

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE 11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
UNIVERSITY OF BATH, APRIL 8TH 1987.

AGENDA

1. Minutes
2. Matters arising
3. Chairmans report
4. Treasurers report
5. Journal - Editors report
6. Elections
7. AOB

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated, agreed and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising not already covered by the Agenda.

3. Vice-presidents report

Mr Brian Dean, the President, was unable to attend due to an illness in the family. Dr Fox expressed personal best wishes and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Dean on behalf of the society.

a) Workshop

A UKEMS Workshop had been held at Swansea during September 1986, entitled 'Data evaluation in Mutagenicity Testing'. This had been well attended and had been a very useful and stimulating meeting. Dr Parry and his team were thanked for their efforts.

b) Meetings

Dr Scott was thanked for organising the 1986 meeting in Manchester, which had been a notable meeting that had complimented the DHA Network meeting, which followed.

Thanks were also expressed to Dr Soper for his hospitality and organisation at this meeting in Bath. Dr Venitt was thanked for his help in organising the symposia.

Future meetings included the 1987 EEMS meeting in Zurich, which has an interesting programme and the 1988 UKEMS meeting in York, which will be held from March 21st to 23rd. Although the programme for this latter meeting was not finalised it will include a symposium on complex mixtures and a joint symposium with the British Toxicology Society concerned with human monitoring. The local organiser will be Dr David Kirkland and Dr R Combes will be assisting in the organisation of one of the symposia.

The 1989 UKEMS meeting will be held in Brighton during the first week in April. The local organiser will be Dr Jane Cole.

c) Guidelines

Part III of the UKEMS Guidelines is taking longer than anticipated to complete. It is a very complex project and involves many statisticians outside the UKEMS. Dr Kirkland had provided an update in his absence. This stated that five chapters had been reviewed, two chapters had been returned to the authors for comments and two chapters were at the early draft stage. It was hoped that publication will take place by autumn 1987.

d) Third Collaborative Study

This was due to be reviewed at a Workshop at the end of the Bath meeting. It was hoped that all interested parties would attend this open discussion. Phase II of the study was nearing completion and thanks were expressed to all who had participated to date. The results were awaited with anticipation.

e) Contributed papers

It had been commented at the Manchester AGW that there had been a lack of contributed papers, particularly from industrial members. This year the number of contributed papers and posters had been markedly increased. The hope was expressed that this will continue in future years.

f) Biological Council Lecture

It was planned to hold a UKEMS promoted public lecture to be sponsored by the Biological Council. The aim of such lectures is to promote the impact and importance of biology in society. The lecture will be delivered by Professor Bryn Bridges at a venue in London. The date and title etc. will be announced when finalised.

4. Treasurers report

Copies of the statement of Accounts were circulated to members attending the business meeting. Dr Danford enlarged on several minor items concerning membership fees. At the time of the audit there were 164 full members, 18 student members and 4 honorary members. Dr Danford pointed out that UKEMS meetings were not listed in the accounts as the 1986 meeting in Manchester had not resulted in any costs to the society. The local organiser, Dr Scott, deserved credit for this, although it was no reflection on other local organisers if UKEMS funds were required to support meetings e.g. for speakers expenses etc.

The society was now registered under the Data Protection Act and the registration fee appears in the accounts. Overall there were no substantial outgoings in the year and £860.77 had accrued from interest on investments. Therefore there was a healthy closing balance of £11,235.47.

Dr Danford requested that the accounts be presented per calendar year rather than the closest month end to the AGM. Although the accounts would be slightly less up to date at the time of the AGM, it would greatly facilitate their preparation. There were no objections to this change in procedure.

Members were asked to note that for the purposes of expenses met by the UKEMS, mileage rates would be set at those given by the University College of Swansea, (standing at 21 per mile at the time of the meeting).

The Treasurer called for any comments or queries on the accounts. Dr Stella Heale stated that the recent Swansea workshop had been successful and would the society be willing to spend some money to support further workshops etc. The Treasurer accepted this point but underlined that in the coming year several thousand pounds would be required to launch Part III of the UKEMS guidelines.

Dr Arlett proposed that the statement of accounts be adopted, this was seconded by Mr Callander and accepted unanimously by the meeting.

5. Journal - Editors report

Dr Parry reported that there were now approximately 250 subscriptions, a number, which was well ahead of schedule. The publishers, IRL Publications Ltd., are satisfied with the situation, particularly as in general, subscriptions are being renewed.

The rejection rate is approximately 17X, the average time to acceptance is 9-weeks.

As expected, in the first year of the Journal, there was a deficit of approximately £26,000 [Income - (expenditure + overheads)]. As agreed with IRL, this deficit is met in full by the publishers.

Dr Parry had received contact from a committee member of the American Environmental Mutagen Society, asking for consideration of a joint Mutagenesis/Environmental Mutagenesis journal. Dr Parry recommended that this should be given serious consideration. He suggested that we should define strict criteria for such a venture e.g. both an American and European editorial office; maintenance of publishing standards, refereeing standards etc. The 'Mutagenesis' title should be retained.

Mrs M Richold felt agreement would have to be reached on format, as the format style of the two journals is so different. Dr Parry recognised this problem and stated that we would ask for IRL to consider publishing the joint journal in the 'Mutagenesis' style. There would be no page charges.

The danger of a possible American take-over was recognised. Dr Steven Dean stated that there could be a separation between times of acceptance in Europe compared to the USA.

Dr Forster pointed out that when joining the American Environmental Mutagen Society, a component of the membership fee is for subscription to Environmental Mutagenesis. There was no choice in this matter. If a joint journal was formed this aspect would need consideration.

Dr Parry stated that there were no negotiations in progress, and it was clear that many members of the American Society would oppose a joint journal. The reasons that this question had been raised were that the AEMS contract with Alan R Liss Inc. was due for renewal; the Editor-in-chief, Dr G Hoffman, was due to stand down and many members felt that the title 'Environmental Mutagenesis' tended to reduce the submission of basic science papers.

Dr Parry was given a mandate to discuss the situation with IRL and to progress talks with the American Society if the AEMS follow-up their initial enquiry. The general feeling of the meeting was that such a venture would guarantee financial success and provide a real competitor to Mutation Research.

6. Elections

The committee had decided that its membership should be enlarged to allow a better balance between the various interests of the society. As a result it was proposed to change the constitution so that the committee would be enlarged by the addition of 1 ordinary member, the Executive Editor of 'Mutagenesis' and to co-opt the local organiser onto the committee for the year preceding the relevant UKEMS AGH. The membership had been informed of these proposals by letter and they were ratified by this AGM.

Accordingly nominations had been sought for the new ordinary member. Two nominations had been received for Dr Ian de Mitchell (proposed by Dr D White, seconded by Dr R Combes) and Dr Terry Orton (proposed by Dr John Topham, seconded by Dr John Ashby). A postal ballot had been carried out, and voting was as follows:

Dr T Orton 53

Dr I de Mitchell 50

Therefore Dr Orton was elected. His term of office will be for three years.

Dr David Tweats was re-elected unopposed as secretary for a second and final term of office of three years.

Dr Tweats was also elected, unopposed, as EEHS Counsellor (Proposed Dr J Parry, seconded, Dr R Waters). The term of office for this post is two years.

The committee recommended that the title of Chairman and Vice-Chairman be changed to President and Vice-president respectively. This change would bring the UKEMS in line with other societies and provides a title independent of gender. This was ratified by the AGM and the Constitution will be amended accordingly.

7. AOB

There was no further business.

Margaret Fox
18.4.88

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, March - Dec 1987

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Balance at 28.2.87.	£11,235-47	
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
From: 1987 (late) 48 @ £5; 9 @ £1	249-00	
To: EDMS		456-02
Biological Council		10-00
<u>Meetings</u>		
Bath, April 1987		775-76
EDMS, 1990		44-25
York, 1988 (deposit on accommodation)		600-00
Donations	1,700-00	
<u>Guidelines</u>		
<u>Parts I and II</u>		
Receipts (sale of books)	318-04	
Re-purchase of Part I (24 copies)		108-00
Dispatch of copies sold		80-79
<u>Part III</u>		
Health & Safety Executive grant	539-56	
Meetings		824-88
Proof-reading		150-00
Postage and stationery		147-25
<u>Committee meetings</u>		304-86
<u>Advertisement of jobs</u>	300-00	
<u>Postage and Stationery</u>		17-73
<u>Royalties</u> Comparative Genetic Toxicology	80-41	
<u>Interest</u>		
Deposit Account	251-83	
National Savings Investment Account	638-01	
	<u>£15,312-32</u>	<u>£3,519-54</u>
	<u>£11,792-78</u>	
Deposit Account	3,035-25	
Current Account	197-39	
National Saving Investment Account	<u>8,560-14</u>	
Closing balance 31.12.87	<u>£11,792-78</u>	
<u>Assets</u>		
Guidelines books (unsold 31.12.87)		
Part I 17 copies @ £4-50	76-50	
Part II 142 copies @ £7-20	1,022-40	

Audited by: M. Greer

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