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## **MINUTES OF THE IARR GENERAL ASSEMBLY held on Tuesday 29th August 1995 at 1.10 p.m. in Hall 6 at the University Am Hubland Campus, Würzburg**

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Report by the President
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto on 11th July 1991 (These minutes were sent to the Council Members and Delegates in August 1991. Some additional copies were available at the General Assembly.)
4. Financial Report for the years 1991-1994 by the Secretary/Treasurer
5. Statement on the audit of the Association's accounts by the Chairman of the Finance Committee
6. Provisional Budget for the period 1st January 1995 - 31st December 1998
7. Election of new Officers and Councillors (Nominations circulated to Member Societies on 14th February 1995)
8. Decision on proposed new Byelaws 11 and 12
9. Any other business
10. Declaration of New Council members

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The Assembly was attended by the three Officers of the IARR: G.F. Whitmore (President), J.J. Broerse (Vice-President) and E.M. Fielden (Secretary/Treasurer), several Council Members and M. Culliford (Minutes Secretary).

The following delegates, appointed in writing by the member societies, participated in the meeting:

Association for Radiation Research: A. Mill, P. O'Neill and K. Prise  
 Australian Society (AINSE): R. Cooper and R. Martin  
 Belgian Radiobiology Society: H. Reyners  
 Chinese Radiation Research Society: Liu Shu-zheng  
 European Society for Radiation Biology: J. Boniver and V. Covelli  
 German Association (GAST): H. Bertram, H. Jung and H. Pfob  
 Indian Society (ISRAPS): C. Gopinathan  
 Irish Radiation Research Society: C. Mothersill and C. Seymour  
 Israeli Radiation Research Society: G. Ben-Moshe  
 Italian Societies (AIRB and SIRR): A. Becciolini and G. Grossi  
 Japanese Association for Radiation Research: J. Inaba, A. Shima and M. Sasaki  
 The Netherlands Radiobiological Society: H. Kal and J. Jansen  
 Polish Association for Radiation Research: A. Cebulska-Wasilewska and K. Chomiczewski  
 Radiation Research Society: D. Brenner, K. Held and G. McKenna  
 South African Radiobiology Society: E. Hering  
 Swedish Radiobiology Society: M. Edgren and J. Carlsson

1. The President called the meeting to order and thanked the delegates for attending. There were several important items on the Agenda. Assembly had to approve a provisional budget for the next four years, elect new Officers and Councillors from the nominations already circulated, and consider the proposed new Byelaws 11 and 12, which were being referred to Assembly by Council.
2. It was proposed by Dr. Paretzke and seconded by Dr. Broerse that the Agenda be accepted.
3. There being no errors or omissions in the Minutes of the General Assembly held in Toronto on 11th July 1991, their acceptance was proposed by E. Hall and seconded by H. Paretzke.
4. The Treasurer explained the summary statement of accounts (shown as an overhead, and attached as Annex II). He was pleased to report that the member societies had responded to calls to keep their subscriptions up to date. Bank interest had been at an all-time low during the past four years, but was beginning to pick up. The IARR had received some money from the Toronto Meeting. A donation had been received from Messrs. Taylor & Francis towards the cost of the Kaplan Award. Money lent to an L.H. Gray Meeting on DNA Damage had been returned. The Association had been able to support a few smaller meetings - quite small sums of money were loaned, but these were important to the meetings concerned in that they helped in the raising of money

from other sources, to support Young Investigators. Bank charges for international transfers were quite high and the Treasurer tried to minimise inter-currency transfers to keep costs as low as possible.

5. The Auditing Sub-Committee, consisting of Dr. M. Edgren (Chairman), Dr. M. Coppola and Dr. W. Hanson, had audited the financial affairs of the Association for the period 1st January 1991 - 31st December 1994. Dr. Edgren presented the Sub-Committee's report (copy attached, at Annex I). She complimented Dr. Fielden on his efforts in handling the IARR's finances. The Auditors' Report was accepted by the Assembly.
6. The Treasurer explained the Provisional Budget for the period 1st January 1995 - 31st December 1998. (This was shown as an overhead, and is attached as Annex II). He said that in planning ahead it was necessary to be cautious on income and pessimistic on expenditure. The provisional budget was unanimously accepted by the Assembly.
7. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Drs. R.J.M. Fry (Chairman), M. Guichard and Y. Hatano, had prepared the following list of candidates for the period 1995-1999:

Vice-President	Y. Hatano (Japan) E. Hall (U.S.A.)
Secretary/Treasurer	M. Fielden (U.K.)
Physics	D. Goodhead, (U.K.) L. Sanche (Canada)
Chemistry	P. Wardman (U.K.) W. Bernhard (U.S.A.)
Biology	M. Guichard (France) M. Frankenberg-Schwager (Germany)
Medicine	E. Malaise (France) J. Little (U.S.A.)
At Large I	M. Coppola (Italy) N. Oleinick (U.S.A.)
At Large II	M. Sasaki (Japan) M. Rauth (Canada)
At Large III	M. Belli (Italy) R. Martin (Australia)

Voting papers were distributed and Drs. J. Broerse and R. Cooper acted as tellers.

The result of the election was as follows:

President	J. Broerse (elected in Toronto)
Vice-President and President Elect	E. Hall
Secretary/Treasurer	E.M. Fielden
Councillor for Physics:	D. Goodhead
Councillor for Chemistry	P. Wardman
Councillor for Biology	M. Frankenberg-Schwager
Councillor for Medicine	J. Little
Councillor at Large I	M. Coppola
Councillor at Large II	M. Sasaki
Councillor at Large III	R. Martin

The President congratulated the newly elected Officers and Councillors, and Dr. Fielden announced the venue of the New Council Meeting on 31st August 1995.

8. The President reported that the IARR Council at its meeting on 27th August had approved the submission of two proposed new Byelaws to the General Assembly for ratification. These byelaws were shown as an overhead and are set out in Annex III. The delegates were unanimous in ratifying Byelaws 11 and 12.

9. Any Other Business

Dr. Gopinathan spoke of the Symposium to be held in Bombay in January 1996, which the IARR had supported with a loan.

On another matter, Dr. Gopinathan made the point that he would like to see more Radiation Chemistry in International Congresses, and hoped that there would be an improvement in this direction at the 11th ICRR. The President said that the RRS had received similar comments at their meetings, and had tried to overcome this problem. The delegates were asked to give any ideas on this to Dr. Mothersill.

Dr. Mothersill spoke briefly on preparations for the 11th ICRR, to be held in Dublin 19-24th July 1999. She had brought some material on the Dublin meeting, including a preliminary announcement, and an information point had been set up at the present Congress.

Dr. Gopinathan asked if the venue for the 12th ICRR in 2003 had been decided. The President explained that this would most likely be done at the Interim Council Meeting in 1997. The Secretary said that the matter of the selection procedure for ICRR venues would be discussed at the New Council Meeting in Würzburg.

10. Dr. Whitmore expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of the Council during his term of office. He particularly thanked Dr. Fielden for all his efforts on behalf of the Association over the past four years as Secretary and Treasurer. He also expressed his

appreciation for Mrs. Culliford's help in support of the Secretary/Treasurer. Finally, he handed the Presidency to Dr. Broerse as the new President for the period 1995-1999. Dr. Broerse thanked Dr. Whitmore for his efforts on behalf of the Association during the past four years, and intended to say something about this at the Closing Ceremony of the Congress.

The Meeting closed at 1.50 p.m.

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF IARR FINANCES FOR THE PERIOD

1 January 1991 to 31 December 1994

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Dfl.</i>	<i>US \$</i>	<i>£ stg.</i>	<i>Σ \$equiv.^</i>
Balance 1st. Jan 1991	29,766.98	5,727.76	0.00	19,751
Membership Fees in 1991	693.00	8,646.00		8,972
Membership Fees in 1992		9,212.00	551.40	10,072
Membership Fees in 1993		8,530.00	3,845.42	14,529
Membership Fees in 1994		10,488.00	636.73	11,481
Bank interest, 1991	3,346.17	64.03	131.17	1,845
Bank interest, 1992		127.36	660.07	1,157
Bank interest, 1993		578.81	314.52	1,069
Bank interest, 1994		1,217.09	313.43	1,706
Donation from 9th. ICRR		13,403.65		13,404
Donation from T&F for Kaplan		1,000.00		1,000
Return of Gray meeting loan			680.00	1,061
Transfer from Guilder account (closed Sept 1991)			9,584.09	14,951
	Dfl. 33,806.15	US\$ 58,994.70	£stg 16,716.83	\$101,000

<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Dfl.</i>	<i>US \$</i>	<i>£ stg.</i>	<i>Σ \$equiv.^</i>
Bank commision/charges 1991	337.04	86.38		245
Bank commision/charges 1992		162.45		162
Bank commision/charges 1993		146.80	9.00	161
Bank commision/charges 1994		162.06		162
Support for 10th. ICRR*				0
Support for IARR workshop (Germany)		1,400.00		1,400
Support for DNA meeting (USA)		1,500.00		1,500
Support for Rad. Biol. meeting (India)		1,500.00		1,500
Support for Gray meeting (UK)			680.00	1,061
Support for Chem. Mod. meeting (UK)			1,000.00	1,560
Support for Rad. Chem. meeting (India)		1,500.00		1,500
Kaplan award & travel support, Toronto		5,600.00		5,600
Cost of IARR General Assenbly, Toronto 1	1,733.27			817
Cost of IARR General Assenbly, Toronto 2		282.39		282
Administrative costs			1,595.73	2,489
Transfer to Sterling account (Sept 1991)	31,735.84			14,951
Balance at 31 December 1994	0.00	46,654.62	13,432.10	67,609
	Dfl. 33,806.15	\$ 58,994.70	£stg 16,716.83	\$101,000

^ All figures in the right column are rounded and based on Dec. 1994 exchange rate of £1 = \$1.56 and Sept. 1991 exchange rate of £1 = Dfl 3.3113. Column totals include \$14,951 from closure of Dfl. account.

\* Support for 10th ICRR of \$25,000 plus \$10,000 committed but not yet transferred.

**After deducting commitments, cash assets of the IARR were \$ 32,609 at Dec 31st. 1994**

For comparison the cash assets of the IARR were \$ 19,751 on Jan. 1st. 1991

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**Report of the auditing committee of the  
International Association for Radiation Research.**

The Auditing Committee, consisting of Drs. M. Edgren, M. Coppola and W. Hanson, have carefully examined the summary and annual statements of the accounts with all bank statements and relevant correspondence, prepared by the IARR Treasurer, Dr. E. M. Fielden, for the period January 1991 to December 1994. We find that these accounts represent a true statement of the financial situation of the Association. In our opinion the accounts have been kept in a proper manner and due attention has been paid to the collection of subscriptions and other income, and the accounts have been managed in such a way as to maintain the best interest income, while minimising currency transaction charges. The cash assets of the Association at the beginning and end of the accounting period can be summarized as follows:

Jan. 1 1991: Dfl. 29,766.98 and US.\$ 5,727.76  
Dec. 31 1994: £ stg. 13,432.10 and US.\$ 12,103.28

The Treasurer is to be commended for his efforts on behalf of the International Association.



Dr. Margareta Edgren  
Chairman - Auditing Committee

IARR BUDGET

	<i>Actual figures for 91-94</i>	<i>Provisional 95-98 budget</i>
	<i>US \$</i>	<i>US \$</i>
<i>Receipts</i>		
Balance 1st Jan.	12,685 (1991)	22,138 (1995)
ICRR Surplus fund	20,471	10,471 (1995)
Membership fees	45,054	44,000
Bank interest	5,777	6,000
Miscellaneous	2,061	0
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	86,048	82,609
 <i>Expenditure</i>		
Costs of Assembly & Administration	3,588	4,500
Kaplan Award	5,600 (1991)	4,500 (1995)
Support for ICRR	35,000 (10th ICRR)	25,000 (11th ICRR)
IARR training courses	1,400	3,000
Support for International meetings	7,121	7,000
Bank charges	730	1,000
Balance 31st Dec. ( including ICRR surplus fund )	32,609 (1994)	37,609 (1998)
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	86,048	82,609

Marlin Fielden, Jan. 1995

## PROPOSED NEW BYELAWS

In order to formalise the position for the way in which Council has been operating for the last four years, two new Byelaws are proposed by Council to the General Assembly for ratification.

### Proposed Byelaw 11

“Monies provided by action of the Council of the IARR to support scientific meetings under Sections I.2 and I.3 of the Constitution shall be regarded as loans, provided on condition that the organisers of the meeting make a full financial statement to the IARR at the conclusion of the meeting, and in the event that the meeting shows a financial surplus, then the loan provided by the IARR shall be returned in full or in part, as the circumstances permit, by agreement with the Treasurer.”

Note: With regard to the classification of financial support for scientific meetings as a loan to be repaid if possible, this is already stated in the booklet on the History and Aims of the Association, so in one sense it is nothing new, it merely formalises the situation. There is a Section VI.3 in the Constitution which governs the financial affairs of the International Congresses in some detail. Unfortunately, it seems to be unworkable and to my knowledge has never been properly followed since the Constitution was established in 1974. Proposed Byelaw 11 has been worded such that it does not conflict with VI.3, so that we can maintain the status quo and not have to make a formal change to the Constitution. The next time it becomes necessary to change the Constitution that should be looked at.

### Proposed Byelaw 12

“At the International Congresses of Radiation Research the President and Council of the IARR may, if a suitable candidate has been identified, present the ‘Kaplan Distinguished Scientist Award’, consisting of a medal and/or certificate and a sum of money to be determined by Council. The Selection Committee for the Award is to be chaired by the President, and consists of two other persons, who shall normally be the Vice-President and Immediate Past President. At the discretion of the President, any or all of these individuals may be replaced from the elected members of the IARR Council.”

Note: The Kaplan Award was accepted by the IARR Council in 1985, but has never been formally adopted in the Constitution or Byelaws. Byelaw 12 seeks to rectify this. Clarification of the composition of the Selection Committee for the award of the Kaplan Medal makes sense, because the situation where one of the panel is nominated could well happen again.