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Dear Member,

Our Society has now been in existence for just a few years, and enjoys a very high reputation within the Scientific community. That this is so is due in no small measure to the efforts and guidance given by our first two Presidents, assisted by the members of the Council. Following the events of March 1981, the Council has had to redistribute the different tasks and to reorganize its activities. Dr. P. J. van Mullem, who was Vice-President at the time, suddenly found he was responsible for the day to day work of the Society, and had to act to ensure a smooth continuation of its activities. From the NEWSLETTER of June 24th, 1981 it is difficult to appreciate how much hard work and effort was needed to arrange and co-ordinate everything. The success of our 2nd European Conference on Biomaterials, the proper way in which we could express our appreciation and respect for our two past Presidents, and award the Honorary Membership of our Society to Dr. Sandrolini-Cortesi and Mrs. Jenny Upton during the Special General Assembly held in Goteborg on 28th August 1981, could not have been achieved without Peter van Mullem's efforts who, by the time of the Assembly, had already withdrawn to the more background task of treasurer of our Society. It is my privilege to express the sincere and warm thanks of all of us for the way in which he carried the Society through this difficult time.

LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE

Following the deaths of our first two Presidents we have received letters of condolence from the following persons and organizations:

T. N. Salthouse, President of the Society for Biomaterials

G. W. Hastings, Professional Committee of the Biological Engineering Society and its Biomaterials Group

S. R. Pollack, Secretary-Treasurer of the Society for Biomaterials

P. Vincenzini, Consiglio Nazionale Delle Ricerche, Istituti di Ricerche Tecnologiche per la Ceramica, Faenza, Italy

L. L. and J. Hench, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

F. W. Cooke, College of Engineering, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.

We highly appreciate and give our thanks for the sympathy expressed in these letters.

2nd EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON BIOMATERIALS, Goteborg,

27th - 29th AUGUST 1981

The Council was glad to follow the suggestion of Dr. T. Albrektsson, who was principally responsible for the local organization in Goteborg, to distribute the final program and abstracts leaflet to all our members. By doing so, we were able to give all those who could not attend the conference first-hand information about the most recent scientific activities in our field of interest. By a re-organization of our editorial procedure we hope to be able to have the final proceedings out during the very first months of 1982. (See also below under "Publication Policy").

The conference had 138 registered participants, 29 of them members of our Society. The attendees came from the following countries:

Sweden	55	Belgium	3	Ireland	1	Canada	2
Denmark	1	Egypt	1	Italy	2	U.S.A.	6
Finland	2	France	14	Netherlands	7		
Iceland	1	Germany FR	23	Hungary	1		
Norway	4	Germany DR	3	Switzerland	5		
Austria	1	Great Britain	6	Australia	1		

Most of the work concerned with preparing this conference from an organizational

to award the Honorary Membership of our Society to Dr. Sandrolini-Cortesi and Mrs. Jenny Upton. This has already been mentioned in the Newsletter of July 1980 of our past President. An extract from the speech given at the Assembly is printed below:

"It was in Bologna, Italy, on the 3rd October, 1975 when Dr. Sandrolini-Cortesi organized a meeting at the Istituti Ortopedici Rizzoli with the intention of organizing a European branch of the American Society for Biomaterials. During this meeting, and during the subsequent one in March 1976, it was, however, decided to set up an independent body, the European Society for Biomaterials. This meeting during which our Society was established was chaired by Dr. Sandrolini-Cortesi. In a letter written by George Winter shortly after this meeting, he wrote: "I am certain all present in Bologna on March 12th - 13th, 1976, at the inaugural meeting, will join with me in thanking Dr. Sandrolini-Cortesi and his colleagues for the very hard work that led to the formation of our Society". We can only repeat these thanks today. Dr. Sandrolini-Cortesi was a member of the first Council of our Society in which position he maintained the contact to our registered office in Bologna. It was not until the Istituti Rizzoli had, for reasons outside our Society and outside our control, to abandon all activities in relation to our Society that the Council had to consider the change of our place of registration. And here, again, we have to appreciate the open, fair and very helpful way in which Dr. Sandrolini-Cortesi co-operated in solving all difficult problems concerned.

Mrs. Jenny Upton was a major help and assistance to George Winter during the years of his presidency. By doing all the day to day office work, maintaining contact with the other officers and Council members on the continent it was she who, because of the particular situation of the Council at that time, performed most of the secretarial duties for the Society. If George had not had her continuous assistance, there might

The next two World Congresses on Biomaterials, which will also be our annual meetings for the years concerned, are scheduled for

April 1984 in Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

AND

1988 in Kyoto, Japan.

OTHER FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

27 - 29 November 1981, 2nd International Workshop of the Austrian Society for Artificial Organs in Innsbruck, Austria, on "Controversies and New Trends in Artificial Organs". For further informations, please, contact Dr.Unger, Anichstraße 31/54, A-6020 Innsbruck.

20 - 23 January 1982, Meeting of the European Society for Biomechanics in Nijmegen, NL, with a Symposium on "Electrical Stimulation" on the first day. The Dept. of Orthopaedics, Theodoor Craanenlaan 7, NL 6500 HB Nijmegen, will be glad to give further informations.

As already mentioned in previous Newsletters, our American colleagues will have their next annual conferences on April 24 - 27, 1982 in Orlando, Fla. (a synonym for Disney World) a conference site of particular attraction.

For further details, please contact Prof.L.L.Hench, Dept.Material Science and Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville Fla. 32611, U.S.A.

Dr.G.W.Hastings has asked us to inform our members about the 5th Annual Symposium on Methods and Materials for Fracture Fixation which will be held in the Medical Institute, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent on Friday, 7th May 1982. The theme is to be:

FACTORS IN FRACTURE UNION

This will include conservative and operative studies, mechanical and biological factors, implant deterioration, retrieved implant analysis, the problem of less than ideal fixation, prediction of union, refracture after using implants, new materials. There will be invited speakers, but offers of papers should be made to Dr.G.W.Hastings, Bio-Medical Engineering Unit, c/o. Medical Institute, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent, Staffs. ST4 7NY, England.

24 - 28 May 1982, Porto Cervo, Sardinia, Italy, International Symposium on Polymers in Medicine, Biomedical and Pharmacological Applications. For detailed informations, please contact Prof.P.Ginsti and E.Chiellini, Istituto di Chimica Generale, Facolta die Ingegneria, Via Diotisalvi 2, I-56 100 Pisa.

(Liverpool). Further nominations are planned. Thereby, an adequate reviewing process of your paper can be provided in Europe without unnecessary delay.

Manuscripts prepared according to the instructions for authors in J.B.M.R. (1 original and 2 copies with 3 sets of original illustrations) should be sent to Dr. Hanns Plenk, Bone Research Laboratory, Histological-Embryological Institute of the University of Vienna, Schwarzspanierstrasse 17, A-1090 Vienna, Austria.

To obtain your own copy of the J.B.M.R., you are invited to subscribe at the reduced rate (for ESB members only) of 54.- US-Dollars (postage included). The full price of this journal is US-Dollars 154.-. We are presently considering to arrange for a payment of this subscription together with our membership fee.

Hanns Plenk, Ass. Editor of J.B.M.R.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The Council of this Society is somewhat proud to have been able to carry on all the activities of our Society without the necessity of an increase of our membership fee in order to adjust it to the general currency devaluation. We hope to further avoid any increase for some years to come. However, this can only be achieved if all members are paying their fees regularly. We regard this as a matter of fairness. Our treasurer will remind all those who have not yet paid their dues during the next weeks. Please, follow his request to pay up promptly.

According to the provisions of Section 3 of the Byelaws of our Society any active member in good standing having attained the age of sixty years or having retired from active professional life shall be transferred to senior member and shall, as such, be excused from the payment of dues. Those to whom this provision applies are kindly requested to inform the treasurer accordingly (for the first time if the birthday is within the first half of the calendar year).

clinical research. He must have described his work and its results in at least one publication. The nominee needs neither to be a member of the European Society for Biomaterials nor to be a citizen of a European country. The nominee must not be a member of the Council of the European Society for Biomaterials or of the nomination committee. Posthumous nominations are not considered.

Nomination Procedure

Any member of the European Society for Biomaterials in good standing may nominate candidates for the George Winter Award and the Jean Leray Award. The deadline for nominations is the 31st December of the preceding year. The nomination will be considered for the following year only, but it must be reconsidered later if the same person is nominated again.

The following information must accompany each nomination:

Name and address of the nominating member, together with a copy of his valid membership card.

Of the nominee:

Name and affiliation and the address concerned, as far as known.

Curriculum Vitae as far as is known, including education, membership in professional organizations, honors already received, main fields of professional activities.

As far as available, a list of publications and/or copies of them.

A statement describing the reasons for nomination.

Nominations and supporting data should be mailed to the secretary of our Society or to any of its officers.

Awardee Selection Procedure

The Council of the European Society for Biomaterials will appoint an Awards Committee consisting of five members of our society at least one of which must be a Council member. The appointment of the selection committee will be made after 31st December of the year preceding the term of office of the committee.

secretary of our society.

It is also our intention to publish a Newsletter periodically, about every half year. We feel that it would be to the benefit of our members to include "openings" and "position wanted". Please let us know if you or your organization wants to use this facility.

COMMITTEE WORK

Our Society has been growing rather rapidly during its first years of existence and is growing still. This growth can be regarded as reflecting the increasing importance of and interest in the research and development of biomaterials. In order to enable our Society to fulfil its objectives as mentioned in our Statutes "... to encourage, foster, promote and develop research, progress and information concerning the science of biomaterials ..." the Council feels the necessity to ask the help and assistance of as many of our members as possible. By combining the expert knowledge and judgement of our members we hope to be able to serve better our field of science, and, by doing so, serve our members as well.

Of course, any such activities need some kind of an organizational frame work which, we think, can best be established by committees devoted to particular subjects. From our point of view we see two main groups of topics, one more organizational oriented, the other more devoted to the different fields of our science:

The more organization oriented topics comprise committees as listed below. (People mentioned in brackets have already been suggested for co-operation in the committees concerned).

Publication (H. Plenk)

Standardization, Regulations (B. R. Rahn)

Membership promotion (P. Ducheyne, T. Albrektsson)

Summer Schools (P. Ducheyne)

now. Your participation is expected to help our society to improve its service to our branch of science, to the increase of knowledge and its application to the benefit for all of us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Miller". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.