

Minutes of the ESB General Assembly held in Chester International Hotel, Chester, September 10th, 1991

The General Assembly began at 8.05 a.m.
51 members were signed to be present.

91.1: Report of the President: P. Christel gave a short overview concerning the development of the ESB in the last two years and the achievements, especially concerning the development of the membership which is now more than 300, and the new official journal entitled "Materials in Medicine".

91.2: Report of the Secretary: There was progress in the organization of the Fourth World Biomaterials Congress to be held in April 24-28th, 1992, in Berlin. An introduction to this congress was given. The structure of the scientific sessions with oral and poster presentations will be organised after receipt of the abstracts, the deadline being September 30th, 1991. There will be 11 half-day workshops dealing with special problems in biomaterials research and application. The members are invited to convene and make progress in the knowledge of biomaterials. The Second Announcement and Call for Papers were distributed to the members and to the constituent societies of the International Liaison Committee and to other biomaterials societies and organizations. A Technical Exhibition allows industry and institutions to demonstrate the new achievements.

91.3: Report of the Treasurer and Membership Secretary: The financial situation of the society is healthy; there is a positive balance. The Auditors, C. Doyle and C. van Blitterswijk, have positive comments on the books. Due to the increase of issues of the journal MIM from 4 to 6 issues per year, there will be an increase of costs from £32 to £48, the administrative costs will be kept constant. This proposal for an increase of the membership fees has been accepted. The membership increase is mainly due to the new categories of membership. Thanks are given to G. deLange who will be leaving his position as Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

91.4. Editors Report: The development of the new journal MIM is positive. There is an acceptable interval between submission and acceptance of manuscripts. The increase in issues was already mentioned. The members are encouraged to submit their work for publication to the Editor D. Williams.

91.5. Council renewal: P. Christel, G. deLange, A. Ravaglioli and B. Rahn finish their term. Nominations were for S. Downes, C. van Blitterswijk, P. Giusti, A. J. C. Lee, and M. A. Barbosa.

Vote by secret ballots.

Result: S. Downes 26, C. van Blitterswijk 26, P. Giusti 28, A. J. C. Lee 24, and M. A. Barbosa 41 votes.

The General Assembly finished at 8.58 am.

P. Christel
President

U. Gross
Secretary

