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### **Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of the IARR Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1999, 12:00 - 14:30 University College, Dublin - Arts Block Theatre N**

*FA Stewart, November 1999*

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Report by the President
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held at the University Am Hubland Campus, Wurzburg on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1995. (These minutes were sent to Council Members and Delegates in October 1995).
4. Appointment of Tellers and Election of new Officers and Councillors from the list of nominations prepared by the Nominating Sub-Committee chaired by Prof. C Streffer (pre-circulated)
5. Financial Report for the years 1995-1999 by the Secretary-Treasurer and report of the Audit Sub-Committee chaired by Dr. W Hanson
6. Provisional Budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002
7. Any other business
8. Declaration of New Council members (New Council meets Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the Arts Block Room 109, 12 noon to 2.00 p.m.
9. Close of Meeting

#### **Minutes**

The following delegates were appointed in writing by the member societies:

Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)  
R Cooper and M Lavin  
Association for Radiation Research (ARR)  
T McMillan, M Charles and B Marples  
China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)  
P Ziqiang and B Guang  
European Society for Radiation Biology (ESRB)

J Boniver and W Doerr  
German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)  
D Harder, H Jung, J Kiefer, H Paretzke and C Streffer  
Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)  
C Mothersill and C Seymour  
Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)  
S Kapoor  
Italian Joint Groups (AIRB & SIRR)  
A Becciolini and G Grossi  
Japanese Association for Radiation Research (JARR)  
T Kusama, S Tagawa and A Shima  
Netherlands Radiobiological Society (NVRB)  
F Stewart and J Wondergem  
Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR)  
(formerly Polish Association for Radiation Research)  
A Cebulska-Wasilewska and K Chomiczewski  
Radiation Research Society (RRS)  
N Metting, L Braby, H Lieberman, R Ulrich and A Kronenberg  
South African Radiobiology Society (SARS)  
E Hering  
Swedish Radiobiological Society (SRS)  
M Harms-Ringdahl and J Carlsson

In addition to the appointed delegates, also present were J J Broerse (President), E J Hall (Vice-President), E M Fielden (Secretary-Treasurer) and H Kal.

## **1. Welcome and Report by the President**

The President welcomed all the delegates and asked for a roll-call, with all delegates being given a voting paper for the election of new Councillors and Officers. Out of a possible 34 delegates, 29 were present. The President reported that the Kaplan Award for 1999 was to be presented to Professor J B Little. He added that the main items of business were the election of new Officers and Councillors, to receive the Financial Report for the years 1995-1999, and approve a provisional budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.

## **2. Acceptance of the Agenda**

The Agenda was presented using the overhead projector and the President asked if this was acceptable. Agreed without change.

## **3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held at the University Am Hubland Campus, Wurzburg on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1995. (These minutes were sent to Council Members and Delegates in October 1995).**

The President requested approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held in Wurzburg in 1995, which had been pre-circulated to Council Members and the 1995 delegates. The Minutes were approved without change.

## **4. Appointment of Tellers and Election of new Officers and Councillors from the list of nominations prepared by the Nominating Sub-Committee chaired by Prof. C Streffer (pre-circulated)**

Nominations for Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Elected Councillors were presented, using an overhead projector. The nominations had been produced by a Sub-Committee chaired by Professor Streffer and there were no other nominations. The President was asked if candidates who were present could stand up and be identified. It was pointed out that this would be rather unfair if the absence of a candidate would be regarded in a negative light, since the majority of people present were voting delegates, most of whom were not candidates. Professor Streffer offered to give more details of each candidate and this was accepted. As well as the names, and countries of residence of the candidates, Professor Streffer added details of the institutes / laboratories where they worked. The President called for two volunteers to act as Tellers for the election, who should not be voting delegates or candidates. Professor Hall and Dr. Kal agreed to act as Tellers. Delegates were asked to fill in their voting papers, by voting for one candidate in each of the 9 categories. Drs. Hall and Kal collected the papers and retired to count.

#### **5. Financial Report for the years 1995-1999 by the Secretary-Treasurer and report of the Audit Sub-Committee chaired by Dr. W Hanson**

The Treasurer presented the Audited Accounts for the years 1995-1998. He pointed out that income from membership fees had fallen during the last 2 years, which left some \$11,000 owing to the IARR at the end of the accounting period. During the last 6 months, however, he had been successful in recovering over \$10,000, so that the new Treasurer would be able to take over with very little arrears owing. Income from interest had been higher than had been budgeted, largely due to the higher interest rate on the Sterling account and optimum interest on the Dollar account through the use of fixed term deposit deals. Several of the loans for smaller meetings had been returned in full, and the Wurzburg meeting returned much of the money advanced to it. Taylor & Francis had also made a donation of \$1,500 towards the Kaplan Award. Expenditure had been lower than had been budgeted for, resulting in a satisfactory balance at the end of the accounting period. The report of the Audit Sub-Committee, chaired by Dr. W Hanson, was presented via the overhead projector. The report said that the accounts had been kept in a proper and clear manner and that the Treasurer was to be "commended for his outstanding job in keeping and providing complete and detailed records of the financial transactions of the IARR over the period of review , and for his expert stewardship as the Secretary-Treasurer of the IARR". Council accepted the accounts as a true record.

#### **6. Provisional Budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002**

As required by the Constitution, the Treasurer gave a provisional budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002. Although Dr. Fielden appreciated that a new Treasurer would be looking after the accounts for the majority of this period, he was suggesting a relatively conservative budget which basically reflected the income and expenditure over the last 4 years. Since interest rates for the Dollar and Euro were lower than for Sterling he anticipated less income accruing from bank interest. He suggested that financial support for the 12<sup>th</sup> ICRR should be fixed at \$35,000 in keeping with the support provided for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ICRRs. Since the excess of income over expenditure over the tenure of the present Treasurer (January 1991 - December 1998) was \$52,332 (actual \$42,382 plus \$10,000 since recovered from overdue membership fees) it was recommended that membership fees remain unchanged for the next 4 years. The Treasurer was thanked for producing the provisional budget, which was accepted by the Meeting.

#### **7. Any other business**

Several of the delegates expressed their appreciation for the work done by the President and Secretary-Treasurer.

**8. Declaration of New Council members (New Council meets Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the Arts Block Room 109, 12 noon to 2.00 p.m.**

The Tellers reported back to the President with the results of the election for new Councillors. The Secretary reported that he had the 13 names of Councillors appointed by the Member Societies having more than 100 active members.

For the period 1999-2003, Council would consist of the following members:

- Elected Members:

President	E J Hall (USA), following his period as Vice-President
Vice-President	M S Sasaki (Japan)
Secretary-Treasurer	F Stewart (The Netherlands)
Councillor for Physics	A Kellerer (Germany)
Councillor for Chemistry	J Zimbrick (USA)
Councillor for Biology	M Brown (USA)
Councillor for Medicine	B Maciejewski (Poland)
Councillor at Large I	M Harms-Ringdahl (Sweden)
Councillor at Large II	E Travis (USA)
Councillor at Large III	E Dikomey (Germany)

- Appointed Councillors:

Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)	R Martin
Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	P O'Neill
China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)	P Ziqiang
European Society for Radiation Biology (ESRB)	J Hopewell
German Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)	H Jung
Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)	C Mothersill
Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)	J Mittal
Italian Joint Groups (AIRB and SIRR)	G Grossi
Japanese Association for Radiation Research (JARR)	A Shima
Netherlands Radiobiological Society (NVRB)	H Kal
Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR)	K Chomiczewski
Radiation Research Society (RRS)	J Ward
Swedish Radiobiological Society (SRS)	J Carlsson

The Secretary informed the meeting that the New Council was to meet on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 12 noon in the Arts Block Room 109.

**9. Close of Meeting**

The Meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.