

There will be a Committee Meeting of the Embryologists' Club at 4.45 p.m. on Friday, 25th October, in the Anatomy Museum during tea before Dr. Hughes' talk to the Club. At this Meeting the enclosed Memorandum, Rules and letter will be discussed.

E.M. Deuchar.

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MEMORANDUM

1. As a result of the Sub-Committee meeting on 30th September, it became clear that several courses of action were open to the Club in respect of its future:
 - (a) it could do nothing - but if it took this course it might find that others had anticipated the suggestion to found a Society;
 - (b) it could proceed with caution, first attempting to assess the probable support for the proposed Society by initiating provincial meetings and meetings at which offered papers were read;
 - (c) it could decide without further ado to launch a new Society to replace itself.
2. If the Committee decides upon (a) the Club, as a whole, need not be consulted. It is probably within the Committee's constitutional powers to take the steps suggested in (b) upon its own authority, though clearly if it did so it would wish to inform all Club members of the nature of the experiment. On the other hand, the Committee is not empowered to act as in (c) - all it could do here would be to prepare proposals to put before the whole Club.
3. Since (a) and (b) present few difficulties, it is perhaps worth elaborating possible ways of effecting (c) should the Committee decide to adopt this course. There would be two distinct sets of problems; (A) connected with the interests and rights of members of the Club and (B) with the establishment of the new Society.

EMBRYOLOGISTS' CLUB

Dear Member,

You will already have received notice that the Committee of the Embryologists' Club were proposing to launch in its stead a National Society. The proposal to wind up the Embryologists' Club and to launch a new Society for Developmental Biology was put to a General Meeting of the Club on January 1st, 1964, and was carried unanimously. At the same Meeting it was proposed that present life members of the Club should be offered the choice of either a return of their subscription or two years' free membership of the new Society. (The annual subscription rate to the new Society has not yet been fixed, but will probably lie between 15/- and 25/-.)

As we need to know what funds are in hand, in order to make arrangements for and to publicise the inaugural meeting of the new Society in June, I should be grateful if you would complete the slip below indicating your wishes, and return it to me as soon as possible.

E. M. Deuchar,
Anatomy Department,
University College London.

I wish to have my life subscription to the Embryologists' Club refunded.

I wish to have free membership to the Society for Developmental Biology for two years.*

Signed

Date

* Delete ~~whichever~~ does not apply.

SOCIETY
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Founded 1964

THE SOCIETY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

This Society was founded in January 1964 as a successor to the Embryologists' Club. Its inaugural meeting was held in Oxford in June 1964.

The chief aims of the Society are:

- (1) to bring together British biologists and other scientists who are interested in developmental problems;
- (2) to bring British developmental biologists into formal contact with their colleagues in other countries and with international scientific agencies;
- (3) to organize regular scientific meetings (at least three per annum) at which offered papers will be read to members. Such meetings will be held in provincial cities as well as in London;
- (4) to organize informal short meetings on specialized topics whenever there is sufficient demand from its members.

Three meetings will be held in 1966, as follows:

15 - 16 April	Bristol University (Zoology Department)
1 - 2 July	Aberdeen University (Marischal College)
16 - 17 December	University College London (Botany Department)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1965/66

<u>Chairman:</u>	Prof. D.R. Newth	Zoology Department, University of Glasgow.
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Dr A. Fisk	Biology Department, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, W. 2.
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr E.M. Deuchar <i>Dr. F. Billett</i>	Anatomy Department, University College London, London, W.C. 1. <i>Zoology Department, University of Southampton</i>
<u>Committee:</u>	Dr A. d'A. Bellairs Dr F. Billett Dr J.B. Gurdon Dr W.A. Hemmings Dr A.F.W. Hughes Dr D.A.T. New Dr Sydney Smith Prof. J. Paul Prof. C.W. Wardlaw Prof. C.H. Waddington	

Membership: Applications for membership should be made in the first instance to the Secretary and should be accompanied by the names and addresses of two members of the Society who are willing to act as proposer and seconder (see Rule 14).

The annual subscription is, for ordinary members, 25/- and for students, 15/- (see Rule 17).

RULES

1. The Society for Developmental Biology exists to encourage research and teaching in those aspects of animal and plant biology that are connected with developmental processes.
2. An aim of the Society is to bring together scientists who are interested in developmental biology.
3. It shall be a part of the policy of the Society to hold its meetings in as many different centres as possible. The programme of meetings will normally be organised by the Committee, who will give consideration to any suggestions made by members of the Society.
4. A notice, normally with abstracts of the papers to be read, shall be sent to all members in advance of each meeting.
5. The Society's affairs shall be conducted by a Committee, which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, ex officio;
 - (b) ten other members.

Committee meetings will normally be held in conjunction with a scientific meeting of the Society. A quorum shall consist of not less than three members.
6. The Committee and Officers shall be elected each year and retiring members shall be eligible for re-election with the following limitations:
 - (a) no Officer shall hold the same office for more than five years;
 - (b) each new Committee must contain two ordinary members who have not served on the Committee before.
7. Nominations for Officers and Committee members must be proposed and seconded and accompanied by an assurance that the candidate is willing to serve. Such proposals must reach the Secretary six weeks before an Annual General Meeting. The Committee has the right to nominate Officers and Committee members for election.

8. Members of the Society may propose or second candidates for elective office in the Society, and may propose or second motions to be placed before the Annual General Meeting. Motions must be received by the Secretary at least six weeks before an Annual General Meeting.

9. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the summer meeting of the Society. A quorum at this meeting shall be not less than 10 members.

10. All members shall be sent the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting at least two weeks in advance. With it shall be included the terms of any motion previously submitted under rule 8. Only members present at the Annual General Meeting are entitled to vote.

11. The members shall receive at the Annual General Meeting a financial statement that has been audited. Auditors shall be elected at the previous Annual General Meeting, and shall not be members of the Committee.

12. A motion proposing a change in the Society's rules shall be carried if supported by a two-thirds majority. On all other motions a simple majority shall suffice.

13. Membership of the Society shall in the first place be open to all scientists who intimate their desire to join and who pay their subscription before 1 October 1964. Subsequent to that date, membership shall be open to any scientist who is proposed by one member and seconded by another, and, subject to the approval of the Committee, accepted by a simple majority of the members present at a subsequent meeting of the Society.

14. Proposals for membership, complete with signatures of proposer and seconder, must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Society and only those received beforehand can be considered at any one meeting.

15. Members are required to pay an annual subscription which falls due on the day of their election and thereafter on 1 October of each year. A subscription paid on 1 October is in respect of membership for the ensuing twelve months period. Members elected after 1 April in any year shall be deemed to have been elected on 1 October of that year.

16. Members shall not be allowed to become debtors to the Society in respect of subscriptions. Those who have not paid by 30 November shall be reminded by letter that their subscriptions are due. A final reminder shall be sent to those who have not paid by 1 January, and if the subscription is not paid by 31 January, the membership shall automatically lapse. Restoration of membership will normally be granted by the Committee if the lapsed subscription is paid.

17. The annual subscription shall be 25/- Students shall pay 15/- per annum for not more than three years.