

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Sixth
Annual General Meeting of the U.K.E.M.S. held at the University of Swansea.
March 31st 1982. 9.00 - 10.00 am.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read out to the membership by the secretary (copy attached).
2. There were no matters arising
3. Chairman's report:
 - a) Dates of future meetings.

Annual General Meetings:
1983 Edinburgh University 28th - 30th March.
1984 Oxford University.

Workshops:
1982 Swansea University 19th - 25th September (Cytology).
1983 Sussex University September (Mammalian Cell Mutation).
BACR 1983 York University 23rd - 25th March (Environmental Carcinogenesis)
 - b) Treasury business

The chairman announced that the treasurer would distribute a balance sheet and did not wish to present a formal report. He also announced that Brian Dean wished to retire a year early from his post as treasurer since he was to become heavily involved with the UKEMS committee for updating mutagenicity guidelines. In his place the committee had agreed to co-opt Natalie Danford, University of Swansea, as treasurer. Natalie has access to a mainline computer. She will be subject to formal election next year.
 - c) Accreditation of Genetic toxicologists

A statement was put to the membership for consideration "The UKEMS should be mandated to enter into formal negotiations with the Institute of Biology to establish a register of persons qualified in Genetic Toxicology".

The background to this decision was outlined:

On Nov. 3rd 1981 the UKEMS Education sub-committee and main committee held a joint meeting. One of the topics on the agenda was the accreditation of genetic toxicologists. Since this was an important issue to all UKEMS members it was considered that this item should now be considered by the main committee. At this point Dr. Parry, Education Sub-Committee Chairman, thanked all members of the sub-committee for their efforts in this area. The outcome of that joint meeting was that preliminary discussions should take place with the Institute of Biology to investigate the possibility of an accreditation scheme. Earlier approaches to the DHSS had resulted in a negative response. It was also thought that the society itself might accredit its own members but it was felt that an association with an organisation with a royal charter would carry more credence with government departments internationally.

Initial discussions on Nov. 23rd 1981 by Drs. Arlett, Parry and Anderson, with the Education Officer of the Institute revealed that the Institute was already involved with three groups on similar negotiations. The first was in response to an EEC

directive(75/319/EEC) for the registration of qualified persons in the Pharmaceutical Industry which involved compiling a register of qualified persons under the auspices of the Royal Society of Chemistry. The second was for scientists in Health care and an indicative list was prepared and sponsored by Institute of Biology, Royal College of Pathologists,

Royal Society of Chemistry and the Association of Clinical Biochemistry, and the third was a Register of Environmental Biologists. It was suggested that a similar register might be prepared for Genetic toxicologists under the auspices of the Institute's Biomedical Sciences Division- and a meeting was arranged on March 23rd 1985. This meeting involved Drs. J.L. Moore (Chairman of the Division) Dr, R. Belcher (Secretary) D.L. Joyner (Vice-Chairman) with B. Gregson-Allcott as well as 3 representatives from the UKEMS (Drs. Arlett, Parry and Anderson). It was agreed that a register should be compiled. Inclusion in the register should involve the possession of internationally recognised qualifications together with a number of years suitable experience or an appropriate grandperson clause would allow highly experienced personnel who lacked the appropriate formal qualifications to be included. The details of such a mechanism can be established by the next meeting provided the members accept the mandate.

The secretary outlined the involvement of the British Toxicology Society with the Institute. The British Toxicology Society Education Working Party had organised an education training document, which involved amongst other disciplines the training of Genetic Toxicologists. The document was formally sent to herself the secretary and its contents were presented to the Education Sub-committee at its Nov 3rd meeting. A letter was sent to the secretary of the British Toxicology Society by the UKEMS secretary saying that in principle the UKEMS agreed with the aims of the document but pointed out that the society had training schemes of its own. The British Toxicology Society were also now investigating ways of collaborating with the Institute and similar organisations such as the Royal College of Pathologists and the Royal Society of Chemistry. An exploratory meeting was held with Prof. Conning (BTS Chairman) and Barry Gregson "Allcott and Dr. Anderson on Feb 17th 1982. A meeting of the above organisations plus the British Pharmacology Society and the UKEMS were to meet on April 7th to identify other groups who might be interested in a common approach in the formation of a register and possible accreditation scheme.

At the March 23rd meeting of the UKEMS and Biomedical Sciences Division the Chairman of the Biomedical Sciences Division urged the UKEMS to go ahead with its own scheme independently if it could not come to an early agreement with the other groups. This was because the EEC register was already being accepted. The UKEMS scheme for forming a register ultimately might allow members to become "chartered" or accredited Genetic Toxicologists.

The scheme however should be overseen by FRS, etc., together with internationally recognised scientists from industrial and contract research laboratories. References of applicants could be taken up if required. Academic laboratory personnel would require accreditation for consultancy purposes.

After this presentation of the background to the issue :Dr. David Pratt proposed that the mandate be accepted. Dr. David Kirkland seconded the motion.

When put to the vote to accept the mandate

54 were for the motion

6 abstentions

1 against

The motion was carried.

The Institute of Biology suggested that a time scale of about 1 year would be required to organise a register. A form requesting a persons formal qualifications was submitted to the membership to get an idea of the range of formal qualifications possessed by the membership.

The meeting was closed.

(The outcome of this qualification survey at the AGM business meeting revealed that 2/3 of the membership possessed a PhD, of the remaining third many were in the process of obtaining PhD's and a few had lesser formal qualifications).

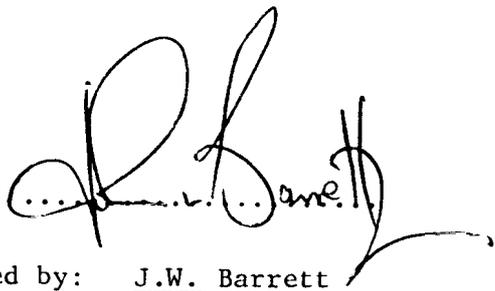
David Pratt
30th March 1983



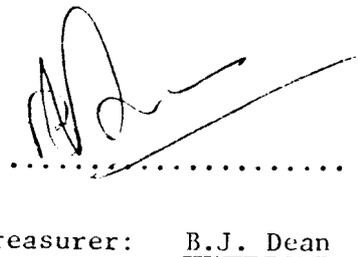
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 ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGEN SOCIETY
 (The United Kingdom Branch of the
 European Environmental Mutagen Society)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, 1981-1982

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Balance at 8th April, 1981	£3,727.22	
Late subscriptions, 1981 (38)	133.00	
Transfer of subscriptions to EEMS, 1981 (148 at £1.75).		£259.00
UKEMS Meeting, Canterbury:		
Student sponsorship, refunds, cancellations etc.		258.10
Lecture rooms, meeting rooms, visual aids etc.		415.22
Invited speaker expenses		52.15
Loan to cover VAT payments		357.24
Education sub-committee expenses		232.00
Refund of VAT from Bath meeting	73.27	
Held on behalf of Swansea Workshop Account	1,300.00	
Postage		42.55
Subscription, 1982 (105) (104 x £3.50) (1 x £4.50)	368.50	
Interest on Deposit Account	340.05	
	<u>£5,942.04</u>	<u>£1,616.26</u>
	<u>£4,325.78</u>	



 Audited by: J.W. Barrett



 Treasurer: B.J. Dean

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