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Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of the IARR Monday 9th July 2007, 13:00 - 13:55 San Francisco Marriott - Salon 10/11

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Report by the President
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held at Brisbane August 2003
4. Appointment of Tellers and Election of new Officers and Councillors from the list of nominations prepared by the Nominating Sub-Committee chaired by Dr Fiona Stewart
5. Financial Report for the years 2003-2006 by the Secretary-Treasurer and report of the Audit Sub-Committee chaired by Dr Richard Hill
6. Proposal to increase annual subscription
7. Provisional Budget for the period 1st January 2007 - 31st December 2010
8. Declaration of New Council members
9. Any other business

Minutes

The following delegates were appointed by the member societies with full voting rights, (name) indicates that the nominated person was absent from the GA:

Radiation Research Society (RRS)

D Murray, (M Barcellos-Hoff), M Robbins, W Morgan, M Yung

Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)

L Peters

Association for Radiation Research (ARR)

D Jones, T Robson

Chinese Radiation Research Society (CRRS)

(Z Pan, G Guo)

European Radiation Research Society (ERRS)
G Grossi
German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)
H Paretzke, (M Baumann), N Cordes, G Taucher-Scholz
Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)
KP Mishra, J Mittal
Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)
S McKeown, D Hirst
Joint Italian Groups (SIRR & AIRB)
A Tabocchini, A Ottolenghi
Japanese Association for Radiation Research (JARR)
K Ono, K Kamiya, M Hoshi, Y Katsumura
Dutch Society for Radiobiology (NVRB) (formerly Netherlands Radiobiological Society)
J Wondergem, P Sminia
Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR)
A Cebulska-Wasilewska, A Woljcik
South African Radiobiology Society (SARS)
No representative nominated
Swedish Radiobiological Society (SSR)
M Granstroem
Korean Association for Radiation Research (KARR)
E Kyung

The following IARR Councillors were also present at the GA, but without voting rights:

M Sasaki (President; has the deciding vote in case of a tie by nominated delegates), P Olive, F Stewart, K Prise, R Cherubini, M Spothem-Maurizot, O Niwa, R Martin, S Takahashi

1. Welcome and Report by the President

The President, Masao Sasaki (MS), welcomed all participants and asked for a roll-call of nominated delegates, who were given a voting paper for the election of new Councillors and Officers. Out of a possible 33 delegates, 28 were present.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda was presented and the President asked if this was acceptable. Agreed without change.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held at Brisbane August 2003

The President requested approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held in Brisbane in 2003 (been pre-circulated to Council Members). F Stewart pointed out an error; page 2, item 5, line 2-3 should read: "The total balance at 1/1/99 was 75,699 US\$ equivalent and this had increased to 114,961 US\$ equivalent by 31/12/02". (Original minutes incorrectly stated: "increased to 84,344 US\$"). The minutes have been changed to correct this error and the corrected minutes were approved.

Note: these dollar equivalents were based on an average exchange rate of 1€ = \$1.07 for the period 99-03. For the current period (03-06) an average exchange rate of 1€ = \$1.21 was used. This leads to an apparent discrepancy in the total dollar equivalents listed for 31/12/02 (above) and 1/1/03 (see below).

4. Appointment of Tellers and Election of new Officers and Councillors from the list of nominations prepared by the Nominating Sub-Committee chaired by Dr F Stewart

The nominating committee for selection of new IARR Councillors was as follows: F Stewart (chair, Netherlands), T Ohnishi (biology, Japan), M Sevilla (chemistry, USA), J Bourhis (medicine, France) and K Jelen (physics, Poland). The committee proposed the following list:

Vice-President	G McKenna (UK) or O Niwa (Japan)
Secretary-Treasurer	W Doerr (Germany) or G Grossi (Italy)
Councillor for Physics	M Hoshi (Japan) or K Jelen (Poland)
Councillor for Chemistry	P Dedon (USA) or E Szajdzinska-Pietek (Poland)
Councillor for Biology	M Joiner (USA) or L Sabatier (France)
Councillor for Medicine	T Lawrence (USA) or K Ono (Japan)
Councillor at Large I	T Ohnishi (Japan) or MC Vozenin-Brottons (France)
Councillor at Large II	K Mishra (India) or PK Zhou (China)
Councillor at Large III	R Coppes (NL) or G Taucher-Scholz (Germany)

This list was previously circulated to all Councillors and representatives of national societies. There were no other nominations from the membership. The President called for two volunteers to act as Tellers for the election, who should not be voting delegates or candidates. K Prise and M Spothem-Maurizot were appointed as Tellers. Delegates were asked to fill in their voting papers, by voting for one candidate in each of the 9 categories. The Tellers collected the papers and retired to count the votes.

5. Financial Report for the years 2003-2006 by the Secretary-Treasurer and report of the Audit Sub-Committee chaired by Dr Richard Hill

The Secretary-Treasurer, Fiona Stewart (FS), presented the Audited Accounts for the years 2003-2006 (see appendix). The total balance at 1/1/03 was 127,662 US\$ equivalent (calculated on the basis of an average exchange rate of 1€ = \$1.21) and this had increased to 176,028 US\$ equivalent by 31/12/06. The income for the society comes from membership fees, bank interest and any return of loans made for the International Congress. Expenditures are support of the International Congress, support of small meetings, Kaplan Award and modest administration costs. The accounts for the period 2003-2006 were submitted in full to the auditing committee (Dick Hill, Kevin Prise and Michael Baumann). The auditing committee reviewed these accounts and submitted a letter stating that they found the accounts to be in good order and a fair and true reflection of the financial status of the IARR.

6. Proposal to increase annual subscription

The Secretary-Treasurer proposed to the General Assembly that there should be an increase in the annual subscription from €3 to €4 per member. The last significant increase in the annual subscription was in 1990 (from \$2 to \$3). FS explained that this increase has already been approved by the IARR Council but needs approval by the majority of the voting delegates at the General Assembly before being ratified. FS justified the need for an increased subscription, despite the current healthy state of the IARR finances, on the following grounds:

- Declining membership (3058 in 2006 versus 4120 in 2003)
- Healthy state of current finances largely due to complete reimbursement of advances to 11th and 12th ICRR (Dublin and Brisbane) and partial profit share from the 12th congress. We cannot expect this situation to continue; indeed it is already clear that the \$50,000 loan to the 13th congress will not be repaid. It is very important to our society that the standard of the International Congress remains high and Council consider it to

be a worthwhile investment to support these congresses at the current level, even if the advances cannot be repaid.

- Increased revenue will allow the IARR to continue to offer some support for young investigators to attend the International Congresses and offer modest support to other smaller meetings.

The proposal to increase subscriptions was seconded and put to the Assembly. The proposal was unanimously carried. Subscriptions will therefore be increased to €4 per member, from 2008. Future reviews of the financial situation will be taken into account in deciding whether this level of subscription rate is appropriate or whether further increases may be necessary in 2011.

7. Provisional Budget for the period 1st January 2007 - 31st December 2010

The proposed budget for 2007 to 2010 was also presented to the Assembly (see appendix), although this will have to be ratified by the New Council later in the week. This budget was based on the newly agreed increase in subscriptions to €4 per member, and a membership of 3000. The advance for the 14th International Congress (Warsaw, Poland) is maintained at \$50,000 (returnable in the event of a profit being made). A non-returnable amount of \$15,000 is also allocated for student travel awards to the congress. In addition, modest increases in the Kaplan award (from \$3,000 to \$3,500) and support of small meetings (\$10,000 to \$12,000) were proposed for the period 2007-2011. For the original budget proposal, a 50% return of the advance to the 13th Congress was assumed, but it is now clear that there will be no return. The budget proposal has been modified accordingly. After making these adjustments, the projected expenses (\$89,500) will exceed income (\$58,000) by \$31,500, unless the average membership is greater than 3000/year over the period 2007-2011 (3514 in 2007, including 150 new Korean members and 100 expected Irish members). This negative balance budget proposal can be easily sustained for the current cycle, since we have a reserve of almost 2 complete cycles (8 Years) in the IARR accounts. However, such a negative balance budget clearly cannot be sustained in the long-term and this issue will have to be addressed by future Councils.

8. Declaration of New Council members

The Tellers reported back to the President (MS) with the results of the election for new Councillors. For the period 2007-2011, Council will consist of the following Elected Members, who were declared and welcomed by the Outgoing President:

President	Peggy Olive (Canada), following her period as Vice-President
Vice-President	Ohtsura Niwa (Japan)
Secretary-Treasurer	Gianfranco Grossi (Italy)
Councillor for Physics	Kazimierz Jelen (Poland)
Councillor for Chemistry	Peter Dedon (USA)
Councillor for Biology	Mike Joiner (USA)
Councillor for Medicine	Koji Ono (Japan)
Councillor at Large I	Marie-Catherine Vozenin-Brotans (France)
Councillor at Large II	Kaushala Mishra (India)
Councillor at Large III	Gisela Taucher-Scholz (Germany)

Councillors appointed by the Member Societies having more than 100 active members are:

Radiation Research Society (RRS)	David Murray
Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)	Roger Martin
Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	Don Jones

Chinese Radiation Research Society (CCRR)
Research (JARR)
Dutch Society for Radiobiology (NVRB)
European Radiation Research Society (ERRS)
German National Association of Radiation Research
Societies (GAST)
Indian Society for Radiation and
Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)
Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)
Joint Italian Groups (SIRR & AIRB)
Japanese Association for Radiation
Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR)

South African Radiobiology Society (SARS)

Swedish Radiobiological Society (SSR)
Korean Association for Radiation Research (KARR)

Ziqiang Pan
Takeo Ohnishi
Jan Wondergem
Geza Safrani

Herwig Paretzke

Tulsi Mukherjee
Stephanie McKeown
Giustina Simone

Antonina Cebulska-
Wasilewska
No representative
nominated
Synnove Sundell-Bergman
Eun Kyung Choi

The Outgoing Secretary (FS) informed the Assembly that New Council would meet on Wednesday 11th July at 13.00 in Willow room.

9. Any other business

The incoming President, Peggy Olive, thanked Masao Sasaki and Fiona Stewart for their contributions to the IARR over the past 8 years and presented Sasaki with an IARR President's certificate.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 13:55.

IARR Budget 2003-2006 and Proposed Budget 2007-2010

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

	Actual figures 1999-2002 (USD)	Proposed budget 2003-2006 (USD)	Actual figures 2003-2006 (USD)	Proposed budget 2007- 2010 (USD)
Balance 1st January	75.699	114.961	127.662	176.030
<i>Income</i>				
Membership fees	48.937	44.500	53.590	48.000
Bank 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 Assemblies	4.327	5.000	605	5.000
Administration and printing	3.452	3.000	1.081	3.000
Kaplan award 2003	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.500
Support 11 th ICRR	9.813			
Support 12 th ICRR	35.000			
Support 13 th ICRR		50.000	50.037	
Support 14 th ICRR				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 31st Dec.	114.961	117.461	176.028	144.530

*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.

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.