

# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the European Society for Biomaterials, September 12, Oporto 1995

## 1. President Report

1.1 The President informed about the work on a booklet describing the European Society of Biomaterials

1.2 A minute of silence was taken by the participants in honour of Professor van Mullem who recently died.

1.3 Dr. Clemens van Blitterswijk leaves the position of the board of the ESB. The President expressed our gratitude for the excellent work performed by him as a Treasurer of the ESB. Our thanks also goes to the secretary of Clemens, Mrs C. van Battum.

1.4 Prof. Sandra Downes now leaves the position as Secretary of ESB. The President expressed our gratitude for the excellent work by Sandra, serving as Secretary.

1.5 Prof. Paolo Giusti, now leaves the position as member of the ESB board. The President expressed our sincere thanks for his work, with the 11th Society meeting in Pisa particularly in mind.

1.6 It was reported that Prof. William Bonfield had recently been awarded the prestigious Kelvin Award. Congratulations were expressed to Prof. Bonfield.

1.7 Sincere thanks were expressed to Prof. Mario Barbosa for his organization of the Oporto meeting and his activities to promote biomaterials research on the European level.

## 2. Secretary Report

2.1 The Minutes of the last General Assembly, held at the 10th ESB Conference in Davos, September 8th, 1993 was reported. The following persons were elected to the Council: Thomsen, Soltesz, Koerten, Feijen.

2.2 Approval of altered Statutes of the ESB

- Mail ballot procedure approved
- Affiliated Societies procedure approved

## 3. Treasurers Report

The treasurer reported that the ESB now has about 550 members. Among these 340 have paid their fees. The financial situation was judged as sound, for instance it was reported that 262.000 Dutch guilders constitute the reserve fund.

## 4. Auditors Report

The auditors J. A. Planell and J. Jansen had approved the economical report by the treasurer and this was confirmed by the approval of the General Assembly.

5. Members of the Society raised the question: Who does not pay the membership fee? It was found that no extensive penetration has been made so far. Junior members were in general more hesitant to pay their dues. It was stressed that February 1st is the deadline for payment of membership dues. A few members believed that the membership fee was too high.

## 6. Affiliation of national societies

The affiliation of the German Society for Biomaterials was approved by the ESB Council 10 September 1995 in Oporto.

The Dutch Society for Biomaterials has in a letter to the ESB requested details of the advantages for an affiliated society.

Chapman and Hall can give reduction on the price of the MIM. In the general discussion of affiliation of national societies that followed several pros and cons were raised with regard to reduction of fees. Based on a suggestion by Jan Feijen on the Council Meeting 10 September 1995 in Oporto a committee of the chairmen of the National Societies (J Feijen, U Gross, C Baquey) has been formed to discuss the implications and consequences of affiliation to the ESB. All members were urged to write to the ESB about their views upon affiliation.

## 7. Editor Report

It was reported that the MIM issue of the Pisa meeting was not delivered in due time. The MIM issue of the Oporto meeting is planned to be delivered in December 1995 as a Special Issue to all participants of the Oporto meeting. It was decided that a Special Issue of the MIM was to be prepared every year. The ESB Conference organizers pay the Special Issue for the years when the ESB Conferences take place.

Mario Barbosa gave a brief description of the work performed with submitted abstracts to the Oporto meeting and preparation of manuscripts for the Special Issue of the Oporto meeting: 253 abstracts were selected, 79 referees were active. 75 abstracts were finally chosen for oral presentations whereas an emphasis was put on posters (190, including late posters). The manuscript for the Special Issue were submitted from Mario to Editor David Williams. After 1 month reviewing the manuscripts were submitted to Editor William Bonfield. 55 papers were selected for the Special Issue (should have been 50 papers, 4 pages x 50 = 200 pages). The papers not to be included were sent to W Bonfield for reviewing and publication in a regular issue.

William Bonfield was elected by the Assembly as the Editor of the ESB for MIM.

## 8. Fellows in Biomaterials Science and Engineering (FBSE)

According to the bye-laws approved by the constituent Societies and upon initiation and written request three ESB members (George Winter Awardees) have been granted fellow status:

William Bonfield

Klaas de Groot

Günther Heimke

These members, as founding fellows have constituted the initial evaluation committee, supported by

Jan Feijen

Ulrich Gross

Hans Plenck

David Williams

who as members of the (American) Society for Biomaterials have previously been elected to FBSE by the Society for Biomaterials.

Proposed list of European Society for Biomaterials FBSE (to be presented to the ILC) was presented for the General Assembly:

Founding members:

William Bonfield

Klaas de Groot

Günther Heimke

Proposed members:

P. Christel

M. Jozefowicz

A.J.C Lee

A. Pizzoferrato

M. Vert

G. Hastings

J. Kirkpatrick

G. Van der Perre  
B. Rahn  
P. Ducheyne

A voting of approval was performed among the General Assembly (one person against and all others in favour).

The fellows, once confirmed by the ILC, will elect the evaluation committee. This committee must be constituted from at least three fellows and will stand for maximum four years.

The above suggested persons will most likely be installed as Fellows in Toronto, 1996.

#### 9. Mail ballot new council members

Among 12 nominations 4 new Council members had been elected by mail ballot (194 votes) (Professor Clive Lee has served as official mail ballot) :

Professor J Kirkpatrick  
Dr H Planck  
Professor C Baquey  
Professor P Revell

#### 10. ESB News

Ulrich Gross brought up the idea of an up-dated membership list to be published in the ESB News, preferably once a year. The importance of up-dated addresses, fax numbers etc was stressed. The General Assembly was in favour of this idea.

Editor Henk Koerten emphasized the potential crucial role and importance of our ESB News and encourage members to submit contributions.

#### 11. Future Meetings

The Assembly was informed on forth-coming biomaterial conferences:

World Biomaterials Congress, Toronto, June 1996

13 th ESB Conference, Göteborg, September, 1997

The General Assembly decided that the 14th ESB Conference was to be held in Leiden, 1998

One of the attendants suggested that future dates of conferences should be planned so that geographically close or co-located conferences could be visited at the same time.



Peter Thomsen  
Secretary

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