

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS
HELD ON APRIL 10th, 1980, AT THE
CONGRESS HALL, BADEN, AUSTRIA.

Present: Dr. G.D. Winter (President))
Dr. F. Burny (Secretary))
Dr. G. Heimke (Treasurer))
Dr. J.L. Leray) COUNCIL
Dr. K. de Groot) MEMBERS
Dr. S. Sandrolini Cortesi)
Dr. J.H. Jaeger)
Dr. F. Vallana)
Dr. H. Plenck)

Members: 30 other members

In attendance: Mrs. J. Upton

Apologies for absence: Dr. S. Perren

1/80 The Minutes of the General Assembly held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Brussels, May 23rd 1978, were RECEIVED and APPROVED.

2/80 Matters arising

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes.

3/80 Statutes

The new Statutes, which had been previously distributed to all members, were APPROVED.

4/80 Byelaws

The newly drafted Byelaws were distributed to members at the commencement of the meeting. The President read through them and they were then APPROVED.

5/80 President's Address

The President said that this meeting ended the first phase of the Society's existence. It had been an eventful four years, and many important decisions had been taken, perhaps the most significant being the removal of the registered office from Bologna to Strasbourg. There had been two international meetings, firstly the one at Strasbourg (Dr. J. Leray) and now the World Congress, and three joint meetings; Brussels (Dr. F. Burny), Faenza (Dr. S. Sandrolini Cortesi) and Heidelberg (Drs. K. de Groot and G. Heimke). Dr. Winter told members that it had been a most rewarding period of office and thanked all members of Council for their wholehearted support and co-operation during the past four years. He closed his address by wishing the Society all success in the years to come.

6/80 Secretary's Report

Dr. Burny said he had become Secretary after the resignation of Dr. S. Sandrolini Cortesi. It had not been easy and a lot of duties which normally fall to the Secretary had been done by the President. During his term of office Dr. Burny said that the European Liaison Committee had been formed and that he had been elected Secretary of this Committee. The purpose of the Committee was to co-ordinate meetings throughout Europe and at the present time there were three Societies involved: the European Society for Biomechanics, European Society for Biomaterials and the European Society of Artificial Organs. The Council of Europe, Strasbourg, had fostered the idea of the European Liaison Committee and were co-ordinating all meetings.

The Secretary said that he had enjoyed his term of office and wished his successor good luck.

The President thanked Dr. Burny for the good work he had done for the Society.

7/80 Treasurer's Report

Balance sheets had been distributed at the commencement of the General Assembly. Dr. Heimke said that the Society had an unusual number of bank accounts but that they had been combined in a final account to present a clear view to members of the financial status of the Society. When the registered office of the Society moved from Bologna to Strasbourg an account had been opened in Strasbourg for the payment of membership fees and is still in use. However, in view of the fact that the French franc is fluctuating another account had been opened in Heidelberg into which members are urged to pay their subscription. This account is used as the Society account for payment of invoices etc.

The Strasbourg account includes the balance of the Brussels meeting and the Strasbourg meeting.

Dr. Heimke informed members that this was not a wealthy Society but had reason to believe that there may perhaps be a small surplus from the World Congress.

The President thanked Dr. Heimke for the splendid way he had carried out the duties of Treasurer on behalf of the Society.

8/80 Auditor's Report

A Declaration by the Committee of Auditors (Dr. P. Van Mullem, Professor Newesely and Dr. van der Perre) was read to the Assembly and a copy is attached to these Minutes. The Auditors Report was APPROVED.

9/80 Election of Auditors for the next four years

The following members of the Society agreed to act as auditors:

Dr. K. de Groot. Dr. D. Williams. Dr. G. Hastings.

10/80 Annual Subscription

AGREED that the subscription fee remains at DM45 (FF100) for the next two years. Members requested to pay their fee into the Volksbank Seckheim, Mannheim.

11/80 Election of Officers

The President explained that because this was the first time for the holding of elections since the inaugural meeting Council had deliberated very carefully upon the procedure, conscious that they were setting a precedent for the future conduct of the Society. It had been decided that nominations would be accepted at the General Assembly but in order to ensure a slate of candidates the Council-in-office would nominate seven members for the new Council. The President wrote to each of the Council nominees enquiring whether they were willing to stand and would accept the obligations of office if they were elected. Affirmative replies were received from each of them. Ballot forms listing the seven candidates nominated by Council were distributed to members present at the General Assembly. The President then called for additional nominations from the floor. He explained that if there were further nominations the names (of members in good standing who were present and who signified their willingness to offer themselves for election to Council) should be added to the ballot papers. Members would then be asked to vote for not more than seven of the members listed on the ballot, tellers would be appointed and the votes counted. The seven individuals who polled the most votes would be declared elected. Having explained the procedure, the President again called for additional nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations and so the President asked if it were agreed that the seven individuals listed on the ballot paper be elected to the new Council. There was no dissension and the President thereupon declared the following persons elected to Council to serve for the next four years:

G. Heimke
J. Leray
H. Plenk
A. Lee
P. Ducheyne
B. Rahn
P. Van Mullem

12/80 Any Other Business

Dr. Winter told the Assembly that arrangements were under way for the proceedings of the congress to be published in the form of camera-ready copy. He had met with Dr. Howard Jones (John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., Chichester, U.K.) the previous day and many of the problems related to publication had been sorted out. The deadline for submission of manuscripts had been extended to the end of April. The manuscripts will first be sent to reviewers and then submitted to the selection committee. The three editors will make their final selection and the manuscripts will then be returned to the authors for preparation of camera-ready copy. The copyright will be reserved by the European Society for Biomaterials but will be

assigned to John Wiley. It is hoped that the manuscripts will be ready for the publishers by October 1st 1980 and the book/s will be available early in 1980.

The questions was raised as to what had happened to the Strasbourg publication. The President said he accepted the implied criticism that publication of the Strasbourg proceedings was very late and announced that it will be available in June of this year. Proceedings of the Keele conference were also well advanced and will be published shortly after the Strasbourg publication. Dr. Winter pointed out that the Society is a very young one and that all work relating to publishing had had to be learnt from the very beginning. It had been a very difficult time but a lot of valuable experience had been gained. Another member asked if Council would consider a publication committee to share the responsibilities of producing a book. Members were told that there is such a committee which advises on policy but getting a book ready for publication requires many hours of work by dedicated individuals. It was explained that after John Wiley, New York, stopped publishing conference volumes as supplements to the Journal of Biomedical Materials Research in the 1970's there was no recognised vehicle to cater for the desire of Societies and contributors to publish the proceedings of major bio-materials meetings. With this in mind George Winter had negotiated with John Wiley (UK) to start a series of "Advances in Biomaterials". With the assent of the Societies involved it had been decided that this would take the form of printed, hard-backed books, recognising that the production process normally takes 12 months after receipt of the edited manuscripts by the publisher.

Unfortunately, because of earlier negotiations with another publisher (whose terms were rejected because it would have been too costly for the Society) and because of the poor presentation of many of the original manuscripts which needed extensive editorial revision, the first volume in this series was delayed.

Because the majority opinion is that speed of publication is most desirable, the World Congress Proceedings would be published in camera-ready copy format. Dr. Winter cautioned that this implies that many of the chores normally carried out by the publisher became the responsibility of the Society. He announced that the editors would be: Hanns Plenk, Donald Gibbons and George Winter. The papers will be refereed by outside reviewers and by the editorial board. The timetable is:

Final date for submission of papers:	end of April 1980
Review process:	end of June 1980
Editorial decision-making and communication to authors:	mid July 1980
Revise and retype by authors:	mid Sept. 1980
Collation, pagination, indexing:	Sept.-Oct. 1980
Completed mss to publishers:	end of Oct. 1980
Publication	end April 1981

Dr. Heimke told the members that the contributions to the

Heidelberg meeting were to be published but due to language difficulties there would be a delay. Dr. Burny said that the Brussels manuscripts were being discussed with the Editor of the Journal of Biomedical Materials Research. The suggestion was made that perhaps it would be more feasible to not publish the proceedings as a book and submit the papers to a journal. Dr. Plenk said that whilst this was a reasonable suggestion there was also a fairly long delay as far as journals are concerned.



The President commented that this was a topic which aroused a great deal of interest and suggested that members talk to their representatives on Council and the International Liaison Committee and put forward their views for discussion.

The President told members that Council would be only too pleased to hear from them during the two year period between General Assemblies. The new Council members arranged to meet at 1230 hours on Friday, 11th April, 1980, in the Congress Hall.

Finally, the President reminded the meeting that Council existed to serve the interests of members and he appealed to all members to communicate suggestions, ideas and criticisms to Council, not just at a General Assembly but at any time. Council would welcome a continuous dialogue with interested members.

Dr. Winter then thanked Council and members for all the help and encouragement he had received during the past four years. Dr. Heimke thanked Dr. Winter for the tremendous amount of work he had done for the Society. During his period of office there had been many achievements by a young Society and this was due to the great effort put in by the President. Thanks were also extended to the Society for Biomaterials (USA) and the Biological Engineering Society (UK) for their co-operation in the World Biomaterials Congress.

The meeting closed at 1445 hours

Signed  President
.....  Secretary
Date 10th Sept, 1982

DECLARATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF AUDITORS

We, the members of the Committee of Auditors, hereby declare that we have audited the books and documents of the European Society of Biomaterials over the period from the establishment of the Society to February 12th, 1980.

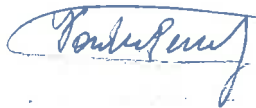
On the basis of our audit we are confident that an accurate record has been kept of the Society's finances and that the books closed on February 12th, 1980 represent a true statement of the facts.

Baden (near Vienna), 8. April, 1980.

Signed by:


Prof. Newesely

West Germany



Dr. van der Perre

Belgium



Dr. van Mullem

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Weinheim, 30th March 1980

Total Assets of our Society 12th Feb. 1980:

Banca del Monte, Bologna	Lit.	44.853	DM	96,88
Crédit Mutuel, Strassbourg	FF	4.330,80	DM	1.876,10
Volksbank Seckenheim, Mannheim			DM	2.661,99
				<u>DM 4.634,97</u>
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				FF 10.699,38
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				£ 1.108,84
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				Lit 2.145.819
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				BF 74.417,-
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				hfl 5.064,43
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				SF 4.392,50
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Exchange rates of 29th March 1980

J. Hilmke

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CREDIT MUTUEL

Account No. 213801 45

Settlement per 5th Feb. 1980

	ff.
Membership fees	10.161,81
Surplus Conference Brussels	23.353,--
Advance payments for Conference Proceedings (30 times bfrs. 1000,-)	4.321,80
Surplus Conference Strassbourg	2.501,94
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Advance payments for 1st World Congress	15.691,32
Copying	520,68
Printing of book of Abstracts 1st World Congress, 1st instal- ment	13.190,80
Travelling Expenses	2.170,35
Stamps	100,--
Bank charges	12,80
Reserve for advance pay- ment for Conference Pro- ceedings	4.321,80
Saldo	4.330,80
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	<u>40.338,55</u> =====

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MEMBERSHIP

Heimke

Konto Volksbank Seckenheim
Account No. 12416.05

Settlement per 12.2.1980

	DM		DM
Symposium Heidelberg	1.233,81	Bank Charges	5,39
Membership fees	1.091,05		
Private charges at Baden paid back from the members	333,52		
Bank charges paid back from the bank	9,-	Saldo	2.661,99
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	Lit.		Lit.
Saldo	1.817.970,-	Bank charges	8.300,-
Membership fees	198.460,-	Storno	19.684,-
Interest	35.049,-	Assurance	2.500,-
Rit. fisc. 77	1.533,-	Traveling expenses	829.392,-
		Secretary work	318.026,-
		Office supplies	61.065,-
		Printing	381.877,-
		Charges	387.315,-
		Saldo	44.853,-
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Lit.	2.053.012,-	Lit.	2.053.012,-


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