

Organization and Members

Aims

The IARR is an independent organization of radiation research societies which operates at the international level. Its principal aim, as laid down in the 1974 Constitution, is to advance radiation research in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology and medicine by:

1. fostering and maintaining the scientific co-operation and communication between national and regional societies, groups and individual scientists;
2. promoting the organisation of International Congresses of Radiation Research (ICRR);
3. promoting and facilitating international scientific conferences and symposia;
4. establishing liaison with the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) and with those individual unions whose aims are related to those of the Association, in order to facilitate appropriate representation of radiation research within the ICSU member bodies.

Administration

The Association is governed through an Assembly, a Council and three Officers.

The Assembly is the ruling body of the Association. It meets normally every four years on the occasion of the International Congress of Radiation Research and it consists of delegates appointed by the member organisations in a number proportional to the size of their membership. The Assembly has the right to vote on the composition of the Council and the appointment of the Officers.

The Council is the executive body of the Association. It consists of the Officers, Councillors representing each of four disciplines (physics, chemistry, biology and medicine) and three Councillors at large. All these are elected by the Assembly. The Council also includes one Councillor for each of the member organisations having more than 100 active members, nominated by the member societies.

The Officers are the President, the Vice-President who is also President-Elect, and the Secretary-Treasurer. They carry out the mandate of the Assembly and the decisions of the Council and run the affairs of the Association in consultation with other Councillors.

Finances

The IARR is supported by annual fees from the adhering organisations according to the number of their active members and by grants and donations. Its income is devoted entirely to scientific and educational purposes consistent with the aims and to financial and travel assistance for the organisation of International Congresses of Radiation Research or of other scientific meetings. The structure of the IARR is such that administration costs are kept to a minimum.

Scientific Meetings

In addition to the International Congress of Radiation Research organised normally every four years at times and places decided by the Council according to the invitations received, the

Association may sponsor and partially support other smaller scientific meetings. The requirements to be fulfilled in order that support may be granted to such meetings are usually that they should be of immediate relevance to the interests of the Association, that they should have a truly international character, that a liaison officer may be appointed by the IARR to work out the details of the program in conjunction with the organisers and, finally, that a preliminary budget is submitted to the Council. Financial help for such meetings is granted as an advance loan, to be partially or wholly repaid as the final balance of the meeting permits. Applications for financial assistance should be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer well in advance of the planned meeting.

Member Organizations	admitted
Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	founding member
European Radiation Research Society (ERRS) (formerly European Society for Radiation Biology)	founding member
Japanese Association for Radiation Research (JARR) (succeeded to Japan Radiation Research Society the in 1977)	founding member
Radiation Research Society (RRS)	founding member
Dutch Society for Radiobiology (NVRB) (formerly Netherlands Radiobiological Society)	1965
Swedish Radiobiological Society (SRS)	1965
Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR) (formerly Polish Association for Radiation Research)	1970
German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST) (succeeded to the Joint German Groups in 1991)	1974
Italian Society for Radiation Research (SIRR) (succeeded to the Joint Italian Groups in 2008)	1983
Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)	1985
China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)	1987
Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)	1989
Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)	1993

South African Radiobiological Society (SARS)	1993
Korean Association for Radiation Research (KARR)	2007
Asian Association for Radiation Research (AARR)	2010

Rules Governing Affiliation

National associations or international groups may apply for membership within the IARR. Applications should be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer for transmission to the Council by the Executive Committee of the society desiring membership and shall be accompanied by a copy of the Constitution and of the Bylaws governing the society, together with such supporting information on its history, activities and membership as may be deemed relevant to the application.

In considering new applications, the Council will require to be satisfied inter alia that the scope of interest of the society applying is appropriate for membership of the Association and that it can represent adequately the majority of radiation research workers within its territory.