

Minutes of the General Assembly of the E.S.B. held on September 10, 1982 at the congress centrum, Hamburg, Germany.

Present : - Council members : G. Heimke, P. Ducheyne, P. Van Mullem, A.J.C. Lee, H. Plenk, B. Rahn

- Members : 9

- in attendance : Dr. N. Cranin

82/0. Welcome by the President, Dr. G. Heimke

82/1. The minutes of the General Assembly of April 10th, 1981 and August 28, 1981 were received and approved.

82/2. There were no matters arising from these minutes.

82/3. President's report

"I shall not give a survey on the activities of the past 2 years, this is done continuously in our bi-annual NEWSLETTER.

The Council has got the impression that our members generally agree with the activities. We feel that this is confirmed by the fact that no request for additional items or points to be discussed during this meeting has been received. Thus, we can just follow the AGENDA as originally proposed.

The main item on it will be the questions under No. 9, where the council will be proud to announce to you the possibility of inclusion of the J.B.M.R. into the membership fee at extremely favourable conditions.

82.4. Secretary's report

The secretary primarily discussed the evolution of the membership after taking office in 1980. The number of members has increased from 155 to 222. This is a 43 % increase over a 2 1/2 year period. The growth was steady with a more than proportional increase in 1980, as a result of the 1st World Biomaterials Meeting, (see fig. 1). The Scandinavian countries have not yet known a "Baden effect". It could, however, be possible given the scientific value of the second European Meeting on Biomaterials at Göteborg, Sweden. The number of members per country is indicated in table 1.

<u>August 1982</u>		
<u>Europe</u> :	Austria	6
	Belgium	20
	Deutsche Bundes Republik	31
	Deutsche Demokratische Republik	2
	France	76
	Greece	1
	Ireland	1
	Italy	22
	Netherlands	19
	Norway	2
	Portugal	1
	Spain	3
	Sweden	4
	Switzerland	11
	Turkey	1
	United Kingdom	6
	USSR	2
<u>Other</u> :	Australia	1
	Egypt	1
	Israel	1
	U.S.A.	7
		222

Table 1

82/5. Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet of the society was circulated previously. Some comments with respect to the various accounts are as follows :

The account at the Banco del Monte, Italy, is discontinued because it was very difficult, if not impossible to have payments made by a non-Italian treasurer.

The amount was transferred to the dutch account.

The account at the Crédit Mutuel : the negative balance will change quickly into a positive one as soon as members will have paid their membership fee for 1982.

The account at the Völkbank Seckenheim : the negative balance was due to a mistake by the bank which transferred to the dutch account twice the amount of money required. This has now been corrected.

The balance at the ABN is positive.

The overall balance of the checking account is positive : fls 3318.99.

We have been able to maintain a financially healthy situation not as much because of our membership fee, which is still low, but because of successfull conferences. The travel costs mentionned in the balance sheets have been minor, since Council meetings have been in conjunction with conferences. The major costs were to cover travel for our guests and awardees.

However, this end balance is about fls 2000,- less than the end balance 2 years ago. To this fls 2000,- should be added the interest of the German Government bonds which has been spent : fls 2750,-. This interest should actually have been added to our reserve fund in order to counteract decrease in buying-power by inflation.

So fls 2000,- + fls 2750,- makes a decrease in cash money over the period of the previous 2 years of fls 4750,-. This amounts to fls 25,- per fee-paying member.

82/6. Auditors' report

The treasurer had established contact with the auditors who approved the book keeping of the society.

82/7. Appointment of new auditors

The auditors D.F. Williams, G.W. Hastings and G. Van der Perre were reappointed in their capacity of auditor.

82/8. Publication policy

1. J. Biomedical Materials Research

Dr. H. Plenck, European editor of the Journal discussed the status of our official Journal. It is a journal of high scientific calibre, that is the official journal as well of three of our sister societies, the American, Canadian and Japanese Society. The influx of papers from Europe has been growing but could still be better. He also introduced the proposition of including the J. of Biomedical Materials in our membership fee. This was deliberated at length in agenda point 82/9.

2. Advances in Biomaterials

Dr. A.J.C. Lee informed the meeting on the last volume of the series Advances in Biomaterials, published by J. Wiley. This book contains the papers of the meeting in Göteborg. The book was available in the bookstore 10 to 12 months past the meeting at a price of 27.5 £.

82/9. Membership fees

It was proposed by the Council to change the membership fee on the basis of the following rationales :

1. Inclusion of the J. of Biomedical Materials Research into the membership fees .
 - list price : 150 \$
 - it is offered at 25 \$ or 60 DM the first two years (1983 & 1984)
 - after those two years our rate would increase to the reduced fee that the members of the U.S. Society for Biomaterials are paying.

2. Inflation

The membership fee (45 DM) has never been raised in the existence of the society; this is since 1976. Fully accounting the inflation would yield a 1983 fee of 75 DM. It is proposed to increase the fee to 60 DM.

The meeting agreed to readjust the membership fee's structure to become 120 DM starting 1983.

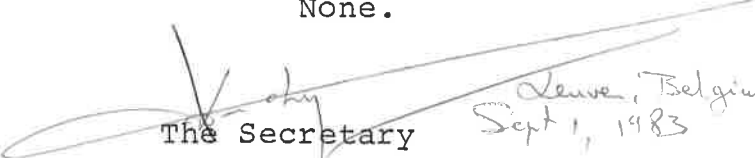
It is to be noted that those members already receiving the Journal through the U.S. Sister society should inform the U.S. Secretary Treasurer that they withhold the Journal contribution on their U.S. membership fees, starting 1983. This was agreed upon between the representatives from the council of the respective societies.

82/10. Presentation of the GEORGE WINTER AWARD

Dr. S.F. Hulbert was awarded the GEORGE WINTER award for his outstanding work in the field and for the impetus he gives to the establishment of it.

82/11. Any other business

None.


The Secretary
P. DUCHEYNE


The President
G. HEIMKE

