

UKEMS AGM AT COLERAINE UNIVERSITY HELD 23 JUNE 1999

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7 APRIL, 1998 AT UNIVERSITY OF YORK

No amendments to the minutes were suggested at the meeting and they were signed by the President as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

This was proposed by Steve Dean and seconded by Barry Elliot.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President began by thanking Valerie McKelvey-Martin for giving us all such a fabulous meeting, both in terms of scientific as well as social content, and all run so smoothly. It was confirmed that Swansea 2000 was taking shape and that Nottingham 2001 would go ahead assuming the conference centre was ready - the Committee would meet there later this year. Both IGG and MEG had held further meetings and these had been well attended. The president wished to thank the Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President for their work and contribution over the last year, and a special thanks to Dave Phillips who leaves the committee at this AGM. This was followed by a welcome to Andrew Collins who joins the Committee today.

The President then proposed to the AGM that Stan Vennitt and Colin Arlett are awarded the status of UKEMS Fellows, and the AGM unanimously approved this. Michael will contact them both to pass on the good news. Finally, mention was made of the revised constitution, which would be the subject of a formal vote later in the meeting. Michael emphasised the importance of the changes.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The 1998 accounts (attached) have not yet been audited and we will need an audited copy signed by the auditor and approved by the Treasurer. The opening balance stood at £19,668.24 and reached £30,172.07 at 31 December 1998. The next instalment of Mutagenesis funds will not be received until after our charitable status is confirmed. There was brief discussion about sustaining members with a simple call to encourage more companies to become involved in this way.

Steve Dean proposed the accounts for acceptance subject to final signatures and David Phillips seconded this.

4. VOTE ON NEW CONSTITUTION

There were 38 voting members present so the AGM was quorate. The secretary asked for a show of hands of those in favour of accepting the revised constitution (as distributed with the recent Newsletter and posted on the UKEMS Website). A total of 37 members voted to accept the new constitution, none were against and one abstained. Thus, the new constitution will become effective as soon as it has the formal approval of the Scottish IR.

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5. MUTAGENESIS EDITOR'S REPORT

Attached is the Editor's report. The publisher will be increasing subscription rates, and although we are disappointed, there is little we can do. The private subscription rate is now £82, whilst the institutional rate is £300. Jim Parry has won 5 free colour plates for each of the three editors to give to worthy authors at their discretion. Michael Green may write to OUP to raise the issue of colour pictures, at it might inhibit scientists in some fields submitting to Mutagenesis. Jim Parry did point out that authors could include as many colour prints as they like in the electronic version available on the website.

A survey had been carried out to see which types of papers from Mutagenesis were best cited. It was clear that those connected with methodology and regulatory issues, including IGG meeting reports, were the most frequently referenced in other journals.

DP will become an associate editor in January 2000, with a view to taking over as Executive Editor from Jim Parry two years later. Hayashi takes over from Sofuni as Japanese editor.

6. IGG CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (given by Gill Clare)

Peter Jenkinson has come to the end of his 6-year term as chairman and Mike Freemantle had to step down from the committee because of a change of career. Our thanks go to both of them, particularly to Peter for his substantial contribution over the last three years as chairman. We welcome Alison Wolfreys and Leslie Akhurst, who have replaced them on the committee. Since the last report, there have been three successful meetings. "Back to Basics" was held at GlaxoWellcome, Stevenage on 4 June 1998, to try a change of venue. Certainly it boosted the IGG finances. The subjects for the meeting on 14 December 1998 were "Short-term tumour models and novel *in vivo* assays", Because the Home Office requires an ethical review process, the use of animals in genotoxicity testing was the theme of the meeting on 17 May 1999. We will hold a meeting later this year, and will join UKEMS and organise a session with speakers from international regulatory authorities at "Swansea 2000".

Finally, for the IGG accounts, the balance as of today was £3,197.23. It was suggested that IGG should be covered by the UKEMS charitable status to ensure that any interest accrued is tax exempt. Perhaps the respective treasurers can investigate?

7. MEG CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Unfortunately Peter Farmer could not be with us, neither was there a deputy present to report to UKEMS, and it will be recommended that at least one of the MEG committee attends the AGM & UKEMS committee meetings. The AGM was informed that £1000 would be made available for the MEG winter meeting, and that Swansea 2000 was still awaiting details of the MEG contribution.

8. Committee election and approval by AGM

Following the postal ballot, which resulted in the selection of Andrew Collins, Steve Dean proposed that Andrew is approved by the AGM and Dave Phillips seconded this. However, it was pointed out that this was unnecessary as the results of the postal ballot were approval enough from the membership, so in future we will not require AGM approval. It was also noted that the response of the society was poor, with less than 50 voting from a total membership of about 350.

9. Swansea 2000

See attachments describing programme and finances. The meeting will run from Monday 3 to Wednesday 6 July, but a “meet the industrialist” session is planned for the Sunday evening. This will be an opportunity for young graduates and post-docs to meet scientists who have made a career in industry, perhaps in academia too. The MEG session is to be on the Monday morning. The organisers would like to hold a public lecture during the meeting, and those present at the AGM were asked to provide suggestions. Also, as we will be awarding the UKEMS Young Scientist Prize next year, we will be asking for nominations quite soon.



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Annual General Meeting, 17.30 on Wednesday 23 June, Coleraine

Agenda

- 1 Minutes of meeting held 7 April 1998, York
- 2 President's Report (MHLG)
- 3 Treasurer's Report (KA)
- 4 Vote on New Constitution (As distributed with June Newsletter)
- 5 Mutagenesis Editor's Report (JMP)
- 6 IGG Chairperson's Report (PJ)
- 7 MEG Chairperson's Report (PF)
- 8 Committee election & approval by AGM
- 9 Swansea 2000 (JMP)



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**UKEMS - Receipts and Payments Account
Year Ending 31 December 1998**

RECEIPTS

UKEMS Subscriptions	2837.00
Sustaining Members	1800.00
Royalties CUP	59.65
OUP - Mutagenesis	14853.00
UKEMS 97 Refund	1200.00
Interest received	505.25
	21254.90

PAYMENTS

EEMS Membership Fees	1429.92
Student Bursaries	2817.83
UKEMS 99 Float	1000.00
Mutagenesis Editorial Expenses	3000.00
Committee expenses	1723.32
Young Scientist Award	250.00
Young Scientist medal	155.00
YS printing costs	275
Poster prize	100.00
	10751.07

RECEIPTS IN EXCESS OF PAYMENTS 10503.83

Balance as at 1 January 1998 19668.24
Balance as at 31 December 1998 30172.07