

## **Irish Radiation Research Society**

**Annual General Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010, DIT, Kevin St., Dublin.**

### **1. Apologies**

Margaret Moore (Chair), Angela Clayton Lea (Secretary), Mark Foley (NUI Galway).

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

No minutes were available as no AGM could take place at last year's meeting in NUI Galway due to low numbers.

### **3. Matters arising**

No matters arising as no minutes.

### **4. Chair's communications**

Covered under point 8 and 9 below

### **5. Treasurers' reports**

No NI Treasurer's report was available due to NI Treasurer Dr Francesca Shearer resigning from the position. Dr Orla Howe (Treasurer) outlined the current financial status of the IRRS, with €2378 in the bank account.

### **6. Nominations for NI Treasurer and Secretary/Election of same**

Due to Dr Francesca Shearer (NI Treasurer) resigning from the position and Angela Clayton Lea (Secretary) not wishing to run for a second term, nominations were requested for these positions. Dr Helen McCarthy (QUB) was nominated by Dr Fred Currell for NI Treasurer and deemed elected by the members and Dr Tracy Robson (QUB) was nominated by Prof Stephanie McKeown and deemed elected by the members.

### **7. Nominations for additional Non-officer Committee Member(s)/Election of same**

Tom Cantwell, DIT, resigned from his position due to retirement.

Prof Kevin Prise (QUB), Dr Aidan Meade (DIT) and Dr Laure Maignol (St James/TCD) were nominated and elected to the committee.

The IRRS committee for 2010-2011 is as follows:

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| <b>Chair</b>                | Margaret Moore, University Hospital Galway |
| <b>Deputy Chair</b>         | Fiona Lyng, Dublin Institute of Technology |
| <b>Past Chair</b>           | Stephanie McKeown, University of Ulster    |
| <b>Secretary</b>            | Tracy Robson, Queen's University Belfast   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>            | Orla Howe, Dublin Institute of Technology  |
| <b>Asst. Treasurer (NI)</b> | Helen McCarthy, Queen's University Belfast |

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| <b>Ordinary Members</b> | James Murphy, Institute of Technology Sligo |
|                         | Mark Foley, University Hospital Galway      |
|                         | Fred Currell, Queen's University Belfast    |
|                         | Heinz-Peter Nausheuer, NUI Galway           |
|                         | David Pollard, RPII                         |
|                         | Kevin Prise, QUB                            |
|                         | Aidan Meade (DIT)                           |
|                         | Laure Maignol (St James/TCD)                |

### **8. IARR**

Fiona Lyng to take over from Stephanie McKeown as the IARR representative. *Action: SMcK to confirm this with IARR.*

## **9. IRPA**

David Pollard to continue as IRPA representative. A half day meeting was suggested for 2011 to attract the radiation protection community into the IRRS. *Action: DP to arrange this.*

## **10. Web site**

David Pollard volunteered to continue looking after the IRRS website. James Murphy offered to help. *Action: DP and JM to come up with a site map for the website and to circulate all for content to be included.*

## **11. A. O. B**

### 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Radiation Research (Poland) – sponsorship of delegates

The organisers of ICRR2011 requested that each member country sponsor young scientists / students to attend the conference. It was decided that up to two bursaries of €500 each could be offered by the IRRS for young Irish radiation scientists to attend. *Action: SMcK to draft an application form for this bursary.*

### Potential to host International Meeting (European Radiation Research Society: 2013)

Fiona Lyng outlined that the IRRS had successfully bid to host ERR 2013 together with Conference Partners (professional conference organisers) at the ERR 2010 meeting in Stockholm. The plan at the moment was to hold the conference at the Radisson Blu hotel, Golden Lane near St Patrick's Cathedral as this was cheaper than Trinity Conference Centre. *Action: Fiona Lyng, Orla Howe, Tracy Robson and James Murphy to continue to work on this with Conference Partners.*

### IRRS logo

Fred Currell mentioned that he had a favour to call in with a graphic designer and could ask for a new design of the IRRS logo. *Action: All to come up with ideas / sketches for the new logo.*

## **12. Date of next meeting:**

The next IRRS Annual Scientific Meeting was scheduled for IT Sligo. There was some discussion on the best time of year for the meeting with March / April seeming to be most popular. However, it was decided that the meeting should be in mid Sept to be in line with the planned ERR 2013 meeting which is always held at the beginning of Sept. The Friday/Saturday format would be retained for the 2011 meeting although with an earlier start on the Friday and finish by 12.30 on Saturday. It was agreed that the 2012 meeting would be held in Dublin and would be a one day (Friday) meeting. It was suggested that the meeting could perhaps be held in the Radisson Blu hotel (proposed venue for ERR 2013) depending on cost.