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86.1. There were apologies from 2 members of Council: Dr. P. Christel and Dr. M. Josefowicz.

86.2. The Society Journal. The President discussed the problems, primarily regarding the supply of the J.B.M.R. to our members, that we have with the publisher John Wiley. Council recommended that the ESB continues with J.B.M.R. as our official journal for the year 1987, and noted that Dr. Lee will discuss the problems with John Wiley in the week of September 22 since he was in New York at that time. There were no comments from the floor. It was announced that the matter will be on the agenda of the normal General Assembly to be held in Amsterdam during the 7th Conference of the European Society for Biomaterials.

86.3. Associate Membership of the E.S.B. The President reported that an Italian Society for Biomaterials was now in existence and had been created because many Italian biomaterials scientists do not read or understand English (the official language of the ESB) sufficiently well to become full members of the ESB. As it is the wish of the Council to have all European biomaterial scientists as members of the ESB, it was proposed that a new class of member (an Associate Member) be created for those

members of the ISB who were not already members of the ESB. A lump sum would be paid by the ISB to cover their administrative costs. If this proposal was accepted, the Statutes and Bylaws would be adjusted accordingly and would be presented to the General Assembly in Amsterdam for approval.

Dr. de Lange asked for the number of members involved.

Then Dr. Giusti took the floor, first thanking the Council of the ESB for taking an initiative with Associate Membership. However, he stated that language problems do not really exist but that a number of members of ISB simply do not want the J.B.M.R. The matter would be discussed again during the next meeting of the ISB, he said. He also stated the number of members of ISB who would wish to become Associate Members was difficult to assess.

Dr. Lee replied that if the language was not a great problem, the reason for the creation of an Associate Membership is considerably weaker.

Dr. Plenk remarked that the receipt of Newsletters only would not give much value to an Associate Member.

After some discussion, Dr. Lee resolved that the meeting should not approve a new class of membership. He asked permission to talk with the ISB during the next 12 months so that a proposal agreed by the ISB and the ESB could be tabled during the Amsterdam General Assembly, if necessary.

86.4. Awards. Since the awardee could not attend the Conference, it was only announced that Dr. W. van Raendonck had been awarded the 1986 Jean Leraay Award.

The meeting was closed at 5:28.

P. J. van Mullem.