

Irish Radiation Research Society

Annual General Meeting: Fri 7th Sept 2012, Dublin Institute of technology.

1. Apologies

Helen McCarthy (NI Treasurer, QUB), James Murphy (Institute of technology, Sligo), 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

- a. **IRRS website** – Nothing has been done since last year's meeting. However, David Pollard will reactivate the website within the next couple of weeks. This is important coming up to the ERR2013 joint meeting, since it would be good to have a decent website that is appropriately populated with meeting information. **Action: David Pollard**
- b. **New IRRS logo**- after trawling members for the design of a new logo, through a logo competition, the committee decided that none of the logos were appropriate or professional enough. We enlisted a professional design company and now have a new logo (see letterhead). Total cost was €492.00. All members appeared to be in approval of the new logo.

4. Chair's communications

The Chair, Prof Fiona Lyng, reported that Dr Jonathan Coulter, QUB has requested that he would like to join the committee as an ordinary member. This was unanimously approved by the members. Fiona also suggested that members should contact her if they are interested in playing a role on the IRRS committee. **Action: Tracy Robson to inform Dr Coulter**

The committee are as follows from Sept 2012:

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, QUB
Heinz-Peter Nausheuer, NUI Galway
Lorraine Currivan, RPII
Kevin Prise, QUB
Aidan Meade, DIT
Laure Marignol, St James/TCD
Jonathan Coulter, QUB

5. Treasurers' reports

Orla Howe (ROI Treasurer) outlined the current financial status of the IRRS, with €62 left in the bank account. On behalf of Helen McCarthy (NI Treasurer), Tracy Robson informed the committee

that there had been no spend on the NI account and the balance was around the same ~£1500. 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 and will be sponsored by the Department of Health to host the meeting at Dublin Castle. There was now a draft programme on the ERR2013 website and many of the speakers have confirmed. We are expecting around 300 delegates and accommodation has been block booked (ranging from student accommodation to hotels in a range of price brackets, all close to the conference venue). The organising committee are looking for sponsorship and the IRRS membership should get in touch if they have ideas for further sponsorship. There will be an open call for abstracts in Jan 2013. It was suggested that we should be showcasing our own research; in this respect it was agreed that Prof Donal Holywood would be approached as current president of ESTRO to give a plenary lecture. **Action: Membership to contact organising committee if they have ideas for sponsorship and Fiona Lyng to discuss the possibility of approaching Donal Holywood with the organising committee.**

7. IRRS Meeting 2014

There would be no IRRS meeting in 2013, because the IRRS would be hosting ERR2013 in Dublin. It was agreed that the next IRRS meeting in 2014 would be held in Belfast, organised by Fred Currell/Tracy Robson/Kevin Prise; a date will follow.

Action: Tracy Robson to email members of any updates closer to the time.

8. A. O. B

There was some discussion about how to increase the profile of the IRRS and how IRRS could influence research funding bodies.

- Prof Michael Moriarty discussed getting radiation research on the agenda of the Cancer Control Programme and getting more involvement from the new RT centres around Ireland in the IRRS.
- Invite funders to give overview of how Radiation Research in Ireland would fit with their research strategy
- Tissue access for research purposes in ROI appeared to be an issue. It was suggested that we should have a member of the IRRS on the ICORG committee to increase our profile with respect to tissues and clinical trials. Furthermore, we should invite NIBiobank to give a talk at the IRRS2014 meeting or perhaps at the Clinical day of the ERR2013 meeting.

Action: These points would be raised at the next IRRS committee meeting for discussion

9. Date of next meeting:

The next IRRS Annual General Meeting was scheduled for Dublin in the week of the ERR2013 meeting.