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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the IARR Interim Council Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013, 12:30-14:40 President's Suite, Dublin Castle Conference Centre, Dublin**

*Gianfranco Grossi, September 2013*

**Draft of the minutes to be approved during the next Council Meeting in Kyoto, May 2015**

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome by the President and adoption of the Agenda (President)
2. Approval the Minutes of the Old Council meeting (Warsaw, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011) and New Council meeting (Warsaw, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011) (President)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda (President)
4. Venue for the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2019): (President)
  - a. Proposals and presentations by Representatives
  - b. General discussion on proposals
  - c. Voting on proposals
5. Preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2015) (Masahiro Hiraoka)
6. Secretary-Treasurer's Statement and Balance sheets: (Secretary-Treasurer)
  - a. Budgets for 2011/2012 and 2013/2014, including final report of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2011)
  - b. Financial support for the ICRR2015
  - c. Support for other meetings
7. Kaplan Award 2015 (Secretary-Treasurer)
8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for the 2015 elections to Council (Secretary-Treasurer)
9. Appointment of Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 2015 (Secretary-Treasurer)
10. Web site for IARR (President)
11. Any other business, followed by close of meeting (President)

#### **Minutes**

##### **Elected Council members present**

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Councillor for Physics

Marco Durante (Germany)  
Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff (USA)  
Gianfranco Grossi (Italy)  
David Brenner (USA)

Councillor for Chemistry  
Councillor for Biology  
Councillor-at-large

George Don Jones (UK)  
Robert Coppes (The Netherlands)  
Jacqueline Williams (USA)

### **Councillors appointed by member societies present**

Councillor representing the Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	Rhona Anderson in place of Kaye Williams
Councillor representing the European Radiation Research Society (ERRS)	Lorenzo Manti in place of Mohi Rezvani
Councillor representing the Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)	Fiona Lyng
Councillor representing the Japanese Association for Radiation Research (JARR)	Kiyoshi Miyakaga in place of Takeo Ohnishi
Councillor representing the Dutch Society for Radiobiology (NVRB)	Nicolaas Franken
Councillor representing the Polish Radiation Research Society (PRRS)	Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska
Councillor representing the Radiation Research Society (RRS)	Bruce Kimler
Councillor representing the Italian Society for Radiation Research (SIRR)	Maria Antonella Tabocchini

### **Councillors absent**

Councillor for Medicine	Koji Ono (Japan)
Councillor-at-large	Kazuo Sakai (Japan)
Councillor-at-large	Richard Hill (Canada)
Councillor representing the Asian Association for Radiation Research (AARR)	Polat Kazymbet
Councillor representing the China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)	Ziqiang Pan
Councillor representing the German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)	Herwig Paretzke
Councillor representing the Korean Association for Radiation Research (KARR)	Eun Kyung Choi

### **Guests**

Masahiro Hiraoka, President of the 15<sup>th</sup> ICRR  
Kiyoshi Miyakaga, member of the Organizing Committee for the 15<sup>th</sup> ICRR  
Kaye Williams, Chair of the 16<sup>th</sup> ICRR bid by ARR  
Rachel Frankel, member of the Organizing Committee for the ARR proposed 16<sup>th</sup> ICRR  
Francis Cucinotta, Vice-President of the RRS, Chair 16<sup>th</sup> ICRR proposed by RRS

### **1. Welcome by the President and adoption of the Agenda**

The President Marco Durante (MD) welcomed Council members and Councillors appointed by member societies. He emphasised that the main function of this meeting is choosing the location for the 16th ICRR in 2019. The Agenda was presented, and adopted after a short discussion about its items.

### **2. Approval the minutes of the Old Council meeting (Warsaw, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011) and New Council meeting (Warsaw, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011)**

Minutes of the of the two previous Council meetings in Warsaw, sent by e-mail to all members of the old and new Council, were shown and MD requested if there were no amendments to the minutes. There was a move to adopt the minutes by MD, and the motion to accept the minutes was carried.

### **3. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda**

President MD informed Councillors that the Korean Society of Radiation Bioscience failed to pay its subscriptions from 2010 in spite of many requests. IARR Constitution states that when any member organization has failed to pay its dues for three consecutive years, the Council shall consider termination of its membership. MD proposed to postpone this decision, having been sent further email just before this Council meeting. The Council approved the President suggestion.

### **4. Venue for the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2019)**

MD gave notice of the two bids to host the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2019), one in Manchester (UK) from Association for Radiation Research, and the second one in Las Vegas (USA) from Radiation Research Society. The Councillors received the bid's presentations that were discussed by ARR and RRS representatives in 15 minutes presentations each before discussion and ballot.

#### **4.a. Proposals and presentations by Representatives**

The proposal of the Association for Radiation Research to host the ICRR in Manchester from 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 was introduced by Kaye Williams, Chair of the proposed meeting. The city, his global accessibility, and the congress venue (Manchester Central) were briefly introduced, together with the possible accommodations and the social program. Dr. Williams also provided detailed information on the Organizing Committee, an innovative programme and exhibitions formats, the registration fees and the budget with the sources of support.

The proposal of the Radiation Research Society to host the ICRR in Las Vegas in mid- September 2019 was introduced by Francis Cucinotta, President of the proposed meeting. He introduced the Organizing Committee, letters of support from many scientific Societies and research Laboratories, financial support from RRS and some US Organization, and registration fees. Potential host hotels and the cost of accommodation were shown, together with the access to Las Vegas and round trip air fares, possible locations for satellite meetings and activities.

#### **4.b. General discussion on proposals**

There was an extensive discussion on the two proposals and several questions to the applicants.

#### **4.c. Voting on proposals**

The President thanked both bidders and their Societies for the outstanding applications. He proposed that Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska and Kiyoshi Miyakaga be appointed as tellers for the voting. This was unanimously accepted. The voting was carried out by anonymous ballot by all Councillors present, and the President announced his white ballot. Votes were returned at 9:4 in favour of the ARR bid, with 2 white ballots. MD congratulated Kaye Williams on behalf of the Council.

### **5. Preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2015)**

Masahiro Hiraoka, President of the Congress, reported on progress of preparations for the ICRR2015 to be held in Kyoto, 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015 under the aegis of the Japan Radiation Research Society (JRSS). The Congress will take place at Kyoto International Conference Center, the early registration fee will be JPY 50,000 and for student JPY 20,000, and the late registration fee will be JPY 60,000 and for student JPY 30,000 (JPY 1 = EUR 0.0076 = USD 0.01 at exchange rate of 1st September 2013). Kiyoshi Miyagawa and Kiyoshi Miyagawa are the Vice-Presidents, Kenji Kamiya is the Secretary General, Naoyuki Shigematsu is the Chair of Finance Committee, and Kazuo Sakai and Yasumasa Nishimura are the Co-Chairs of Scientific Committee, that will include all IARR Councillors, while the local Organizing Committee will be implemented with members of AARR, RRS, ERRS and IARR. Theme of ICRR2015

will be: “Radiation Science Shaping the Future of The Earth and Mankind”, and Fukushima Nuclear Accidents and Progress of Medical Application will be presented as the main topics. A tentative programme was shown, together with concurrent international and Japanese meetings that will be held in the same region, and satellite meeting as the 12<sup>th</sup> International Microbeam Workshop, the International Symposium on Physical, Molecular, Cellular and Medical Aspects of Auger Processes, NASA Symposium, and Meetings at Hirosaki University and at Hiroshima University. Concerning the accommodation, approximately 1,000 rooms were booked daily during the Congress, for daily rates ranging from JPY 10,000 to 15,000. The hotels are located near the subway, which takes you to the venue in 10-20 minutes. The Gala dinner will be held at Toei Kyoto Studio Park. Excursions in some World Cultural Heritages in Kyoto are expected.

The President congratulated Dr. Hiraoka for his excellent work and thanked him for informing the Council on the progress of the meeting. The Council noted that it was important to start shaping the program now and to invite speakers as soon as possible. The topic of the ICRR must be kept general, even though radiation medicine and the Fukushima accident may be presented as meeting highlights. Plenary, high-quality invited lectures on these topics will be welcome. It is also stressed that all IARR Council members should be invited into the Scientific Council.

## **6. Secretary-Treasurer’s Statement and Balance sheets:**

### **6.a. Budgets for 2011/2012 and 2013/2014, including final report of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2011)**

The Secretary-Treasurer Gianfranco Grossi (GG) informed Council about the current status of annual subscription payments. At 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013 nine national Societies had paid their dues up to and including 2013, he thanked the national representatives and treasurers for assistance in this matter. The Societies in arrear were the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE), the Chinese Radiation Research Society (CRRS), the National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST), the Korean Society of Radiation Bioscience (KSRB), and the South African Radiobiology Society (SARS). Considering all the fourteen national Societies, the total members were about 3,300.

Then GG presented the proposed budget 2011-2014, approved by the General Assembly and shown to the New Council during the meetings in Warsaw, compared with actual figures 2011-2012 and provisional budget 2013-2014 (see appendix). The negative difference of about EUR 10,000 on the estimated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 balance resulted from the non-return of the total loan of EUR 40,000 to ICRR2011, because only EUR 6,000 returned.

GG showed to the Council the final report of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research (see appendix) held in Warsaw from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 prepared by Marek Janiak, Chair of the ICRR2011 Organizing Committee and President of the Polish Radiation Research Society.

### **6.b. Financial support for the ICRR2015**

GG reported that in 2007, during the San Francisco meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate a loan of EUR 40,000 to support the ICRRs. Concerning the return of this loan, GG shown to the Council a statement requested by Eric Hall and decided at the Interim Council meeting in San Juan in 2001: “profits should be returned in proportion to the seed money put up”. The IARR currently advances EUR 40,000 for the ICRR, therefore any profits should be returned to IARR on the basis of this amount as a percentage of the total seed money advanced to the meeting. This loan will be allowed in two transfers of EUR 20,000, as a general rule the first one in 2014 (June/July) and the second one in 2015 (January/February).

### **6.c. Support for other meetings**

GG showed the criteria for IARR support of meetings other than the International Congress of Radiation Research, and a list of supported meetings from 2000. There were three applications: the 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Microdosimetry (Treviso, Italy, 20<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> October, 2013) with a request of EUR 3,000, the 13<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Radiation Damage to DNA (Cambridge, USA, 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014) with a request of USD 10,000, and the 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Chromosomal Aberrations (ISCA11) (Rhodes, Greece, 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> September, 2014) with a request of EUR 3,000.

Because the amount allocated for support to small meetings remaining for 2013-2014 was EUR 5,600, the Council decide to support the three meetings with EUR 1,500 each.

## **7. Kaplan Award 2015**

GG informed the Council that the closing date for nominations for the Kaplan award would be one year in advance of the Kyoto meeting (May 2014). Flyers advertising the award, with a request for nominations, should go to National Society Representatives, Radiation Research, International Journal of Radiation Biology, Journal of Radiation Research, and Radiation and Environmental Biophysics 6 months before the closing date (*i.e.* November 2013).

The Selection Committee for the Kaplan award normally includes the IARR President, Vice-President and Past-President. In the event that one of these people is nominated for the award, he can be replaced by another IARR Councillor.

Concerning the cash prize of the award, it will be of EUR 2,000, as shown in the Proposed Budget 2011-2014, with an additional amount of at most EUR 1,000 for travelling.

## **8. Appointment of Nominating Committee for the 2015 elections to Council**

Because the short time remaining, the President and Secretary-Treasurer proposed to appoint by e-mail the Nominating Committee for the 2015 elections of the new members of the Council. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

## **9. Appointment of Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 2015**

Before the ICRR in 2015 a Finance Committee, to be appointed by Council, would also need to occur to audit the IARR accounts for the period 2011 to 2014. As for the Nominating Committee, the Council decided that the three Finance Committee members will be chosen by e-mail

## **10. Web site for IARR**

Because the short time remaining, the discussion concerning the IARR web site was postponed to next Council meeting.

## **11. Any other business, followed by close of meeting**

There was no other business. The President closed the meeting at 14:40 after thanking all Councillors for their participation.

## IARR budget 2007-2010 and update of proposed budget 2011-2014

	Actual figures 1995-1998 (USD)	Actual figures 1999-2002 (USD)	Actual figures 2003-2006 (USD)	Actual figures 2007-2010 (EUR)	Proposed budget 2011-2014* (EUR)	Actual figures 2011-2012 (EUR)	Provisional budget 2013-2014 (EUR)
<b>Balance 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>67,609</b>	<b>75,699</b>	<b>127,662</b>	<b>145,700</b>	<b>153,184</b>	<b>153,184</b>	<b>144,743</b>
<b><i>Income</i></b>							
Membership fees	41,877	48,937	53,590	°43,350	°54,500	°°27,122	28,000
Bank interest	10,119	10,447	12,766	6,619	5,000	3,726	3,500
ICRR support & grant returns	30,873	37,210	45,321	1,990	40,000	6,000	
*Currency adjustment		5,384	794				
<b>Total income</b>	<b>82,869</b>	<b>101,978</b>	<b>112,471</b>	<b>51,859</b>	<b>99,500</b>	<b>36,848</b>	<b>31,500</b>
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>							
Councils & General Assemblies meetings	4,328	4,327	605	2,808	3,000		1,000
Administration and printing		3,452	1,081		3,000	2,167	800
Kaplan award	4,680	3,000	3,000	2,050	2,000	2,538	
Support 10 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 1995 (Würzburg)	35,000						
Support 11 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 1999 (Dublin)	24,375	9,813					
Support 12 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 2003 (Brisbane)		35,000					
Support 13 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 2007 (San Francisco)			50,037				
Support 14 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 2011 (Warsaw)				20,000	20,000	20,000	
Support 15 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 2015 (Kyoto)					20,000		20,000
Travel awards 13 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 2007				10,000			
Travel awards 14 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 2011					15,000	15,000	
Travel awards 15 <sup>th</sup> ICRR 2015							
Support small meetings	6,112	6,278	8,684	7,015	10,000	4,400	5,600
Bank charges and transfer costs	496	846	698	1,482	1,500	382	500
Tax on the bank interest (27%-20%)				1,020	1,000	802	800
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>74,991</b>	<b>62,716</b>	<b>64,105</b>	<b>44,375</b>	<b>95,500</b>	<b>45,289</b>	<b>28,700</b>
<b>Balance 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>75,487</b>	<b>114,961</b>	<b>176,028</b>	<b>153,184</b>	<b>157,184</b>	<b>144,743</b>	<b>147,543</b>

\* Budget approved by the New Council during the 14<sup>th</sup> ICRR 2011 in Warsaw

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

°° Some 2012 membership fees (about EUR 1500) were paid in 2013



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**General Report**  
**of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Radiation Research – ICRR’2011**  
**(www.icrr2011.org)**  
**held in Warsaw, Poland, from Aug 28 to Sept 1, 2011**

**Venue:** Warsaw, Poland, the Palace of Culture and Science (altogether 17 lecture halls on three different floor were used)

**Participants:** :

**668 participants** (including regular participants and accompanying persons) registered by the Congress and Tourism Bureau ‘Congressor’, **355 participants** (registered by the Radiation Research Society - RRS) and **34 pre-selected lecturers, totaling 1057 participants.**

**Accommodation:** 1096 rooms had been reserved in 22 hotels (including 1 student dormitory) at rates from 78 PLN (19 euro) for a single room to 740 PLN (180 euro) for a double room; most hotels were within walking distances from the Congress venue.

Actually, 358 persons had booked their accommodation (excluding the RRS members who booked their hotels separately) in 16 hotels (one- to five-star; mostly four-star)

**Budget:** (exchange rate as of Aug 25, 2011: 1 euro = 4.16 PLN):

**Income** (gross) including donations from IARR and the Polish Ministry of Higher Education and Science: **1,787,016.97 PLN (429,571.4 euro)**

**Expenses** (gross): **1,711,807.11 PLN (411,492.1 euro) + 123,619 PLN (29,711 euro) paid as tax (VAT)**, part of which (**82,721.6 PLN = 9, 885 euro**) was refunded in 2012.

In December 2012 **6,000 euro** were returned to IARR.

Andrzej Wojcik who chaired the Scientific Program Committee (composed of seventy-seven scientists) put together **a scientific program** for four full days of the congress of the including :

- **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).

In conjunction with the 14th ICRR **57<sup>th</sup> 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 in conjunction with the ICRR2011:

- *Ethics of Environmental Health*, Prague (Czech Republic), Aug 24-27, 2011, organizer Prof Friedo Zoelzer;
- *Chernobyl impact on health and environment – a quarter century later*, Kiev (Ukraine), Sept 2-3, 2011, organizer Prof Dimitri Bazyka;
- *Science as a public duty - following the ideas and work of Maria Skłodowska-Curie*, Krakow (Poland), Sept 2-3, 2011, organizers Prof Beata Tobiasz-Adamczyk, Prof Kalina Kawecka-Jaszcz, and Prof Paweł Olko;
- *7th International Symposium on Physical, Molecular, Cellular and Medical Aspects of Auger Processes 2011*, Jülich (Germany), August 24-26, 2011; organizer Dr Ekkerhard Pomplun;
- *Scientific Fundamentals and Current Clinical Statute of Neutron Capture Therapy*, Warsaw, 31 August, 2011; organized by the International Society for Neutron Capture Therapy.

**162 travel support awards for young scientists** had been granted by various organizations as indicated below:

- Argentinian Radioprotection Society - 1 award
- Association for Radiation Research (UK) – 10 awards,
- Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering – 4 awards,
- European Radiation Research Society – 10 awards,
- Dutch Radiation Research Society – 4 awards,
- International Association for Radiation Research – 30 awards,
- Italian Society for Radiation Research – 4 awards,
- Military Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (Poland) – 5 awards,
- POLATOM – Radioisotope Centre (Poland) – 1 awards,
- Polish Chemical Society – 1 award,
- Polish Radiation Research Society – 2 awards,
- Polish Science Foundation – 15 awards,
- Radiation Research Society – 74 awards,
- Swedish Society for Radiation Research – 1 award.

**There were four awardees of international associations:**

- **Richard Hill – IARR Kaplan Award winner and lecturer,**
- **David Hirst – ARR Weiss Award winner and lecturer,**
- **Penny Jeggo – ERRS Bacq and Alexander Award winner and lecturer,**
- **Dudley Goodhead – ICRU Gray Medal winner and lecturer.**

**According to the ICRR tradition, the above awardees gave plenary lectures before receiving the awards.**

There were **seven awardees of the Radiation Research Society:**

- **David Brenner** - the Failla Gold Medal winner and lecturer,
- **Marjan Boerma** - the Michael Fry Research Award winner,
- **Igor Shuryak** - the Radiation Research Editors' Award winner ,
- **Alexandra Paun** - the Marie Curie Award winner ,
- **Iris Eke** - the Jack Fowler Award winner,
- **Lisa Folkes** - the Nucleic Acids Research Award winner,
- **Albert Fornace** - the SIT Excellence in Mentoring Award winner.

After the Congress a number of distinguished persons (including Chair of the IARR, prof M. Durante, Chair of the RRS, prof P. O'Neill, former Chair of the RRS, dr K. Held, President of the Korean Society of Environmental Biology, dr Jin Kyu Kim, and representative of Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, dr Ekkerhard Pomplun) have expressed their **acknowledgements** and congratulated the Organizing Committee for the very good performance and excellent scientific programme of the Congress.

Prof Marek K. Janiak, MD, PhD



President, Polish Radiation Research Society,  
Chair, Organizing Committee of ICRR'2011