

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS
HELD ON MAY 23rd 1978 AT THE HYATT
REGENCY HOTEL, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

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

Members: 23 other members

In attendance: Mrs. J. Upton

1/78 There were no apologies for absence

2/78 The Minutes of the inaugural General Meeting held at the Instituto Rizzoli, Bologna, Italy, on March 12th 1976 were RECEIVED and APPROVED.

3/78 President's Report

The President quoted from the letter he had previously sent to all members drawing their attention to the fact that at the General Assembly held in Strasbourg on September 28th 1977 only 17 members attended and the quorum as laid down by the Statutes required 25 members. Council therefore had convened another General Meeting to deal with important affairs of the Society.

Members were told that the meeting in Strasbourg organised by Dr. J.L. Leray had been a great success and that the Society proposes to hold other international meetings regularly. Some will be in conjunction with other Societies, as in Brussels and at Keele University in September 1978.

The Society is now embarking upon its most ambitious venture - that of organising the World Congress, to be held in Baden/Vienna in April 1980. The Congress will cover all aspects of Biomaterials and it is hoped to attract a worldwide participation. The European Society for Biomaterials will combine with the Society for Biomaterials (USA) and the Biomaterials Group of the Biological Engineering Society (UK) to organise the Congress,

The Society has adopted the Journal of Biomedical Materials Research as its official organ. To enable members to get the reduced subscription rate of \$35 plus \$9 postage the Society must provide 100 subscriptions and it is essential that E.S.B. members inform John Wiley of their membership. An editorial board has been set up, details of which were given in a letter circulated to all members. Members are urged to send papers to any member of the editorial board.

The Proceedings of the Strasbourg Conference on Evaluation of Biomaterials will be published by John Wiley Ltd., Chichester, U.K., as the first volume in a new series of books under the general title "Advances in Biomaterials."

There had been a few changes in Council: Dr. Burny had taken over the post of Secretary when Dr. Sandrolini resigned and Dr. Heimke took over the post of Treasurer upon the resignation of Professor Pizzoferrato. Dr. Plenk had been elected member of Council to fill the vacancy left by Professor Pizzoferrato and three other members had been co-opted to Council: Dr. S. Perren, Dr. J.H. Jaeger and Dr. F. Vallana. Despite the fact that Council meetings had been held in various countries the President was delighted to report that the meetings had been well attended and Councillors assiduous in their duties.

4/78 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer expressed regret that no formal accounts were available for examination at the meeting. The account at Bologna was L1,640,213 in credit on 31st March 1978. Business conduct was difficult because of there being two banks involved and details of invoices paid out and monies paid into the accounts were not returned in time to have an audited record prepared for the General Assembly. It is not possible yet to draw money from the Strasbourg account until the new Society is established and registered in France.

The Treasurer drew attention to his letter to members regarding the sending of subscriptions to the account in Strasbourg.

The Treasurer's Report was APPROVED.

5/78 Subscription Fee

The subscription fee of FF 100 for ordinary members and FF 1,000 for corporate members was APPROVED.

6/78 Auditors

Society accounts must be audited by three members who are not members of Council. The following persons agreed to act as Auditors:

Dr. P. Van Mullen (Holland)
Professor Newesely (West Germany)
Dr. Van Der Perre (Belgium)

7/78 Registered Office of the Society

The Motion to approve the removal of the Registered Office of the Society from Bologna to Strasbourg was put before members. There were no objections. Motion APPROVED. The new address is:

c/o Dr. J.H. Jaeger, Centre de Traumatologie et Orthopedie,
10, Avenue Achille Baumann, F 67400 Illkirch-Graffenstaden, France.

8/78 New Statutes

Draft copies of the Statutes amended to bring them into line with French legal requirements were distributed to members. The President remarked that there had been very little alteration to the original Statutes except for Articles 11 and 12. The Quorum shall now be 10% of the total members or at least 25 members, whichever is the greater.

Once the Society is registered with the Court at Strasbourg it will be difficult to change the Statutes in any way. Hence the rules incorporated into the Statutes are the minimum required by French Civil Law. The other rules governing the administration of the Society are embodied in Byelaws which can be modified from time to time, if necessary, by a properly constituted General Assembly of members.

The Statutes had been examined by a French legal advisor and by a representative of the Council of Europe. The Statutes were APPROVED.

The President explained that he had been advised that to incorporate the Society in France:

- (i) it will be necessary for 7 persons to sign an application to the Minister of the Interior.
- (ii) the former Society must be dissolved.
- (iii) the General Meeting of members should agree to empower the President to approve such minor modifications to the Statutes as may be necessary to comply with French Civil Law.

These requirements were AGREED and a Motion to empower the President to dissolve the present Society immediately prior to the formation of the Society in France was put to the members. There were no objections and the Motion was APPROVED.

The next meeting of the General Assembly will be held in conjunction with the World Congress, Baden/Vienna, April 1980. At that meeting elections will be held to select a new Council which will hold office for four years. Members who are at present Councillors shall be eligible for re-election.


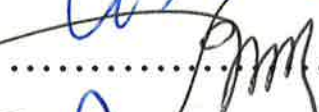
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Any Other Business

A request was made that S.I. units be used wherever possible.

A suggestion put forward by a member that abstracts followed the format of the U.S.A. Society was welcomed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1245 hours.

.....  President
.....  Secretary
..... April 10th 1980 Date