



**Minutes of the 7th General Assembly of EBSA
September 11, 2000, 19:00-20:50
Munich, Germany**

Present

The Executive Committee

Paul Vigny (President), Sandor Damjanovich, Michael Ferenczi (Treasurer), Lennart Nilsson (Secretary), Heinz Rüterjans (Vice-President).
Manuel Cortijo (Past-President).

Delegates of Member Societies

Initially 12 present; from item 4 there were 14 present including Germany and the newly elected member the Czech Committee of Biophysics.

Croatia Dr. J. Brnjas-Kraljevic, **Czech Republik** Prof. S. Kozubek, **Egypt** Prof. Fadel M. Ali, **France** Prof. M. Lutz, **Germany** Prof. F. Parak, **Great Britain** Prof. A.C.T. North, **Hungary** Prof. P. Ormos, **Italy** Prof. G. Colombetti, **Poland** Prof. S. Przystalski, **Portugal** Prof. M. Prieto, **Romania** Dr. O. Andronesi, **Slovenia** Dr. P. Peterlin, **Spain**. Dr. E. Andreu, **Sweden** Prof. B. Halle

Observers from Ukraine, Croatia, Denmark, France, Great Britan, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, and Spain.

Prof. Peter Bayley, Prof. Laszlo Matyus, Prof. Jean-Marc Lhoste

1. The General Assembly was opened by Prof. Vigny, and the previously circulated agenda was adopted with the change that item 4 "Election" was moved to just before "Any other business".

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

2. The Minutes from the 6th General Assembly in Orléans, July 14, 1997 (attached).

3. New Member Societies.

4. President's report.

5. Treasurer's report.

6. Approval of the accounts.

7. Annual Dues.

8. European Biophysical Journal Editor Report.

9. Discussion on Venue for the Fourth Congress.

10. Congresses after 2003.

11. EBSA Prize.

12. Election of Officers.

13. Any Other Business.

2. The Minutes from the 6th General Assembly in Orléans, July 14, 1997

The minutes were approved (attached).

3. New Member Societies.

The Czech Committee for Biophysics has applied for membership in EBSA and submitted their statues. The executive committee recommended acceptance of the application, and the the Czech Committee for Biophysics was accepted as a new EBSA member.

4. **President's report** (Attached).

Paul Vigny reported on the activities since 1997. There has been six meetings of the Executive Committee since the 6th General Assembly. Most of the work has been concerned with the establishment of regular European Biophysics Congresses, with the European Biophysics Journal, and with the EBSA Prize. The valuable efforts of Prof. Peter Bayley, Past Editor of the Journal, were specifically recognized.

Since the main points in the report appear as items in the agenda discussion was deferred to these agenda items.

5. **Treasurer's report** (Attached).

Current assets are ca 60000GBP. The main source of income is from the European Biophysics Journal, but this has been decreasing since 1997. It was decided that the chartered accountants Sam Rogoff & Co, London, should be kept

6. **Approval of the accounts.**

The accounts were approved with 13 votes in favor. The executive committee did not vote.

7. **Annual Dues.**

The executive committee proposes that the annual dues be increased to 2 EUR/member/year. This had been discussed at the 6th General Assembly, but since the proposed increase had not been made explicitly in the agenda many delegates had no instructions from their societies how to act on this issue. Prof. Colombetti suggests that 2EUR/member should be the recommended annual fee, but that for societies who cannot meet this the 1EUR/member/year should remain. This suggestion was accepted with 11 votes in favor.

8. **European Biophysical Journal Editor Report** (Attached).

The new managing editor Prof. Anthony Watts, Oxford, was introduced, and provided a brief report on the current status of the Journal, as well as about plans for the future. Suggestions for new topics to include in the Journal are welcome.

9. **Discussion on Venue for the Fourth Congress.**

Prof. Soriat presented the outline of the congress in Alicante in July 2003. Alicante has a large airport and is easy to reach with inexpensive flights.

Hotels: 55-125 EUR single rooms

Fee: Student 100-150 EUR, Full 200-250 EUR, similar as in Munich. Projected total budget 200 000 EUR, of which 50 000 EUR is expected to be obtained from regional sources.

Alicante's many virtues were briefly mentioned.

10. **Congresses after 2003.**

The Congress in 2005 will be a joint congress with IUPAB in Montpellier with Prof. J.-M. Lhoste in charge of the local organization. There are proposals from UK, Hungary, Italy and Croatia to host further Congresses, which may be a good reason to have the meetings on a two year cycle even after 2005; this would also avoid being in phase with the IUPAB Congress.

11. **EBSA Prize.**

It has been proposed by the French Biophysical society that the amount of the prize be increased; it was put forward by Germany and Italy that it is the honor not the money which is important. The present sum is 1 000EUR and if EBSA's financial

situation permits the Prize amount can be increased, such that it is larger than the sum awarded for some national prizes for quite young researchers.

The Prize in 2000 was awarded based on the following interim statutes:

The Prize will be given to a promising young scientist; it is expected that the age of the recipient will not exceed 40 at the time the prize is given. Candidates should be working in one of the Member countries. Nominations by the national societies (maximum 2 nominations from any society) should be submitted with publication list, short CV and statement of the reason, upon invitation of the Executive Committee. The decision is made by the Executive Committee based on the scientific excellence, with the possibility to call in external reviewers.

There were no objections to these interim statutes, and they thus become the statutes for the EBSA Prize.

12. Election of Officers.

According to the Rules of EBSA the current Vice-President, Prof. H. Rüterjans, Germany, automatically becomes the new President.

The elections were by secret ballot with individual ballots for the posts of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. According to section 2.1 of the Rules the members of the Executive Committee, the Past President and the voting delegates from the Member Organizations may vote. The votes were counted by S. Damjanovich and H. Rüterjans.

Prof. Bernat Soria, Spain, was elected Vice-President with 18 votes.

Prof. Laszlo Matyus, Hungary, was elected Secretary with 19 votes.

Prof. Michael A. Ferenczi, Great Britain, was re-elected Treasurer with 17 votes for and one against.

In the election of the two remaining officers of the Executive Committee

Prof. Giuliano Colombetti, Italy, received 11 votes

Prof. Jean-Marc Lhoste, France, received 11 votes

and Prof. Lennart Nilsson, Sweden, received 16 votes.

Prof. L. Nilsson and Prof. G. Colombetti were elected to the executive committee and it was recommended that Prof. J.-M. Lhoste should be co-opted to the Executive Committee.

13. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

The Meeting was closed at 20.50, and Profs. Vigny and Damjanovich were thanked for their services on the Executive Committee.

Prof. Paul Vigny
EBSA President

Prof. Lennart Nilsson
EBSA Secretary

Attachments:

Approved minutes from the 6th General Assembly in Orléans

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Editor's Report