

TEMA 12 Meeting

Minutes of the 1st meeting held on Monday 20th June 2005, Room H215, University of Ulster, Coleraine

Present: Joseph Prohaska, John Arthur, Mary L'Abbé, Bo Lönnerdal, Sean Strain and Rosalind Gibson

Apologies: Janet King, Dennis Thiele, Alain Favier

JP opened the meeting first thanking the Local Committee and in particular Sean Strain for his and their efforts in arranging the meeting at Coleraine. John Arthur then gave the brief Secretary/Treasurers report and confirmed that TEMA currently has £10,911.77 in a Clydesdale Bank Deposit Account and a further £195.02 in a current account. This is sufficient to seed one or two more meetings without any replenishment of the funds (although it was likely that the Coleraine meeting could return the £5,000 deposit that was used to seed this). The TEMA website had been updated with pictures and more background information as requested at the previous conference. Still to be added are pictures of delegates from the first TEMA Conference and some pictures of participants at this conference will be added. JA confirmed that John Beattie of the Rowett Research Institute would be taking responsibility for the website from now on and has some plans for improvements and upgrading. Links to the next meeting to be held in Chile, organised by Magdalena Araya would be added as soon as possible.

Bo Lönnerdal then gave a brief update on the wrap up of TEMA 11 held at Berkeley, California. He confirmed that registration and sponsorship had not met the full cost of the meeting, which had to be subsidised from local funds. The lesson from this was that future organisers should not commit to more expensive accommodation that they could not back out of if attendance did not meet the projected levels (the meeting in California had been adversely affected by the terrorist attacks on the 11th September 2001 in New York and Washington).

Sean Strain then provided an update on TEMA 12 and described his efforts to hold down costs. At the first registration deadline, only 87 paying delegates had registered when we needed 300. The meeting now had 220 delegates as several people had registered late and this made the financial situation much more healthy. He also had discussed with the Parent Committee and we agreed to save costs by not publishing full papers from the meeting. The abstracts will be published on-line as a record of the meeting on the British Journal of Nutrition site. The desirability or otherwise of publishing reviews from the meeting was discussed and it is a consensus that because of publication pressures, people will not put original work in a TEMA book and any interesting and new data presented at the meeting would eventually appear in peer reviewed journals (necessary for people to justify their further funding in increasingly competitive environments). The total cost of TEMA 12 was approximately £75,000, which would be met by the delegate registrations

and sponsorship (Sean to provide more detailed figures at a later date). Magdalena Araya then gave an update on the plans for TEMA 13 to be held in Chile. The most probable location would be Pucon where there is a dedicated conference centre. As there are not a huge number of trace elements researchers in South America some advice will be taken from the Parent Committee on the scientific content of the meeting. Some grants were available for subsidising the meeting in Chile and it was also a possibility that funds may be obtained from the US. Other sources of funding were discussed and there may be a need for some self-funding of invited speakers – the meeting would probably agree to fund speakers up to a certain cost such as \$500 per person. The date of the meeting is likely to be at the end of November (avoiding Thanksgiving in the US) and at this time of year it may be possible to get cheaper flights from Europe and America when fewer people are travelling. The meeting has already set up the prototype web page that will be linked to the main TEMA page as soon as it is live. Dietrich Behne agreed to provide a list of trace element workers in Brazil for Magdalena Araya and the possibility of obtaining support from copper mining interests in Chile were also discussed.

The question of turnover of committee members was then discussed. Janet King, Rosalind Gibson and Alain Favier were all due to rotate off the committee as are the Chairman and the Secretary/Treasurer. It was agreed that Mary L'Abbé would take over from JP as President and that Harry McArdle from the Rowett Research Institute would take over as Secretary/Treasurer (John Beattie would help Harry with website matters). JP then led a further discussion on replacement of committee members and suggested that the current members bring their ideas to the next committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 22nd June 2005 at 12 noon in the same venue where presentations will be made regarding the proposals for holding TEMA 14 in 2011.

Minute of second meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2005, Room H215, University of Ulster, Coleraine

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The Committee heard short presentations from Xingen Lei of Cornell University, New York as to a proposal to hold TEMA 14 in China, possibly in Central China-travel from Shanghai and a proposal from Anatoly Skalny of Moscow to hold the conference in Russia. Both presented impressive visions as to the organisation of the meeting. These presentations were given separately and after each, the committee asked questions regarding organisation and financing of the meeting. After further discussion it was decided to offer the meeting to the location in China. This was subject to further clarification of plans and organisational matters that would be communicated to the new President prior to the next TEMA meeting in Chile. The committee meeting was suspended so that the members could attend the debate on iron supplementation and concluded thereafter with thanks to Sean Strain and his colleagues for organising the

successful meeting in Coleraine. The new President, Mary L'Abbé, thanked the retiring members of the committee for all their efforts on behalf of TEMA.

General conclusions:

1. Janet King will deliver the Underwood Lecture in 2008.
2. Joining the Parent committee will be Magdalena Araya (Chile meeting), Xingen Lei (China meeting), and Harry McArdle (Secretary/ Treasurer).
3. Mary L Abbe will chair the committee and Harry McArdle will take over as secretary/treasurer. (John Beattie has agreed to help maintain our website.)
4. TEMA 14 will be held in 2011 in Central China