

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT  
OWENS PARK, MANCHESTER, APRIL 15TH 1986.

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 A.G.M. meeting were circulated, agreed, and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising

a) Workshop

Dr Parry had provided a circular to the membership concerning a workshop entitled 'Data evaluation in mutagenicity testing', to be held in Swansea during September 1986. There appeared to be a sufficient number of potential attendees to make this viable. Participants will be analysing the profiles of particular chemicals, which create problems of interpretation. Members were encouraged to write to Dr Parry for further details.

3. Chairmans Report

a) Meetings

Dr Combes and his team were complimented for organising an interesting and useful meeting in Portsmouth in 1985. It was appropriate that the 10th Annual meeting was being held in Manchester, the venue for the first annual meeting in 1976.

The 1987 meeting will be held in Bath 7th-9th April. The organisers will be Drs Soper and Venitt. There is to be a symposium on 'oncogenes', contributed papers and possibly a public debate on a contentious issue in the field of mutagenicity.

The 1988 meeting will be held in York; March 21st-23rd. The local organiser will be Dr David Kirkland. This meeting will be back to back with a meeting of the British Toxicological Society and a symposium of joint interest will be held with this society.

b) Accreditation list

The 'Indicative list' of genetic toxicologists had been published and circulated to members shortly before the Manchester meeting. Drs Anderson and Arlett were congratulated for their hard work and for producing the professional presentation of the finished document.

c) Guidelines

The committee had felt that a comprehensive review and guidelines of statistical approaches to the analysis of data from genetic toxicity tests was long overdue. The Guidelines subcommittee under the chairmanship of Dr David Kirkland had set up groups, statisticians and biologists to consider each of the tests. Each group was preparing drafts of chapters to be included in the third guidelines book. Progress was difficult and slow but it was hoped to publish in the last quarter of 1986. Dr Kirkland and the subcommittee were thanked for their tremendous efforts in this enterprise.

#### d) Third collaborative study

The plans for this trial were in a fluid state and discussion of the aims of the study and the various key protocols were being pursued. Drs Dean and Kirkland were the UKEMS representatives on the organising committee and will keep the membership informed of progress in this study.

#### e) Contributed papers

At present an additional burden is placed on local organisers of meetings to attract sufficient contributed papers. The majority of papers of UKEMS meetings are submitted from academic institutions. It was recognised that many academic members normally have to present papers/posters in order to obtain the finance to attend, whilst industrial colleagues have difficulties in obtaining permission to publish much of their research. However, it is felt that it is possible to plan ahead to produce research communications of interest from industry. Thus industrial colleagues were encouraged to make the effort for future meetings.

### 4. Treasurers Report

Dr Danford provided copies of the current balance sheet and discussed various items deserving comment. The membership stood at 165 full members, 17 student members and 4 honorary members. Twenty seven 1985 members full and 5 student members had yet to rejoin. The 1986 figure includes 18 new members which indicates a steady growth in membership.

A further £465.36 had been required to meet a late bill from the 1984 Liverpool meeting. Compared to the latter meeting the 1985 Portsmouth meeting had not required a great deal of extra financial support from the UKEMS.

The closing balance of the accounts on 28.2.86 appears very healthy (£9542.67). However there were transitory credits e.g. meetings donations, which are to cover expenses for two meetings before requests for donations are made again. Appreciation was given to the various companies etc. who had made the donations this year. Apologies were expressed to Microtest Research Ltd. whose donation had been inadvertently omitted from the Manchester programme

Sales of Parts I and II of the Guidelines were continuing and had contributed a net profit of £1200 to society funds. There will be a need to finance the publishing of Part III at the end of 1986, which will be an initial drain on the finances of the society. Dr Parry mentioned that Parts I and II had been well received by the OECD Guidelines Committee and formed part of their key reference list.

There was approximately £4000 in the National Savings Investment Account, although the bulk of this money had been invested late in 1985 and so the interest accrued was fairly small at the time of the meeting.

The society had applied to be registered under the Data Protection Act. This permits the UKEMS to hold computer records of membership details etc. All members had been informed that these records exist and been given a chance to object and have their details removed. More information was to be given in a future mailing.

The Treasurer was thanked for her efficient work and for preparing the accounts. Dr Arlett proposed that the accounts be accepted this was seconded by Dr Asquith. This was accepted *nem con.*

### 5. Journal - Editors Report

Dr Parry reminded members that the Society had editorial responsibility for the journal 'Mutagenesis' whilst publication was in the hands of IEL Press Ltd. It is hoped that the journal will break even financially at the end of 5 years.

The Editorial Board in Europe was established and Dr John Heddle had agreed to be the North American editor. Dr Venitt was the Associate Editor for the rest of the world.

The first and second issues had been published and the third Issue was ready. On average papers were being published within two months of acceptance.

Progress on all fronts was encouraging.

The publishing company had hoped for 120 subscriptions In the first year and were pleased to have received 97 subscriptions to date.

The input of submitted papers from the USA was increasing and members of the American EMS were to receive the same preferential subscription rates as EEMS members.

The acceptance by the editors of Mutation Research could be gauged by a request from Professor Sobels for permission to reproduce a figure from issue 1 of 'Mutagenesis'.

Some institutions had experienced a delay in receiving their copies of the journal. Dr Parry stated that some libraries obtained journals through agents and this process could be slow. However he agreed to pursue the matter up with the publishers.

Dr Scott enquired as to the rejection rate of submitted papers. Dr Parry replied that this was variable but was approximately 50%. Half of the rejected papers were accepted after revision.

Thanks were expressed to Dr Parry for his efforts and the successful launch of this venture.

## 6. Elections

Dr Kilbey retired as chairman having served his term of office and Mr Dean, formerly Vice-chairman and thus Chairman-Elect, became the Chairman.

A nomination had been received for Dr Margaret Fox to be elected as Vice Chairwoman. Ho other nominations had been received so there was no election.

Dr Kirkland and Dr Venitt retired as ordinary committee members having served their terms of office (Dr Kirkland continues as a member of the committee as Guidelines Subcommittee chairman). They were both thanked for their valued advice and service during their term of office.

A postal ballot had been held (a new experience for the society) for the two vacant committee member positions. A total of 187 voting slips had been sent out and 103 were returned. The results were as follows;

Dr Bob Combes	68 votes
Dr Michael Green	88 votes
Dr Terry Orton	49 votes

Thus Dr's Combes and Green were elected.

It had been realised that the post of Treasurer was also due to re-election but too late to request nominations in time for the AGM. As Dr Danford was willing, it was agreed that she should continue as Interim Treasurer for the time being. Alternative nominations will be requested in the next mailing and if necessary a further postal ballot will be arranged.

## 7. AOB

### a) Constitution

To allay doubts about voting rights in postal ballots, Dr Danford proposed that Article 1, Part 3, fifth sentence of the Bye Laws of the Constitution, which refers to the rights of student members should read 'They cannot vote in postal ballots or at Business Meetings'. This was seconded by Dr Asquith and was agreed *nem con*.

At the close of the meeting Dr Tweats proposed a vote of thanks for the chairmanship of Dr Brian Kilbey during a busy and eventful period in the life of the society. Members showed their appreciation with warm applause.

Margaret Fox  
8.4.87



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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1986-1987

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Balance at 28.2.86.	£9,542-67	
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
From: 1986 (late) 26 @ £5; 1 @ £4; 4 @ £1; 1 @ 93p	138-93	
1987 144 @ £5; 1 @ £8; 11 @ £1	739-00	
To: EEMS		389-79
Biological Council		10-00
<u>Workshop</u> Swansea September 1986		648-84
<u>Guidelines</u>		
Receipts (sale of books)	776-51	
Dispatch of copies sold		155-37
Expenses, Part III working groups		147-88
<u>Committee meetings</u>		185-80
<u>Accreditation List</u> Printing and postage		395-00
<u>Data Protection Registration</u>		22-00
<u>Advertisement of jobs</u>	75-00	
<u>Postage and Stationery</u>		33-08
<u>Royalties</u> Comparative Genetic Toxicology	1090-35	
<u>Interest</u>		
Deposit Account	346-20	
National Savings Investment Account	514-57	
	<u>£13,223-23</u>	<u>£1,987-76</u>
	<u>£11,235-47</u>	
Deposit Account	5,418-89	
Current Account	289-42	
National Saving Investment Account	5,527-16	
Closing balance 28.2.87	<u>£11,235-47</u>	
<u>Assets</u>		
Guidelines books (unsold 28.2.87)		
Part I 19 copies @ £4-50	85-50	
Part II 168 copies @ £7-20	1,209-60	

Audited by:  D.J.A. Williams

Treasurer:  N. Danford

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