

Irish Radiation Research Society

Annual General Meeting: 30th Sept 2011, Institute of Technology, Sligo.

1. Apologies

Stephanie McKeown (Past Chair), Fred Currell (QUB), Heinz-Peter Nausheuer (NUI Galway), David Pollard (RPII), Aidan Meade (DIT), Laure Marignol (St James/TCD)

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted as true representation of last meeting.

3. Matters arising

Most of the matters arising were included as points for discussion on the agenda. **Action :TR suggested that James Murphy email her for all new member email addresses for inclusion in the mailing list.**

4. Chair's communications

Margaret Moore informed members that her term as Chair was finished at the Fiona Lyng as Deputy would now become the new Chair. Furthermore, James Murphy would now become Deputy Chair. It was also agreed that Lorraine Currivan would replace David Pollard as Ordinary Member of the committee, representing the RPII.

Margaret also informed the membership that IRRS travel awards (£265/€300) for members to attend the ICRR in Warsaw were awarded to Ms Wendy Hyland (QUB) and Dr Jonathan Coulter (QUB). It was suggested that when awards were given in the future that each awardee should present their data at the next available IRRS meeting.

The new committee are as follows from Sept 2011:

Chair	Fiona Lyng, Dublin Institute of Technology
Deputy Chair	James Murphy, Institute of Technology Sligo
Past Chair	Margaret Moore, University Hospital Galway

Secretary	Tracy Robson, Queen's University Belfast
Treasurer	Orla Howe, Dublin Institute of Technology
Asst. Treasurer (NI)	Helen McCarthy, Queen's University Belfast

Ordinary Members	Mark Foley, National University of Ireland Galway
	Fred Currell, Queen's University Belfast
	Heinz-Peter Nausheuer, NUI Galway
	Lorraine Currivan, RPII
	Kevin Prise, QUB
	Aidan Meade (DIT)
	Laure Marignol (St James/TCD)

5. Treasurers' reports

Orla Howe (Southern Treasurer) outlined the current financial status of the IRRS, with €1075 in the bank account. Helen McCarthy informed the committee that there was £1500.58 in the Northern account. Dr McCarthy is also taking steps to re-assign the signatories on the Northern account **Action: Helen McCarthy**

6. Update on the European Radiation Research Meeting 2013

Fiona Lyng explained that this would be a joint meeting of the IRRS/ARR and ERRS. She distributed leaflets in all delegate packs at the ICRR Warsaw, to ensure wide publicity for the meeting. She confirmed that she was awaiting to hear from the Department of Health to obtain sponsorship to host the meeting at Dublin Castle. If unsuccessful, either a Dublin hotel or DIT could be suitable venues for the meeting. Local Organisers, Fiona Lyng, Orla Howe, James Murphy and Tracy Robson will continue to teleconference to discuss the meeting on a regular basis.

7. Web site

Lorraine Currivan suggested that she would speak to David Pollard to ask whether he'd still be interested in helping with the website. James Murphy will continue to help. **Action: DP/LC and JM to come up with a site map for the website and to circulate all for content to be included.**

8. Logo Competition

Tracy Robson received 6 logos for consideration. However, the committee decided that it might be worth putting out another call to members of the IRRS in order to try and obtain more nominations for review. It was felt that the small numbers received weren't sufficient to make this a truly competitive. Action: Tracy Robson to put out another call with a deadline of late November 2011.

9. IRRS Meeting 2012

It was agreed that the meeting would be held in Dublin, organised by Fiona Lyng/Orla Howe and a date of Fri 7th Sept 2012 was suggested. There was some discussion on the best time of year for the meeting. However, it was decided that the meeting should be early Sept to be in line with the planned ERR 2013 meeting which is always held at the beginning of Sept. The one day format would be retained for the 2012 meeting.

Action: Fiona Lyng to email members of any updates closer to the time.

10. Collaboration between the RPII and IRRS

In order to foster more collaboration, it was decided that the next IRRS meeting 2012, Dublin, , would be organised together with the RPII where groups involved in radiation research from throughout Ireland would give an overview of their research similar to the first IRRS meeting held after the re-launch of the Society. Students could present oral posters. This would enable RPII to showcase research and also to gather information on what radiation research related activity is going on throughout Ireland. **Action: Lorraine Currivan to liaise with Fiona Lyng in organising the next IRRS meeting 2012, Dublin.**

11. A. O. B

None

12. Date of next meeting:

The next IRRS Annual Scientific Meeting was scheduled for Dublin on Fri 7th Sept 2012.