

**MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS**
The Hague, The Netherlands, 17 September, 1998

Present: about fifty members of the ESB

1. President Report

Peter Revell expressed his welcome to all members who had joined the Assembly. He expressed a gratitude to the fine work by the Organizers of the 14th European Conference on Biomaterials in The Hague. He summarized issues which had been addressed during the recent year and pointed to the main tasks to be addressed during the Assembly.

2. Secretary Report

Peter Thomsen described the fruitful interactions which had occurred between the ESB and Latvian biomaterials scientists. The plan to involve Eastern European groups in the work of the ESB was summarized. Finally, in order to increase the communication between groups, the registration forms with key interest index, was described. This will be followed by discussion on the formation of special interest groups.

3. Treasurer Report

Charles Baquey presented a summary of the financial situation and the current membership statistics. A 1997 balance and a 1998 budget were presented. The Council had prepared descriptions of how costs had increased and the Council suggested a 2 % increase in fees.

The Assembly discussed the economy of the ESB. Arguments to give figures on assets were provided. Assistance to the treasurer in the form of an appointment of a Deputy Treasurer and professional accounting were other things which were discussed. The Assembly decided to support the proposal of a 2 % increase in membership fees.

4. Auditors Report

Josep Planell reported that the economical report was approved and this was confirmed by the approval of the General Assembly.

5. Editor Report, Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine

William Bonfield, Editor, informed the Assembly about the Kluwers Academic Press buy of Chapman and Hall. The new Publishers are keen to continue with the linkage to the ESB.

The Special issue of Materials in Medicine (The Hague meeting) will appear in December 1998.

A Best Paper in Materials in Medicine during a calendar year will be given by the Publisher. The first Best Paper prize (for 1998) will be presented during the 1999 Bordeaux meeting.

The Publishers had agreed to sponsor 1-2 free Materials in Medicine subscriptions/laboratory memberships for Eastern European biomaterials groups.

6. Editor Report, ESB News and Web site

Henk Koerten informed about the ESB News and the web site. The News will appear once a year. The Assembly was informed about the web site (H. Planck) and he showed the many possibilities to use the site for communication and information. The members were urged to make a visit to the site.

7. International Liaison Committee and Fellows in Biomaterials Science and Engineering (FBSE)

Ulrich Gross informed about the ILC and Fellows. A summary has been written and appear on the ESB web site.

During the recent meeting of the ILC committee guidelines for the ILC were expressed. The planning of the next WBC in Hawaii, 2000 has started and concerns various items

(workshops, etc). Linda Luca has been appointed Program Chair. The ESB Council will be actively participating in this work.

A new name of the ILC (International Union of Biomaterials Science and Engineering, IUBSE) had been suggested. The ESB Council members agree with this name.

Korea and China has applied for the arrangement of the WBC 2008. The ESB Council and the Assembly decided that the ESB should also apply for the WBC 2008.

Ulrich Gross also informed that a suggestion for new ESB Fellows was to be decided.

8. Fortcoming Conferences

a) Bordeaux 1999

Charles Baquey (Chair) informed about the planning of the next ESB Conference in Bordeaux. The Call for Abstracts, Workshops etc. is out and the next announcement will appear at the end of November 1998.

b) London 2001

Peter Revell informed that the organization of the meeting has started.



Peter Thomsen
Secretary

Approved at the Council Meeting in Naples, Italy, 7 November 1998