

**Minutes of  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS  
London, 13 September, 2001**

Present: About fifty members of the ESB

1. President's Report

Peter Revell expressed his welcome to the members who had joined the Assembly. He summarized the major recent decisions which had been made, including the affiliations of the United Kingdom Society for Biomaterials (UKSB) and the Swiss Society of Biomaterials (SSB) to the ESB. He also informed about the progress of the ESB Historical Archives made by Ulrich Gross. An advertisement to a presentation by UG on Friday 14 september was made. He also expressed his gratitude to the members and staff who had successfully planned the 17<sup>th</sup> ESB Conference in London.

2. Secretary's Report

Peter Thomsen summarized some of the recent items, including the mail ballot (see below)

3. Treasurer's Report

Luigi Ambrosio provided a summary of the current membership and the financial situation. He also informed that he had successfully communicated with Kluwer Publishers on the matter of some individual members not receiving the journal.

4. Auditor's Report

Josep Planell informed that the auditors J. Planell, R. Williams, M. Therin and JE Ellingsen had approved the economical report by the treasurer and this was confirmed by the approval of the General Assembly.

5. Editor's Report, Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine

William Bonfield informed about the progress with the ESB journal. The journal has grown considerably and there is an expansion of the number of pages per issue. There is an increased use of obtaining the papers on-line. Council members participated in the recent Editorial Board meeting and were participating in a discussion of various items which aim to improve the Journal. WB also informed that the Best Paper 2000 in the Journal will be awarded during the ESB Conference.

6. Editor's Report, ESB News and web-site

On behalf of Heinrich Planck and Carsten Linti, Peter Thomsen summarized the status of the web site.

7. International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUS-BSE)

Peter Revell informed about the progress of the IUS-BSE, inauguration of new Fellows at the recent WBC in Hawaii (2000) and the selection of the World Biomaterials Congress 2008 to Europé.

8. Council member ballot

Peter Thomsen reported the results of the mail ballot. Dr. Maria Werthén had acted as Council Ballot Officer. A record figure of 523 votes had been assembled.

The results were:

Luigi Ambrosio	111
Josep Planell	64
Joost de Bruijn	63
Antonio Merolli	55
Liz Tanner	55
Guy Daculsi	46
Pentti Tengvall	31

Marcus Textor	30
Andrew Lloyd	23
Rui Reis	20
Stephen Denyer	13
Chikara Ohtsaki	12

The General Assembly decided to elect Luigi Ambrosio, Josep Planell, Joost de Bruijn, Antonio Merolli and Liz Tanner as members of the ESB Council for the period of 2001-2005.

Peter Revell expressed his thanks to Peter Thomsen for his periods as Council member and Secretary of the ESB.

#### 9. Appointment of auditors

The General Assembly decided to elect Rachel Williams, John Jansen and Pentti Tengvall as auditors for the period 2001-2005.

#### 10. Forthcoming Conferences

Information was given to the General Assembly about the following major conferences (links and details are found on the ESB Home page [www.esb-news.org](http://www.esb-news.org)):

- 17<sup>th</sup> ESB Conference, 11-15 September 2002, Barcelona ([www.esb2002.com](http://www.esb2002.com))
- 18<sup>th</sup> ESB Conference, 2003, Bonn/Stuttgart
- 19<sup>th</sup> ESB Conference, 2005, Naples
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress (WBC), 16-21 May, 2004, Sydney, Australia ([www.biomaterials.org.au](http://www.biomaterials.org.au))
- Additional conferences endorsed by the ESB: please, see the ESB home page

#### 11. Next ESB Conference, Barcelona

Josep Planell, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, briefly informed the audience about the forthcoming 17<sup>th</sup> ESB Conference, 11-15 September 2002, Barcelona and invited all participants to come.

#### 12. Other matters

One comment from a member was that the ESB Home page needs to be improved (links etc). Several members expressed wishes that the ESB should increase the number of Honorary Members.

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Peter Thomsen  
Secretary