

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS HELD AT THE PALAIS DE L'EUROPE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th 1977 AT 1730 HOURS

Present: Dr. G.D. Winter (President)
Dr. G. Heimke (Treasurer)
Dr. F. Burny (Secretary)
Dr. J.L. Leray
Dr. S. Sandrolini Cortesi

12 other members

An apology was received from Dr. A. Engelhardt and Dr. K. de Groot

In attendance: Mrs. J. Upton

1/77 The MINUTES of the Inaugural Meeting held at the Instituto Rizzoli on 12th - 13th March 1976 were RECEIVED and APPROVED.

2/77 MATTERS ARISING

3/76 It was noted that the name Olave should be deleted and H. Plenck should be included among those elected as 'substitutes'.

3/77 PRESIDENT' REPORT

The President told members that the Council had met four times:

Bologna:	13th March 1976
Stanmore:	23rd September 1976
Davos:	21st February 1977
Strasbourg	25th September 1977

Councillors had been assiduous in their duties and attendances had been 75% or better.

Scientific Programme. The first concern of the Council has been to launch the scientific activities of the Society and the following meetings had been arranged:

1st European Conference of the Evaluation of Biomaterials. Strasbourg, 26th - 28th September 1977.

Biomaterials related to hard tissues. A 2-day meeting in Brussels, 22nd - 23rd May 1978.

Symposium on Bioceramics. Keele (U.K.) 16th September 1978, in co-operation with the British Ceramics Society and the Biological Engineering Society - Biomaterials Group.

World Biomaterials Congress. Vienna, 8th - 12th April 1980, in co-operation with the Society for Biomaterials (U.S.A.) and the Biological Engineering Society - Biomaterials Group.

Our policy is to hold a major European conference biennially. We also wish to encourage and support local one-day meetings on specialised topics.

Relations with other organisations. Good relations have been established with the Society for Biomaterials in the U.S.A. and the Biological Engineering Society in the U.K. We enjoy the goodwill and practical assistance of the Scientific Committee of the Council of Europe.

Administration. Certain administrative changes have taken place in the last 18 months of the Council's existence. Dr. Sandrolini Cortesi and Professor Pizzoferrato, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, having resigned, Dr. Burny has taken over as Secretary and Dr. Heimke is the new Treasurer. Council will be recommending that the official Office of the Society be moved to Strasbourg. Dr. Plenck had been invited to fill the vacant seat on Council and Dr. Perren, Dr. Jaeger and Dr. Vallana had been co-opted. The President thanks Dr. Sandrolini Cortesi for his services as Secretary.

Standardisation. A Sub-committee concerned with standardisation has been formed and Dr. Perren will take responsibility for this important aspect of the Society's work.

Governmental Regulations. Council is carefully watching developments in the matter of governmental regulations concerning biomaterials and is in touch with the Medical Devices Bureau of the F.D.A. (U.S.A.)

Journal. Council has taken steps to achieve an official journal for the Society and is in the process of forming a European editorial board.

General. The Society registered about 100 members in its first year and has begun well. We must build on this foundation, recruit more members and work towards the creation of a Society in which we can all take pride.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Because of the change over in the office of Treasurer and because there had been no opportunity to appoint auditors it was not possible on this occasion to present an income and expenditure account and audited balance sheet. The Treasurer reported the financial status of the Society as follows:

Income and Expenditure - Year ending 25th December 1976

Income	Lira 2,624,198	Expenses	Lira 740,958
		Bank charges	65,270
		Balance at Bank	1,817,970
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It was noted that all income to that date had come from subscriptions to the Society. The Treasurer's report was APPROVED.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription for membership was fixed at 100 French Francs per annum. The subscription for corporate membership was fixed at 1,000 French Francs per annum. It was noted that the Account Number for the new banking office in Strasbourg is:

Account No. 00021380145. CREDIT MUTUAL,
Postal Giro CCP Strasbourg 73417 L,
European Society for Biomaterials.

6/77 AUDITORS

The following members of the Society, having signified their assent, were elected as Auditors to the Society:

Dr. Van Mullem Holland

Prof. Newesely Germany

Dr. Van Der Perre Belgium

7/77 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 13 OF THE STATUTES

Since a meeting of the General Assembly would be held every two years it was felt to be a safeguard to have audited accounts presented to Council annually. Therefore, the amendment 'prepare a statement of the Society's finances for presentation annually to the Council and biennially to the General Meeting of the Society' had been proposed by Council for submission to the General Assembly.

The motion to accept the amendment was proposed by Dr. Heime, seconded by Dr. Leray. Motion APPROVED.

8/77 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 14 OF THE STATUTES

Members of Council had agreed that the word 'enrolment' was incorrect and it was not the intention of the Society to have an enrolment fee. Therefore, the amendment to this Article was 'Members shall be required to pay an annual subscription ...'

The motion to accept the amendment was proposed by Dr. Heimke, seconded by Dr. Burny. Motion APPROVED.

9/77 REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY

At the Council meeting held on Sunday, September 25th 1977, it was decided to recommend that the Registered Office of the Society be moved from Bologna. Council propose that the Registered Office of the European Society for Biomaterials be established in Strasbourg and that Council is empowered to take all necessary steps to effect this and to amend Article 2 of the Statutes accordingly. The new address would be:

Centre de Traumatologie et Orthopedie,
10, Avenue Achille Baumann,
F 67400 Illkirch Graffenstaden,
France.

10/77 OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETY

Dr. Burny reported the results of negotiations with the editor and publishers of the Journal of Biomedical Materials Research. A special subscription rate for members of the Society - \$35 plus \$9 postage had been AGREED. The publishers require a guaranteed minimum sale of 100 subscriptions. A European editorial board would be set up consisting of 5 members. Benefits to the Society would be (1) it would become the official journal of the Society, (2) the name of the Society would be on the front page and (3) privileged subscription rate. Council were opposed to the inclusion of the cost of the journal in the subscription fee. The editor and publishers had agreed to a voluntary arrangement for a trial period of one year when the position would be reviewed. Council felt it would be difficult to achieve 100 new subscriptions in one year and will attempt to have the trial period extended. The motion that the Journal of Biomedical Materials Research becomes the official journal of the Society was APPROVED.

11/77 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council resolved: The following additional paragraph be added to Article 8 of the Statutes:

'Resolutions from Council excepted, matters for discussion under Any Other Business which require a decision by the General Assembly shall be notified to the Secretary in writing not later than 15 days prior to the said meeting'. The Resolution was APPROVED.

12/77 SOCIETY MOTIF, EMBLEM OR LOGO

The President invited members to put forward suggestions for a Society Logo.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1830 hours. After the close of the meeting the President explained to members that, in clarification of the motion approved under 9/77, French law may require that the Society be disbanded and re-constituted in Strasbourg. This would be a formality only.

The President thanks Dr. Massue for the hospitality of the Council of Europe and the use of the council chamber in the Palais de l'Europe.

Signed President

..... Secretary

Date