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Minutes of the Meeting of the IARR Interim Council
Monday 18th May, 2009, 17:30-20:30
COEX Seoul – Room 310

Gianfranco Grossi, 5th December 2009

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President and adoption of the agenda
2. Any amendments to the minutes of the New Council meeting (11th July 2007)
3. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda
4. Venue for the 15th ICRR in 2015:
 - a. Proposals and presentations by representatives of Japan
 - b. General discussion on proposals
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5. Preparations for the 14th ICRR (Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska)
6. Secretary/Treasurer's Statement and Balance sheets:
 - a. Budget for 2008/2009 (including final report for 13th ICRR)
 - b. Financial support for the 14th ICRR
 - c. Support for other meetings
7. Amendment of IARR Bylaws point 1: "The annual contribution for each adhering organization shall be EUR 4 for each active member effective January 2008. Previously USD 1 from 1974, USD 2 from 1980, and USD 3 from 1990."
8. Whether to change the requirement for a National Society to have at least 100 members before they have the right to appoint a Councillor (IARR Constitution: III.4.c), and to subdivide RRS into Canadian/USA/Mexico for purposes of representation on IARR.
9. Kaplan Award for 2011
10. Appointment of Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 2011
11. Web site for IARR
12. Any other business, followed by close of meeting.

Elected Council members present

President	Peggy L. Olive (Canada)
Vice-President	Ohtsura Niwa (Japan)
Secretary-Treasurer	Gianfranco Grossi (Italy)
Councillor-at-large	Marie-Catherine Vozenin-Brottons (France)
Councillor-at-large	Kaushala P. Mishra (India)

Councillors appointed by member societies present

Councillor representing the Australian Institute

of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)
Councillor representing the Japan Radiation
Research Society (JRRS)
Councillor representing the Korean Society
of Radiation Bioscience (KARR)
Councillor representing the Polish Radiation
Research Society (PTBR)

Roger F. Martin
Takeo Ohnishi
Eun Kyung Choi
Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska

Guest

President of the 15th ICRR

Masahiro Hiraoka

Councillors absent

Councillor-Chemistry
Councillor-Physics
Councillor-Biology
Councillor-Medicine
Councillor-at-large
Councillor representing the Association for
Radiation Research (ARR)
Councillor representing the Chinese
Radiation Research Society
Councillor representing the European Radiation
Research Society (ERRS)
Councillor representing the National Association
of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)
Councillor representing the Irish Radiation
Research Society (IRRS)
Councillor representing the Indian Society
of Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAP)
Councillor representing the Nederlandse
Vereniging voor Radiobiologie (NVRB)
Councillor representing the Radiation Research
Society (RRS)
Councillor representing the Italian Radiation
Research Societies (SIRR)
Councillor representing the Swedish
Radiobiological Society (SSR)

Peter Dedon (USA)
Kazimierz Jeleń (Poland)
Michael C. Joiner (USA)
Koji Ono (Japan)
Gisela Taucher-Scholz (Germany)

Georges Don Jones

Ziqiang Pan

Mohi Rezvani

Herwig Paretzke

Stephanie McKeown

Tulsi Mukherjee

Peter Sminia

David Murray

Giustina Simone

Synnöve Sundell-Bergman

1. Welcome by the President and adoption of the agenda

The meeting was called to order at 18:00 in Room 310 of the COEX Convention Center in Seoul, Korea. The President welcomed the Councillors and visitors, and after introductions and a short discussion of the agenda items, the agenda was adopted.

2. Any amendments to the minutes of the New Council meeting (11th July 2007)

There were no amendments to the minutes of the previous council meeting in San Francisco. There was a move to adopt the previous minutes of 11th July 2007 by Dr Roger Martin which was seconded by Dr Ohtsura Niwa, and the motion to accept the minutes was carried.

3. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes that were not covered in the agenda.

4. Venue for the 15th ICRR in 2015

4.a. Proposals and presentations by representatives of Japan

A proposal from the Japan Association for Radiation Research to host the 2015 International Congress of Radiation Research in Kyoto was presented by Dr Masahiko Miura. The President for this proposed meeting, Dr Masahiro Hiraoka was also present as a visitor to express support for the meeting and to help answer questions concerning the venue, time of year to hold the meeting (end of May), possible satellite meetings being considered, and some aspects of finances (proposed registration costs, hotel costs, sources of support).

4.b. General discussion on proposals

Although this was the only bid presented to council, Dr Olive indicated that other societies that might have presented bids may not have done so, feeling that Japan was long overdue to host the ICRR (the ICRR was last held in Japan in 1979). A comprehensive brochure was presented to council members, and Dr Hiraoka stressed that JARR would try their best to keep the registration costs low and to provide good support for junior investigators which they considered a priority. Dr Olive asked whether there would be support from industry (yes) and whether there would be a national JARR meeting the year of the international (yes, but in November), and whether the ICRR if held in Japan would attract a broad range of Japanese radiation investigators (yes, since there are seven diverse radiation associations that would be motivated to meet at the ICRR).

4.c. Voting on proposal

After a 20 minute description of their bid followed by 20 minutes of questions, the council voted unanimously to support the bid from JARR to host the 2015 meeting in Kyoto.

5. Preparations for the 14th ICRR (Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska)

Dr Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska updated us concerning the preparations for the 14th ICRR to be held in Warsaw. Although changes in the economy meant that it was now difficult to obtain a firm price for hotels in two years, the convention facility had been booked before the financial set-backs last fall. There was discussion of possible satellite meetings in Krakov, Prague, and Kiev on some exciting new topics including radiation effects on heart and hadron therapy as well as nuclear medicine, radiation and nuclear security. Prof. Marek K. Janiak would be President of the Organizing Committee which has not yet been assembled, and Dr Cebulska-Wasilewska, Congress President, was advised to invite all IARR council members to participate on the Committee. Emphasis was also being made to secure support for student fellowships from the various radiation research societies in Poland. It was also discussed by Dr Niwa that less well represented fields like radiation chemistry and epidemiology should also be included. Dr Cebulska-Wasilewska reminded us that the meeting was honoring Marie Curie who was a chemist. The Council agreed that a topical program of wide interest with excellent speakers will ensure more registrants. Dr Martin, who was instrumental in organizing the successful 12th ICRR, advised that it is important to have a time table in place and to meet deadlines and send out announcements. This should include decisions on the number of plenary lectures, symposia, workshops, etc. The topics would then need to be selected and should emphasize the most active areas of current research world-wide as well as areas of regional expertise. Speakers would then be identified and invited a year or so in advance. Sponsors for plenary lecturers and some symposium lecturers will need to be identified early since this will determine the number of speakers external to the society that can be supported. IARR society members speaking in a symposium might have their registration waived. Plenary lecturers external to the field should be fully compensated (hotel, airfare and registration). Development of the web site (<http://www.icrr2011.org>) for the meeting was also discussed.

6. Secretary/Treasurer's Statement and Balance sheets

6.a. Budget for 2008/2009 (including final report for 13th ICRR)

Dr Grossi presented the summary from the 13th ICRR prepared by Dr Martin Brown which also included information on number of symposia, workshops, etc. This was felt to be a useful aid for planning future congresses.

The Secretary/Treasurer's report included balance sheets and society subscriptions received to date. Although the 13th ICRR did not make a profit and was unable to return any funds, there are sufficient funds available to continue supporting our congresses provided we see some return from our investments in future meetings. Two problems were identified. Some societies that dropped below 100 members (Ireland, Sweden) had asked to leave the IARR whereas other societies with more than 100 members considered it sufficient to pay for only 100 members.

6.b. Financial support for the 14th ICRR

With the IARR funds now held in Euros rather than US dollars, it was felt that ICRR would now offer 40,000 EUR rather than 50,000 USD towards the support of the 2011 and 2015 meetings. There was also agreement to convert the IARR bank account to a resident rather than non-resident bank account since this has implications for security and interest, there being no interest on US accounts or non-resident accounts, and insurance limited to 100,000 EUR per account. Dr Grossi also discussed the cost of the room and projector which was not anticipated based on initial arrangements with COEX. It was suggested that for future meetings, we might ask the meeting organizers (in this case IARR) to make the arrangements for us to avoid this cost. Dr Mishra discussed the fact that the Indian society paid 3 USD rather than 4 EUR this being considered as much as they can afford since their support via sponsors was discontinued this year. If they are able to obtain sponsorship, they will be able to pay 4 EUR for the next year.

6.c. Support for other meetings

Two small meetings were given a small amount of support by the IARR: the IAEA International Conference on Advances in Radiation Oncology (27-29 April 2009) in Vienna, Austria), and the 3rd ASM Conference on DNA Repair and Mutagenesis (May 30- June 5, 2009) in Whistler, Canada.

7. Amendment of IARR Bylaws point 1: "The annual contribution for each adhering organization shall be EUR 4 for each active member effective January 2008. Previously USD 1 from 1974, USD 2 from 1980, and USD 3 from 1990."

Discussion concerning the changes in the Constitution and Bylaws. The increase in fees was previously discussed in San Francisco, and has been adopted. For clarification, the fees would be collected in Euros.

8. Whether to change the requirement for a National Society to have at least 100 members before they have the right to appoint a Councillor (IARR Constitution: III.4.c), and to subdivide RRS into Canadian/USA/Mexico for purposes of representation on IARR.

Possible changes to the constitution regarding the number of society members required for the right to appoint a member to Council would need to be discussed via e-mail and brought before the General Assembly in Warsaw for a vote. It is felt to be necessary to consider this change since most radiation research societies have experienced a significant decline in membership in the last decade. Implications to our finances were discussed. The way in which large societies (JARR, RRS) could receive greater say on Council was also discussed, with the possibility that societies with more than 500 members could have 2 councillors (ideally representing different disciplines). It was also suggested that 2 small societies could merge, or larger ones could separate for this purpose (e.g.,

USA and Canada). It was agreed that we would attempt to word this recommended change appropriately for presentation to the General Assembly for a vote.

9. Kaplan Award for 2011

The Councillors were reminded that the Kaplan Award would be given at the ICRR in 2011 would need to be considered, and information would be sent to councilors next year.

10. Appointment of Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 2011

Before the ICRR in 2011 an audit would also need to occur, and Dr Fiona Steward would be asked about together with two Councillors.

11. Web site for IARR

Discussion concerning the web site: Although the agreed-upon plan at the last meeting was to have Allen Press host the IARR web site on a permanent basis, Dr Olive discussed the problem that there were unexplained delays in uploading the files. IARR had previously agreed to pay a nominal fee for this service. As the web site was deemed critical for the society, a further attempt to understand the delay and identify possible alternative hosts would be investigated.

Dr Niwa brought up the issue about how to improve the perception and activities of the radiation sciences perhaps by broadening the definition of what constitutes radiation research and by improving interactions with related societies (e.g., epidemiology). The possibility that the web site might help in this regard was discussed, although it was recognized this would require a different type of site, perhaps interactive. A proposal from Dr Martin was to have a contest for students to design a web site with the prize being support to attend the IARR. Dr Olive indicated that web design was not as critical as finding someone willing to maintain the web site.

12. Any other business, followed by close of meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:15.

IARR budget 2003-2006 and update of proposed budget 2007-2010

	Actual figures 1995-1998	Actual figures 1999-2002	Actual figures 2003-2006	Proposed budget 2007-2010	Actual figures 2007		Actual figures 2008		Proposed budget 2009	Proposed budget 2010
	USD	USD	USD*	USD	USD**	EUR	USD**	EUR	EUR	EUR
Balance 1st January	67 609	75 699	127 662	176 030	6 118	4 227	0	139 245	154 291	158 000
Income										
Membership fees	41 877	48 937	53 590	48 000	5 936	4 263	0	11 499	14 230 +2 270	14 000
Bank interest	10 119	10 447	12 766	10 000	110	12	0	1 495	1 500	1 500
ICRR support & grant returns	30 873	37 210	45 321	0	1 990					
Transfer from other accounts					11 000	139 597	771	3 054	333	
*Currency adjustment		5 384	794		19 036					
Total income	82 869	101 978	112 471	58 000	25 154	143 872	771	16 048	18 333	15 500
Expenditure										
Councils & Assemblies	4 328	4 327	605	5 000					1 000	
Administration and printing		3 452	1 081	3 000						
Kaplan award	4 680	3 000	3 000	3 500	3 000					
Support ICRR 1995	35 000									
Support ICRR 1999	24 375	9 813								
Support ICRR 2003		35 000								
Support ICRR 2007			50 037							
Support ICRR 2011				50 000					10 000	30 000
Travel awards ICRR 2007				15 000	15 000					
Catering ICRR 2007 & more					2 383	452				
Support small meetings	6 112	6 278	8 684	12 000					3 000	2 000
Transfer to other accounts					771	8 193		532		
Bank charges	496	846	698	1 000		209	259	470	600	600
Total expenditure	74 991	62 716	64 105	89 500	25 154	8 854		1 002	14 600	32 600
Balance 31st December	75 487	114 961	176 028	144 530	0	139 245	512	154 291	158 000	140 900

* Figures shown for 2003-2006 based on exchange rate GBP 1 = USD 1.77, and EURO 1 = USD 1.21; this is an average value over the whole period

** Based on exchange rate 1 EUR = 1.54 USD
 Assuming 40 000 EUR as support for ICRR 2011
 Subscriptions must be paid by GAST & SRS