

TEMA 10 Meeting

Minutes of TEMA Parent Committee Meetings held on Sunday 2nd May, 1999 at 10.00 a.m. and Thursday, 6th May, 1999 at 1.00 p.m. in the Conference Centre, Evian, France.

Present:

Professor Ian Bremner (Chairman), Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, UK
Dr. John R. Arthur (Secretary/Treasurer), Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, UK
Professor Roger Sunde, University of Missouri, Columbia, USA
Professor Joseph R. Prohaska, University of Minnesota, Duluth, USA
Professor Manfred Anke, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena, Germany (6th May only)
Dr. Berislav Momcilovic, Medical Research and Occupational Health (IMI), Ksaverska cesta 2, Zagreb, CROATIA
Professor Janet King, Human Nutrition Research Centre, San Francisco, USA (now Western Human Nutrition Research Center, University of California, Davis USA)
Dr. Rosalind Gibson, University of Otago, New Zealand
Professor Alain Favier, University of Grenoble, France
Dr. Peter W.F. Fischer, Health Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Not present:

Dr. Nick D. Costa, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia

1. TEMA 9

Peter Fischer gave the final report on TEMA 9, which was held in Banff, Canada in May 1996. There had been a total of 309 registered participants representing 38 countries and presenting 273 papers. There were 21 scientific sessions and 5 workshops. These included 43 invited oral presentations and 75 other oral presentations and a further 32 oral presentations associated with workshops. In total there were 191 poster presentations. The publication resulting from the meeting contained manuscripts submitted by all presenters, and was edited by Peter Fischer, Mary L'Abbé, Kevin Cockell and Rosalind Gibson and was published by NRC Research Press in Canada. The books cost \$80 each, including shipping to each of the 309 participants. A further 15 books were sent free of charge to scientists in Eastern Europe. NRC Press have sold a further 80 books at \$120 in Canada or \$120 elsewhere. The meeting attracted \$23,856.50 commercial sponsorship from 9 different companies. The Canadian Government provided a further \$5,000 and one commercial exhibitor, \$1,200. Altogether the organisers were able to return \$32,381.58 [£13,213.50, includes £7,169.14 advanced to start TEMA 9] to the Parent Committee for use in starting future meetings. **Ian Bremner congratulated Peter Fischer and the members of the Canadian Organising Committee for their contribution to the success of TEMA 9.**

2. TEMA 10

Alain Favier invited Anne-Marie Roussel to address the committee and report on final arrangements for TEMA 10 which included the news of a probable 500 participants of whom 61 were invited speakers. The organisers expected 200 oral presentations and 5

poster sessions each of 90-98 posters. Thereafter there followed a general discussion of publication of TEMA meetings and Berislav Momcilovic offered to investigate whether the articles in TEMA books are very heavily cited by consulting the ISI databases. The general consensus of the meeting was that it was too expensive to include TEMA contents in Current Contents, as much of the data that would go into the book would also have to appear in original refereed publications for the work to be recognised by funding bodies. It was also agreed to explore whether the contents of TEMA books could appear in searchable databases thus increasing the accessibility of the information.

3. Financial Statement

John Arthur then reported on the financial status of the Parent Committee. Currently there is nearly £16,000 in a UK bank account to underwrite the costs of organising the TEMA meetings [£5,260.27 had been advanced to the TEMA 10 Committee]. In the last 3 years the Committee received £90 for sale of old TEMA books and has spent approximately £300 on headed notepaper for use by both the Parent Committee and Organisers of meetings. The consensus of the Parent Committee was that the small amount of funds available should be kept to underwrite the organisers of the 3 yearly TEMA conferences. However, a small amount of money should be laid aside for up to 5 travel grants to be issued at the discretion of the Chairman of the International Parent Committee.

4. TEMA 11

Janet King then reported on the progress arrangements for TEMA 11 to be held in 2002 in California. A group of scientists from Davis and also Mike Hambidge and James Coughlin would form the scientific committee. There followed discussion on the most suitable location in California to hold the meeting. Asilomar where TEMA 6 was held could only accommodate 350 participants and was considered to be too small for current TEMA meetings. Dr. King agreed to investigate whether San Diego or La Jolla conference centres would be suitable for the meeting where lecture theatres could accommodate up to 600 people. These venues would also allow choice of hotels or dormitories for attendees at the meeting.

5. TEMA 12

There were 3 proposals for hosting TEMA 12 in 2005 viz. from Sean Strain, Coleraine, N. Ireland; Alice Bell on behalf of the African nations; Berislav Momcilovic, Croatia. After a vote it was agreed that Professor Sean Strain would be asked to organise the meeting in Coleraine in Northern Ireland. The current Committee agreed that it was important that potential "TEMA organisers" had evidence that there were well tried structures in place to support the co-ordination of an International Meeting.

6. Membership of Parent Committee

It was agreed at TEMA 9 that members of the Parent Committee would serve for a maximum of 3 terms. Since Berislav Momcilovic, Manfred Anke and Ian Bremner have all served for at least 3 terms, they all agreed to stand down from the Committee. It was decided that Joseph Prohaska would become Chairman and that Sean Strain would be appointed to the Committee. In addition, it was noted that at the next TEMA meeting the committee would need to include somebody from the Rowett Institute to take over from

John Arthur as Secretary and Treasurer of the Organisation at the subsequent meeting. In addition, further discussion took place as to the need for further members of the Parent Committee with 'molecular' interests to broaden the scope of TEMA. It was agreed this would be addressed before or at the latest at the next conference in California and would be a major priority for ensuring the future health of the TEMA organisation.

The Committee wish to record their gratitude to Berislav Momcilovic, Manfred Anke and Ian Bremner for their support of the organisation and in particular for taking on major responsibilities for organising TEMA symposia.