



## Minutes of the First Edinburgh Meeting of the EBSA Executive Committee

Location: Harris 1, EICC, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 12.30 – 14.00

**Present:** Helmut Grubmüller (President), Anthony Watts (Vice President), Manuel Prieto (past President), John Seddon (Secretary), Rob Gilbert (EBJ), José Carrascosa (ISE), André Matagne (Bursaries), Mauro dalla Serra (IUPAB cross-representative), László Mátyus (co-opted: EBSA Webmaster), Jesus Perez-Gil (co-opted: organiser of the 2019 EBSA Congress, Pavol Miškovsky, Tony Wilkinson (Treasurer), Pierre Emmanuel Milhiet (co-opted: EBSA Workshops Coordinator).

### 1. Welcome and Apologies (HG)

Helmut welcomed the Committee and reported that Apologies were received from Jacqueline Cherfils and Ilpo Vattulainen (co-opted: EBSA Newsgroup). The Agenda was accepted.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting of the EC in Debrecen (JMS)

The Minutes were accepted subject to minor corrections which were noted.

André will contact the Norwegian Society about their membership of EBSA. Tony Watts has encouraged a Baltic Regional Biophysics Group to form. Helmut will contact Krzysztof Bryl (Poland) about it.

Manuel confirmed that the EBSA voting reps at the IUPAB General Assembly will be José Carrascosa, Rob Gilbert and Pierre Emmanuel Milhiet. There are two candidates for IUPAB President : Manuel and Patrick Cozzone. For Treasurer / Secretary General there are three candidates : Peter Pohl (Austria), John Baenziger (Canada) and Juan Carmelo Gomez-Fernandez (Spain). Candidates for IUPAB 2023 are Germany, Japan, Denmark, South Africa and Canada.

Helmut raised the possibility of holding the Madrid 2019 EBSA Congress together with IUPAB. This would require a change of venue from Complutense University. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the Second EBSA EC meeting.

### 3. EBSA Constitution (HG)

It was agreed that the EBSA Constitution will be changed to include Associate Membership. Such members will not pay any subscription, will have no voting rights and will not be eligible to sit on the EBSA EC. However, they will be able to apply for funding from EBSA such as Travel Bursaries.

### 4. Treasurer's report (TW)

The Treasurer's report was summarized by John Seddon in Tony's Wilkinson's absence, and was Approved. Briefly, the Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was €228,276, which is a healthy position. Income was €96,942, against Expenditure of €78,276, for the financial year to 31/3/17. The Income is dominated by €74,410 from Springer, and €2,974 was received in Subscriptions. €40,200 was paid out in contributions to Meetings and in Bursaries, and EBSA EC Committee expenses were €12,101.

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## 5. Report on European Biophysics Journal (RG)

The EBJ Impact Factor has increased slightly to 2.219. The Springer contract specifies that they will pay £20,000 in Editorial Expenses, and a 5% bonus if there is a 3% increase in articles and a 7% increase in downloads. There were 210 articles published in 2016, and this is likely to increase in 2017. A review of the composition of the Editorial Board is planned. A number of Special Issues are planned: Bonnie Wallace, 2017; Regional Biophysics Congress (Mauro); Manfred Eigen 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Tony Watts mentioned that IUPAB set up Biophysical Reviews to raise revenue.

## 6. 11<sup>th</sup> EBSA Congress (AW)

There were 1,252 registrations, of which 995 were paid ones. Some potential participants were unable to attend due to problems with visas.

£22,880 was raised in Sponsorship, and £76,695 from Exhibitors.

The Biophysical Society sponsored 12 x \$500 Poster Awards, and a further 23 sponsored Poster Prizes were awarded.

The EBSA financial support for the Congress consisted of: a £14,000 loan; 60 Travel Bursaries (free registration plus accommodation); costs of the EBSA EC attending; catering; Prizes.

## 7. Agenda of the General Assembly (JMS / LM)

The process to be followed at the GA was briefly reviewed.

## 8. Proposals for new officers and members of the EC (HG)

Existing officers and members of the EC all wish to be put forward for possible re-election at the GA. There is one new candidate: Dr Dejan Zikic (Serbia).

## 9. Possible collaboration with ARBRE-MOBIEU (RG)

Discussion of the relationship with EBSA was postponed until the Second EC meeting.

## 10. Member Societies (JMS)

It was agreed that Iran will be put forward at the GA for Associate Membership of EBSA, but that the Greek group is not yet ready.

## 11. Any other business relevant for the General Assembly (HG)

It was agreed that ISE activities would be discussed at the Presidents' meeting.

The EBSA website and newsgroup are running smoothly.

Laszlo suggested that EBSA National Societies should be reminded to inform us to any changes to their Presidents and Secretaries.

There will be another Croatian Biophysics School in 2018.

## 12. Any other business

There was little enthusiasm for taking up the invitation from the Ukrainian Biophysical Society to participate in a Symposium / Round Table discussion to be held in Sept 2017 in Kyiv and Lutsk.

Helmut proposed we request a commitment from the YI winners to provide an EBJ article.

The EC expressed its sincere thanks to Helmut for all he has done for EBSA as President and Congress Organizer.