define the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the above mentioned Society, the participants to the Meeting stated what follows:
  - a) A Secretary's and Information Office is established in Bologna, at the Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli;
  - b) All the gentlemen being present at this Meeting will undertake a promotional work and try to find potential new members of the Society in their own countries, also raising the interest of the Institutions in the matter. These possible members will all be invited by the Secretary to join the Society by a written application.

    Moreover they will be asked to mention research activities and if available to send reprints of their publications.

    A bibliography of the collected information will be circulated among the applicants to membership by the Secretary.
  - c) The participants to this meeting represent the Constitutional Committee of the new Society. The Secretary is bound to set down the articles of incorporation of the Society and its bylaws in three months time. A copy of it will be sent to each person attending the today's meeting. Possible changes and suggestions must reach the Secretary's Office in two months! time since the receipt of the copy of the articles and bylaws of the Society.
  - d) The Constitutional Committee is bound to meet again at the Istituto Ortopedico Rizzoli, Bologna, on March 12-13/1976 in order to sign the articles and bylaws of the European Society and to establish the same.
  - e) A European Symposium on Biomaterials will be organized by

the Society, Prof. CHIARI will be the President. This
Symposium will be held in Vienna if possible in Autumn 1976.
The suggested subject: "Evaluation criteria for Biomaterials in Surgery".

Bologna, October 3-4/1975