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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at
11.00 am, Wednesday, 5th October, 2011, at Queens' College, Cambridge**

Present:

Dr. R. Cracknell	(RC) Treasurer
Prof. A. Griffiths	(AG)
Prof. W. P. Jones	(WPJ)
Prof. A.N. Hayhurst	(ANH) Chairman
Prof. S. Hochgreb	(SH) Hon. Sec.
Dr. K.J. Hughes	(KJH) Mem. Sec.
Prof. Y. Hardalupas	(YH)
Prof. M. Kraft	(MK)
Dr. N. Morgan	(NM)
Prof. R. Stone	(RS)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from John Griffiths, Guillermo Rein, Richard Stone, Peter Lindstedt and Nondas Mastorakos. The committee agreed to omit Peter Gray from the distribution list, as he is in poor health. New committee members, Neal Morgan and Markus Kraft, were welcomed; the results of the most recent elections to the Committee are in the minutes of the last AGM.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 18th May 2011 and matters arising

The minutes were accepted as correct.

2.1 Government liaison committee: A committee was originally set up (Chair: Nondas Mastorakos) to highlight the importance of combustion for energy issues at a governmental level. Nondas circulated a letter written by Phil. Bowen, chair of the combustion physics committee of the IoP, in reply to EPSRC's research priority lists. However, the British Section's sub-Committee has not been convened and needs to do so to move matters along, particularly with regards to EPSRC's apparent reduction in the priority level for combustion. David Smith was appointed as a member of the committee, together with Paul Fennel (Chem. Eng., Imperial Coll.) and Simone Hochgreb. The committee will consider our relationships with HMG and EPSRC, highlighting the importance of combustion science and engineering to the economic well-being of the UK. They should report back to this Committee at its next meeting. **ANH** agreed to check that Paul Fennel

is happy to serve (at the time of writing these minutes, he has agreed); **SH** will relay information to the members, i.e. help as Secretary, with maybe Paul F. taking over later.

2.2. Gaydon Rules amendment: It was agreed that the rules for The Gaydon Award be amended to reflect the requirement for publication and presentation at the Combustion Symposium. The amended rules are in the file: `gaydonrules_2011.doc`.

3. Correspondence

None had been received.

4. Finance

Roger Cracknell presented the latest (and his last) report on the Section's finances, which were significantly boosted by the proceeds of the recent ecm2011 meeting at Cardiff. The final numbers are yet to be finalised, pending negotiations with Cardiff University regarding any sharing the profit with them.

5. Membership

There are presently 245 members.

6. Awards.

It was agreed that the following awarders recommend winners to this Committee:

6.1. Hinshelwood Prize

BJ (Chair), ANH. Deadline for nominations: 31 December, 2011. Deadline for decisions: 31 July 2012. The announcement should be sent out in early November (**SH, KH**)

6.2. Sugden Award

RC (Chair), YH, AG. Deadline for decisions: 31 July 2012. The usual announcement will be made in the January 2012 (**SH, KH**).

6.3. Travel Awards

SH will remind all travel awardees to submit a report to the newsletter editor (JG). A limit of 5000£ was set for travel awards for the Combustion Symposium in Warsaw in 2012. A flyer advertising the submission deadline (of 3 January 2012) should be circulated in November (**KH**).

7. Newsletter

JG is planning to continue as the editor until next spring; a replacement is required. A possible suggestion would be that the webmaster might be persuaded to collect the information for the newsletter. **SH** will approach Guillermo Rein regarding the issue.

8. Meetings

8.1. ECM 2011 Cardiff

Tony Griffiths reported on the ECM meeting, which was very successful, and has been hailed as a model for future meetings. A full report on the meeting will be featured in the newsletter. The total attendance was 421, including 412 delegates, 5 keynote speakers and 3 guests. The conference had 6 sponsors and 7 exhibitors. Sponsorship for the meeting generated 8.5 k£ to the Section; otherwise profits might have to be shared with Cardiff University. Tony G. will do his best to maximize our profit. The chosen speakers were very good, and the cost was kept very low. Congratulations go to Tony on a very well run and successful meeting.

8.2. Meeting on Clean Coal at Leeds

The clean coal meeting attracted about 40 delegates and made a profit of 548.15£. Early

September is always a busy time of year, but we should also make sure that future meetings are advertised in Europe.

8.3. Future meetings of the CIBS

A proposed meeting on Laser Diagnostics in Combustion will be organized by **YH** at Imperial College in Spring, 2012. **RS** and **RC** will organize a meeting on Future Engines and Fuels to be held at Oxford in September 2012. That meeting will be the AGM. **SH** indicated that former collaborators (John Dennis, Paul Fennell) have been invited to organise a meeting to celebrate ANH's 75th birthday this Autumn.

9. IOP

No meeting dates currently set, **YH** will keep us informed.

10. Website

Nothing to report.

11. International and external affairs.

No issues were raised.

12. Combustion and Flame

ANH will write to Philippe Dagaut regarding delays in publications..

13. Directors' Business of the Combustion Institute

No issues were raised.

15. Any Other Business

New treasurer: **RC** stepped down and was thanked most warmly for all his work and diligent stewardship. **NM** was nominated and appointed as the new treasurer.

New Chairman: **ANH** stepped down as Chairman. **WPJ** was been nominated and appointed as Chairman.

SH indicated that she would like to step down as Secretary after the next AGM in September 2012.

16. Date of Next Meeting

10 January 2012, with the venue to be determined.