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Minutes of the Meeting of the IARR Old Council Monday, 29th August 2011, 13:00-14:30 Room Puškin, Palace of Culture and Science, Warsaw

Gianfranco Grossi, July 2013

Agenda

1. Welcome and report by the President and adoption of the agenda (President)
2. Approval of the Minutes of Interim Council, held 18th May 2009 at COEX Seoul (President)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda (President)
4. Kaplan Award 2011 (President)
5. Report on the 14th ICRR in Warsaw (Dr Marek Janiak)
6. Budget and financial matters by the Secretary-Treasurer and report of the Audit Committee (Secretary-Treasurer):
 - a. Budget for the period 1st January 2007 - 31st December 2010
 - b. Support of young investigators to attend ICRR
 - c. Status of annual subscription payments
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9. Any other business (President)
10. Close of meeting (President)

Minutes

Elected Council members present

President and Vice-President	Ohtsura Niwa (Japan)
Secretary-Treasurer	Gianfranco Grossi (Italy)
Councillor for Medicine	Koji Ono (Japan)
Councillor-at-large I	Marie-Catherine Vozenin-Brotans (France)
Councillor-at-large III	Gisela Taucher-Scholz (Germany)

Councillors appointed by member societies present

Councillor representing the Australian Institute of	Roger F. Martin
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Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) Councillor representing the Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	Georges Don Jones
Councillor representing the China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)	Pingkun Zhou in place of Ziqiang Pan
Councillor representing the German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)	Herwig Paretzke
Councillor representing the Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)	Fiona Lyng
Councillor representing the Japanese Association for Radiation Research (JARR)	Takeo Ohnishi
Councillor representing the Dutch Society for Radiobiology (NVRB)	Peter Sminia
Councillor representing the Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR)	Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska
Councillor representing the Radiation Research Society (RRS)	David Murray
Councillor representing the Italian Society for Radiation Research (SIRR)	Maria Antonella Tabocchini in place of Giustina Simone

Councillors absent

Councillor for Chemistry	Peter Dedon (USA)
Councillor for Physics	Kazimierz Jeleń (Poland)
Councillor for Biology	Michael C. Joiner (USA)
Councillor-at-large I	Kaushala P. Mishra (India)
Councillor representing the Asian Association for Radiation Research (AARR)	Polat Kazymbet
Councillor representing the European Radiation Research Society (ERRS)	Mohi Rezvani
Councillor representing the Indian Society of Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)	Tulsi Mukherjee
Councillor representing the Korean Society of Radiation Bioscience (KARR)	Eun Kyung Choi

1. Welcome and report by the President and adoption of the agenda

The President (ON) welcomed all Councillors, thanked them for attending and communicated the names of Councillors absent. ON explained that Peggy Olive, after the Interim Council meeting in Seoul (October 2009), resigned her position as President of the IARR sending a letter to Councillors following her retirement as Head of Medical Biophysics at the B.C. Cancer Agency. The Councillors asked ON to fill both positions of Vice-President and President until the 14th ICRR in Warsaw. Hence, the next General Assembly should now proceed to the election of both a new Vice-President and President. The Agenda was presented and the agreed without changes.

2. Approval of the Minutes of Interim Council, held 18th May 2009 at COEX Seoul

ON verified that there were no amendments to the Minutes of the previous Interim Council meeting in Seoul and the motion to accept the Minutes was approved.

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

The President read the point 8 of the agenda of the Interim Council Meeting in Seoul:

“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.”

He presented to Council the number of the members of national societies. Possible changes to the IARR Constitution regarding the number of society members required to appoint members to Council should be discussed. In Seoul, during the Interim Council meeting, it was also decided to discuss via e-mail before the General Assembly in Warsaw for a possible vote.

Roger Martin reminded the proposal made in Seoul, *i.e.* the possibility that national societies with more than 500 members could have 2 Councillors, ideally representing different disciplines, and that the present threshold of 101 members to have one Councillor decrease to 50.

The Secretary-Treasurer Gianfranco Grossi (GG) reminded the Council that the resolutions involving amendment of the Constitution may be proposed by the Council or by any two of the member organisations acting together and it must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer for transmission to Council at least one year in advance of the meeting of the General Assembly which will vote on it. No requests of amendments were proposed.

David Murray agreed with the proposal to increase the number of Councillors taking into account the number of society members and to decrease the threshold. He proposed 1 Councillor for 50-500 members, 2 Councillors for 501-1000 and 3 Councillors for more than 1000.

ON suggested that national societies interested to amend IARR Constitution and Bylaws might present two separate proposals: one regarding the number of society members required for the right to appoint members to Council, and one concerning the threshold to have a representative at Council.

4. Kaplan award for 2011

The President stated that there were nine nominees for the Kaplan award this year: Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff, Richard P. Hill, Gerhard Kraft, John Moulder, Ohtsura Niwa, Liren Qian, Albert van Der Kogel, Susan Wallace, and Eric Wright. The selection committee (Peggy Olive, Marie-Catherine Vozenin-Brotons, and Kaushala Prasad Mishra) had a difficult task choosing among these extremely distinguished scientists. They eventually selected Richard P. Hill as the recipient of the 2011 Henry Kaplan award. The President congratulated Richard Hill, on behalf of the IARR, and reminded the Council that Prof Hill will present the Kaplan award lecture on Tuesday 30th August at 16:00.

5. Report of 14th ICRR in Warsaw

Marek Janiak, Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 14th ICRR and President of Polish Radiation Research Society, described his report on the 14th ICRR that he will send at the end of the congress. Andrzej Wojcik, chair the Scientific Program Committee, put together a scientific program for four full days of the Congress consisting of:

- 18 congress lectures
- 7 plenary lectures
- 23 eye opener lectures
- 34 symposia (mostly with four speakers per symposium), encompassing 142 lectures
- 1 debate
- 5 award lectures (11 awardees: 4 international and 7 from RRS)
- 842 posters (displayed throughout the duration of the Congress).

There were 668 participants (including regular participants and accompanying persons) registered by the Congress and Tourism Bureau, 355 participants registered by the Radiation Research Society and 34 pre-selected lecturers, totalling 1057 participants. In conjunction with the 14th ICRR, the 57th Annual Meeting of the Radiation Research Society was organized. The RRS provided upfront financial support of USD 150,000 in return for which RRS was independently responsible for registering of up to 375 RRS members, arranging its headquarters hotel, meeting rooms and associated events including the Scholars-in-Training (SIT) workshop, the RRS business meeting, RRS committee meetings, and RRS receptions.

In addition, five satellite symposia were organized: Ethics of Environmental Health, in Prague; Chernobyl impact on health and environment – a quarter century later, in Kiev; Science as a public duty - following the ideas and work of Maria Skłodowska-Curie, in Krakow; 7th International Symposium on Physical,

Molecular, Cellular and Medical Aspects of Auger Processes 2011, in Jülich; Scientific Fundamentals and Current Clinical Statute of Neutron Capture Therapy, in Warsaw.

162 travel support awards for young scientists had been granted by various organizations.

There were four awardees of International Associations: Richard Hill (IARR Kaplan Award) David Hirst (ARR Weiss Award), Penny Jeggo (ERRS Bacq and Alexander Award), Dudley Goodhead (ICRU Gray Medal), and seven awardees of the Radiation Research Society: David Brenner (Failla Gold Medal), Marjan Boerma (Michael Fry Research Award), Igor Shuryak (Radiation Research Editors' Award), Alexandra Paun (Marie Curie Award), Iris Eke (Jack Fowler Award), Lisa Folkes (Nucleic Acids Research Award), and Albert Fornace (SIT Excellence in Mentoring Award).

Concerning the budget, the gross income was of EUR 430,000, including the donations from IARR and the Polish Ministry of Higher Education and Science, and the gross expenses about the same. Probably a few thousand Euros will be returned to IARR.

6. Budget and financial matters by the Secretary-Treasurer and report of the Audit Committee

6.a. Budget for the period 1st January 2007 - 31st December 2010

GG gave a summary of the EUR and USD accounts for the IARR, showing the "IARR Budget 2003-2006 and Proposed Budget 2007-2010" (see appendix) presented to the General Assembly and ratified by the New Council during the 13th ICRR in San Francisco. The calculations are shown in USD and the estimate of income is based on USD 4 per member and a total of 3000 members. The balance on the 31st December 2010 was estimated in about USD 145,000, and the real balance is about EUR 153,000 corresponding to about USD 220,000. If we take into account the following facts:

- Starting January 2008, the member fee was increased to EUR 4 (~USD 5.70) → + ~USD 20,000
- 14th ICRR support was of EUR 40,000 (only 20,000 transferred in 2010) → - ~USD 29,000
- GAST, ISRAPS, AARR & KARR need to pay the member fees → + ~USD 11,000

the budget on 31st December 2010 is ~50% higher than the estimate.

The accounts for the period 2007-2010 were submitted in full to the auditing committee (Fiona Stewart, Gisela Taucher-Scholz and David Murray) which reviewed these accounts and provided a letter stating that they found the accounts to be in good order and recommended approval of the accounts at the General Assembly of the IARR.

6.b. Support of young investigators to attend ICRR

GG presented to the Council name and nationality of the thirty students awarded by IARR with EUR 15,000.

6.c. Current status of annual subscription payments

GG informed Council that at 15th August 2011 eleven national societies had paid their dues up to and including 2011, he thanked the national representatives and treasurers for assistance in this matter. The societies in arrear are the Asian Association for Radiation Research, the Indian Society of Radiation and Photochemical Sciences, the Korean Society of Radiation Bioscience and the South African Radiobiology Society. Considering the fifteen national societies, the total members are about 3,400.

GG reported that till now, many national societies pay for only one hundred active members to have to appoint a Councillor, but from next year it will be necessary to have more than one hundred member as the Constitution states.

6.d. Provisional budget for the period 1st January 2011 - 31st December 2014

The proposed budget for 2011 to 2014 was presented to Council (see appendix), although this will have to be ratified by the New Council later in the week. This budget was based on the agreed increase in subscriptions to EUR 4 per member, and a membership of 3,300. The advance for the 15th ICRR (Kyoto, Japan) is maintained at EUR 40,000 (returnable in the event of a profit being made). A non-returnable amount of EUR15,000 is also allocated for student travel awards to the congress. In addition, modest increases in the support of small meetings (USD 12,000 to EUR 10,000) were proposed for the period 2011-2014. After making these adjustments, the projected income (EUR 99,500) will exceed expenses

(EUR 95,500) by EUR 4,000, producing a total balance of more than EUR 157,000, corresponding to USD 225,000 with the actual (22nd July 2011) exchange rates EUR 1 = USD 1.43.

7. Nominated candidates for IARR Council 2011-2015

ON as Chair of the Nominating Committee for selection of new IARR Councillors, composed by Ohtsura Niwa (Chair, Biology, Japan), Gerhard Kraft (Physics, Germany), Charles Limoli (Biology, USA), George Don Jones (Chemistry, United Kingdom) and David Kirsch (Medicine, United Kingdom), shown the following list of candidates:

President	Marco Durante (Germany) or William F. Morgan (USA)
Vice-President	Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff (USA) or Mark Dewhirst (USA) or Kenji Kamiya (Japan)
Secretary-Treasurer	Gianfranco Grossi (Italy)
Councillor for Physics	David Brenner (USA)
Councillor for Chemistry	George Don Jones (UK) or Yosuke Katsumura (Japan)
Councillor for Biology	Robert Coppes (The Netherlands) or Michael C. Joiner (USA)
Councillor for Medicine	Koji Ono (Japan) or Hirohiko Tsujii (Japan) or Masahiro Hiraoka (Japan)
Councillor-at-large I	Pamela Sykes (South Australia) or Marie-Catherine Vozenin-Brotons (France) or Kazuo Sakai (Japan)
Councillor-at-large II	Richard P. Hill (Canada) or Yoshiya Shimada (Japan)
Councillor-at-large III	Gisela Taucher Scholz (Germany) or Jacqueline P. Williams (USA)

This list was circulated to all Councillors and Representatives of national societies. There were no other nominations from the membership, so this list will go to the General Assembly for voting by named delegates on Tuesday 30th August 2011.

8. Delegates to General Assembly

GG pointed out that each National Society may send a given number of nominated Delegates to the General Assembly, proportional to the size of that society. Following the indications of the National Societies, the following Delegates are accepted in the General Assembly:

Asian Association for Radiation Research (AARR)	No Delegate
Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)	Roger Martin
Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	George Don Jones and Kaye Williams
China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)	Yanqin Ji, Pingkun Zhou
European Radiation Research Society (ERRS)	Mohi Rezvani
German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)	Herwig Paretzke and Georg Iliakis
Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)	Fiona Lyng

Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)	No Delegate
Japan Association for Radiation Research (JARR)	Takeo Ohnishi, Yosuke Katsumura, Koji Ono and Yoshiya Shimada
Korean Association for Radiation Research (KARR)	No Delegate
Dutch Society for Radiobiology (NVRB)	Peter Sminia and N.A.P. (Klaas) Franken
Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR)	Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska and Marek K. Janiak
Radiation Research Society (RRS)	Ed Azzam, Michael Dingfelder, Sandra De Maria, Amy Kronenberg and John Zimbrick
Italian Society for Radiation Research (SIRR)	Alessandro Campa and Gabriella Pugliese

The Asian Association for Radiation Research, Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences, and Korean Association for Radiation Research had no Delegates to the General Assembly because the number of Delegates which each member organisation may appoint to the Assembly (Bylaw No. 6) is calculated from the average membership fees paid to the Association during the two years preceding the General Assembly. The same applies to the appointment of Councillors by the member organisations (Constitution III.4.c).

9. Any other business

Kaye Williams, University of Manchester (United Kingdom) announced the bid of the Association for Radiation Research for the 16th ICRR in 2019. She gave a short presentation on Manchester accessibility, history, culture, art, leisure, and free support services.

GG reminded that the decision about the 16th ICRR bid will be taken at the Interim Council meeting in 2013.

10. Close of meeting

The President closed the meeting at 14:30 after thanking all Councillors for their participation.

IARR Budget 2003-2006 and Proposed Budget 2007-2010

(Calculation based on USD 4 per member and 3000 members (4120 in 2003 and 3058 in 2006))

	Actual figures 1999-2002 (USD)	Proposed Budget 2003-2006 (USD)	Actual Figures 2003-2006 (USD*)	Proposed Budget 2007-2010 (USD)
Balance on 1st January	75,699	114,961	127,662	176,028
<i>Income</i>				
Membership fees	48,937	44,500	53,590	48,000
Bank gross interest	10,447	5,000	12,766	10,000
Grant returns	37,210	25,000	45,321	0
*Currency adjustment	5,384		794	
Total income	101,978	74,500	112,471	58,000
<i>Expenditure</i>				
Council & General Assembly meetings	4,327	5,000	605	5,000
Administration and printing	3,452	3,000	1,081	3,000
Kaplan award	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,500
Support 11 th ICRR (Dublin)	9,813			
Support 12 th ICRR (Brisbane)	35,000			
Support 13 th ICRR (San Francisco)		50,000	50,037	
Support 14 th ICRR (Warsaw)				50,000
Travel awards 13 th ICRR				15,000
Support small meetings	6,278	10,000	8,684	12,000
Bank charges	846	1,000	698	1,000
Total expenditure	62,716	72,000	64,105	89,500
Balance on 31st December	114,961	117,461	176,028	144,528

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

Transfers made between accounts were at exchange rates on that date; this leads to an apparent gain of USD 794, which is shown as a currency adjustment.

IARR Proposed Budget 2011-2014

(Calculation based on EUR 4 per member and 3300 members (4120 in 2003, 3058 in 2006 and 3400 in 2011))

	Actual figures 1999-2002 (USD)	Actual figures 2003-2006 (USD)*	Proposed Budget 2007-2010 (USD)	Actual figures 2007-2010 (EUR)	Proposed Budget 2011-2014 (EUR)
Balance on 1st January	75,699	127,662	176,028	145,700	153,184
<i>Income</i>					
Membership fees	48,937	53,590	48,000	43,350°	54,500°
Bank gross interest	10,447	12,766	10,000	6,619	5,000
Grant returns	37,210	45,321	0	1,990	40,000
Currency adjustment	5,384	794			
Total income	101,978	112,471	58,000	51,859	99,500
<i>Expenditure</i>					
Council & General Assembly meetings	4,327	605	5,000	2,808	3,000
Administration and printing	3,452	1,081	3,000	0	3,000
Kaplan award	3,000	3,000	3,500	2,050	2,000
Support 11 th ICRR (Dublin)	9,813				
Support 12 th ICRR (Brisbane)	35,000				
Support 13 th ICRR (San Francisco)		50,037			
Support 14 th ICRR (Warsaw)			50,000	20,000	20,000
Support 15 th ICRR (Kyoto)					40,000
Travel awards ICRR			15,000	10,000	15,000
Support small meetings	6,278	8,684	12,000	7,015	10,000
Bank charges and transfer costs	846	698	1,000	1,482	1,500
Tax on the bank interest (27%)				1,020	1,000
Total expenditure	62,716	64,105	89,500	44,375	95,500
Balance on 31st December	114,961	176,028	144,528	153,184	157,184

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

° Some 2010 membership fees (about EUR 2,500) were paid in 2011.

Actual (22nd July 2011) exchange rates: EUR 1 = USD 1.43 = GBP 0.88 = CAD 1.35 = JPY 112 = CNY 9.20 = KRW 1,500 = INR 64 = AUD 1.33