



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

**Location:** Harris 1, EICC, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 13.00 – 14.30

**Present:** Anthony Watts (President), Jesus Perez-Gil (Vice President), Helmut Grubmüller (Past President), John Seddon (Secretary), Tony Wilkinson (Treasurer), Rob Gilbert (EBJ), André Matagne (Bursaries), Mauro dalla Serra (IUPAB cross-representative), Jacqueline Cherfils, Pavol Miškovský, László Mátyus (co-opted: EBSA Webmaster), Ilpo Vattulainen (co-opted: EBSA Newsgroup), Pierre Emmanuel Milhiet (co-opted: EBSA Workshops Coordinator), Manuel Prieto (guest).

### 1. Welcome and Apologies (HG)

Note: Tony and Helmut agreed that it would be best for Helmut to Chair this meeting. Apologies were received from José Carrascosa. The Agenda was accepted.

The Committee congratulated Manuel Prieto on his election as IUPAB President.

### 2. Terms of membership of EBSA (HG)

Helmut reported that Associate Membership had been approved at the EBSA GA, and that Iran had been admitted on this basis. There has been an approach from the Australian Society, expressing an interest in joining EBSA. André pointed out that this would have implications for Bursaries. Helmut observed that there could be conflicts with IUPAB, and we perhaps need to send someone to Australia to discuss further. Manuel believes there would not be any conflict with IUPAB, if Australia were to become an Associate Member of EBSA.

### 3. Report on 11<sup>th</sup> EBSA Congress (AW)

Tony reminded the EC that there were 1,252 + 12 registrations from 51 countries, of whom 35% were students. There was a Poster Prize for each session. There were a number of very successful Satellites. The financial picture and the EBSA support provided were summarized at the First EC meeting. Of the 60 EBSA Bursaries awarded, 44 went to PhD students, and 16 to post-docs. Tony will prepare a breakdown of Bursaries by nationality later.

### 4. Report of ISE activities (JC)

Not present – report circulated.

### 5. Encyclopedia of Biophysics, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (AW)

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition is in preparation. Some rewriting of chapters is underway, along with the preparation of some new chapters.

### 6. EBSA Website (LM) and Newsgroup (IV)

John to send the up to date list of EBSA Presidents and Secretaries to Laszlo to cross-check against the list on the EBSA website. Associate members should be listed separately on the website.

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Tony Watts is trying to encourage the formation of an Irish Society.

Ilpo reported that the EBSA Newsgroup is now being sent to >1,000 individuals.

## **7. Requests for EBSA support and reports (PEM)**

The following support was agreed:

- €2,400 (€800 for a Plenary lecture plus four bursaries of €400 each) for a meeting on Membrane Morphology and Function, Arcachon, 2-5th May 2018 (Antonio Ferrer-Monteil, Spain);
- €2,400 for a Workshop on Model Membranes, Lübeck, March 2018;
- €2,400 for Helsinki Meeting (more details needed – Ilpo);
- €7,500 for the next Croatian Biophysics School;
- €7,000 for the EBSA Membranes School, Montpellier, June 2018. Tony Watts suggested that Pierre-Emmanuel should also apply to IUPAB for support.

It was agreed that at the next EBSA EC we will discuss the purposes of Meetings support, and how to present it on the EBSA website.

## **8. Student Bursaries (AM)**

Out of 7 applications, three were approved, to the total sum of €5,466 (out of €10,000 available).

## **9. Future EBSA Schools / Biophysics Courses (HG)**

Already covered

## **10. Next EBSA Congresses (HG)**

Helmut raised the possibility of holding a joint EBSA/IUPAP(C6) Congress in Madrid in July 2019. This would require moving to a larger Congress venue, such as the Municipal Pavilion. Organizers from IUPAP are urgently needed if this is to go ahead. Felix Ritort was suggested by Ramin Golestanian, and Jesus will check suitable IUPAP members who might take this on. Laszlo asked what the advantages would be of combining the meeting. Helmut replied that the IUPAP C6 section Meeting attracts some 500 attendees, so we might expect another 200 participants. However, he pointed out that it would have implications for the costs, as the new venue will be much more expensive (approximately twice) than Complutense. Jesus plans to use Madrid University as the Congress organizer. Jesus asked what fraction of the Congress should be devoted to IUPAP, and it was agreed that this should be discussed further at the next EBSA EC meeting in Jan 2018.

It was agreed that we will choose the venue for the 2021 EBSA Congress, and possibly also the 2023 one, at the EBSA EC in Jan 2018. Excellent proposals for Vienna and Jerusalem were presented at the EBSA GA. There was some disquiet expressed as to whether Elisha Haas would still be available to lead a Congress in Israel in 2021 or 2023, but the EC was satisfied that the Israeli society have a back-up plan.

## **11. Coopted members of the EC (HG)**

The current EBSA Constitution states that there are 11 full members and up to five Co-Opted members of the EC. It was agreed that Laszlo, Ilpo and Pierre-Emmanuel will be re-Co-Opted, leaving up to two free Co-Opted positions. It was also agreed that it would not be appropriate to Co-Opt Dijan Zikic (the unsuccessful Serbian candidate). Jesus pointed out that Co-Opting is our main way of repopulating the EC. Helmut and Tony Wilkinson suggested that we should look for two female candidates (for example, from the Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland or Denmark), and EC members should send any suggestions to Helmut.

## **12. Any other business**

An invitation was received to attend the Turkish Meeting, and it was agreed that John

would politely decline the invitation.

Manuel gave thanks to the EBSA EC, and encouraged future cooperation with IUPAB. Helmut suggested that Manuel be invited to attend future EBSA EC meetings as the IUPAB representative. [*Note added by John later: Mauro is Co-Opted as the IUPAB representative, so Manuel would need to be invited as a guest*].

### **13. Next EC meeting**

It was agreed that the next EC meeting will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Venice (Mauro dalla Serra). The summer EC meeting will probably be held in Slovakia.

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