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**Interim Council Meeting, to be held at Green College, Oxford, at 9.30 am, on  
Saturday September 27th, 1997**

### AGENDA

#### **Lecture Theatre, Walton Building.**

1. Opening by the President and adoption of the agenda.
2. Any amendments to the minutes of the New Council meeting held in Wurzburg, 31st August 1995 (previously circulated 12th October 1995) and adoption of the minutes.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda
4. Venue for the 12th ICRR in 2003:
  - a) Proposals and presentations by representatives of Australia, China, Japan, Poland and the USA.
  - b) General discussion followed by lunch.

#### **Council reconvenes in Committee room 1 at 12.30**

5. Appointment of tellers and ballot on the venue of the 12th ICRR (to be followed by a second ballot if necessary)
6. Final report on the 10th ICRR (C. Streffer)
7. Preparations for the 11th ICRR (C. Mothersill)
8. Secretary/ Treasurer's Statement and Balance sheets.
9. Budget for 1998/99
  - a) Financial support for the 11th. ICRR
  - b) Value of the Kaplan Award for 1999
  - c) Support for other meetings
10. Appointment of Nominating Committee for the 1999 elections to Council
11. Appointment of Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 1999.
12. History of the IARR (President).
13. Notice of Call for Nominations for the H S Kaplan Distinguished Scientist Award for 1999.
14. Any other business, followed by close of meeting.

**Present:** J.J. Broerse (President); E.J. Hall (Vice-President); E.M. Fielden (Secretary/Treasurer); D. Goodhead (Physics); P. Wardman (Chemistry); M. Frankenberg-Schwager (Biology); J. Little (Medicine); M. Coppola, M. Sasaki and R. Martin (Councillors-at-Large); K. Chomiczewski (Polish RRS); M. Edgren (Swedish Rad. Biol.); Ge Zhong-Liang (Chinese RRS); G. Grossi (Italian Societies); J. Hopewell (ESRB); M. Lavin (AINSE); C. Mothersill (Irish RRS); P. O'Neill (ARR); A. Shima (JARR); C. Streffer (GAST); J. Zimbrick (RRS) and M. Culliford (Minutes Secretary).  
Also present for the morning session were supporting members of the teams making presentations in their bids to hold the 12th ICRR.

**Apologies for Absence** were received from H. B. Kal (Netherlands Radiobiol. Society)

1. The President opened by welcoming the Councillors to the Meeting. He moved that the Agenda be adopted and this was agreed unanimously.
2. The President asked the Council if there were any amendments to the Minutes of the New Council Meeting held in Würzburg on 31st August 1995 (previously circulated 12th October 1995). There were no amendments put forward, and Council agreed to the adoption of the Minutes.
3. There were no matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda.
4. Venue for the 12th ICRR: After each presentation the President invited questions to be put to the presenters and discussions ensued, in addition to the opportunity for a general discussion at the end of the presentation session. Written proposal documents for all five possible venues had been circulated to all council members in June.

The Australian proposal was introduced by Dr. Roger Martin, who stressed his team's enthusiasm for holding the Congress for the first time ever in the Southern Hemisphere. Brisbane was their chosen venue and Alison Gardiner of Brisbane tourism gave a slide presentation on the facilities offered by the Brisbane Convention Centre. Dr. Martin Lavin spoke on the scientific programme and its organisation and format. Questions from the Council followed. The matter of fares being more expensive for the majority of delegates flying to the Southern Hemisphere was discussed, and Dr. Martin assured the Council that it was realised that fund raising was a crucial factor, and this was an important part of their planning. The question of the likely number of delegates was raised and Dr. Goodhead asked for more information about the proposed Medical Physics meeting planned for 2003, possibly to be held in Australia. It was generally agreed that, should Australia be successful in their bid to hold the 2003 Congress, it would be of great advantage if the two meetings could be close in time, to encourage a larger attendance at the Congress.

Professor Wu De Chang made the proposal for the 2003 Congress to be held in Beijing, China in China's Golden Season, the first week in September. He said China was well used to holding major international conferences in recent years and showed slides giving details of the proposed organisation. A representative from the proposed venue, Beijing International Conference Centre, showed a video highlighting the facilities they have to offer. Questions from Council

were invited. These covered the size of membership of the Chinese RRS, the question of fund raising, and the composition of the proposed Organising Committee. Professor Wu De Chang said the Chinese Government would provide financial backing to the Congress to ensure its success.

Dr. Akihiro Shima extended an invitation from the JARR for the 2003 Congress to be held in Kyoto, Japan. He then handed the presentation over to Dr. Niwa, who would be the Secretary General of the Congress, should their bid be successful. Dr. Niwa showed slides giving details of the proposed finance, organisation and scientific programme of the Congress. He spoke of the unique position of Japan in the data they have from survivors, and their descendants, of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and also of his country's central geographical position with respect to the community of radiation scientists grouped around the Pacific region. Dr. Niwa then handed over to Simon Halewood of the London office of the Japanese Conference Bureau, who gave details of the proposed venue, the Kyoto International Conference Hall. He showed slides of the venue and of the city of Kyoto and its environs. Questions were invited from Council. These were mainly on accommodation and local transport.

Professor Chomiczewski extended the invitation of the Polish Radiation Research Society for the 2003 Congress to be held in Warsaw. He showed a video highlighting the history, and the delights of that city. He reminded the Council that Marie Curie was born in Warsaw 130 years ago and that 2003 will be the 100th anniversary of her Nobel Prize (shared) for the discovery of radioactivity, and proposed that this made Warsaw a particularly relevant venue at this time. Questions were invited from the Council and mostly concerned the proposed venue and organisation - Organising Committee, fund raising, scientific programme etc. Professor Chomiczewski said there were two possible venues, one being the Palace of Science and Culture in the centre of the city, and the other the Cultural University, situated just outside Warsaw. He gave details of the academic accommodation available.

Finally, Dr. John Ward, on behalf of the Radiation Research Society (of both USA and Canada) extended an invitation for the 12th Congress to be held in San Diego, California in August 2003. Dr. Ward said he felt that what the States could offer in the way of tourism was already well known, so he would concentrate on the organisation of the Congress and he showed slides to illustrate the details of this. He said his team were not contemplating the provision of a published book of the proceedings of the Congress, but rather these, together with abstracts, would be available on the Internet. Questions were invited from the Council. Dr. Fielden asked if it were envisaged that the Congress (should the RRS bid be successful) be combined with the North American Hyperthermia Group meeting. Dr. Little said that if that were so, might not accommodation be a problem? Dr. Ward said that inclusion of the NAHG was likely but it was now a small group and would not distort the program or give a problem with accommodation. He also dealt with questions on funding and the likely number of delegates at the Congress. Finally, Dr. Ward said that if another country other than the USA were chosen to hold the Congress he would strongly advise that the RRS be approached with a view to cancelling their national meeting in 2003, so that a greater number of North American delegates to the Congress might be realised.

This concluded the proposals and presentations to hold the 12th IARR.

The President thanked all those involved in the presentations for the hard work that had gone into their proposals. He said he thought most points had been covered by the question sessions after each presentation, but asked if there were any further points Council wished to raise. There was some discussion about the advantages of hard copy abstracts and proceedings as opposed to software, some definitely preferred hard copy and also computers/internet are not widely available yet in some countries.

There being no further questions, the President suggested that Drs. Frankenberg and Goodhead be appointed as tellers for the ballot to decide the venue of the 12th ICRR. The Council unanimously approved their appointment and the meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15 p.m.

**The Council reconvened in Committee Room 1 at 1.00 p.m.**

5. A short discussion was instigated by the Vice-President, Dr. Hall, on the issues to be considered when choosing a venue for a future Congress. It was generally agreed that finance need not be of major consideration for the IARR since its liability was limited to its initial loan, however sound financial planning and adequate fund raising was important for all organisers. Dr. Goodhead said his main concern would be to see a good balance of disciplines in a future congress, but that he was also concerned about any conflict/overlap with a possible Medical Radiation Physics Meeting in Australia that same year. Dr. Martin said he had telephoned Australia during the lunch period and had heard that a decision had been made to hold that meeting in Australia in 2003 but he did not yet know the dates (now confirmed as Aug. 24 to 29, 2003 in Sydney (MF)). The President said that if Australia were to be successful in the current bid, he would ask them to make an effort to co-ordinate their Congress with the Medical Radiation Physics Meeting so as to enhance the number of delegates and the scientific input to the ICRR. Following this short discussion the President asked the Council to cast their votes. The number of voters present at the meeting was 21 and Dr. Fielden informed the meeting that there was one postal vote, which could be accepted for the first ballot only, received from Dr. Kal. Voting took place and during the counting, item 6 of the agenda (Dr. Streffer's report) was taken. The tellers reported through the President that on the first ballot, Australia had a majority of the votes cast and thus the 12th ICRR in 2003 will be held in Brisbane. Japan scored the second highest vote. On behalf of the Council the President congratulated the Australian team and commiserated with the other countries who had also made excellent proposals and presentations.
6. Dr. Streffer gave his final report on the 10th ICRR held in Würzburg in 1995, and a copy of that report was filed. He reported that most of the US\$35,000 loaned to the Congress organisers by the IARR had been returned. Unfortunately the weather had not been very kind and had been unseasonably wet in that period especially for the excursion. He commended the delegates for still enjoying themselves in damp clothes! The Congress had been scientifically successful and had attracted a gratifyingly large number of delegates and scientific abstracts. Financially it had been successful also, and the accounts, after the return of DM50,000 to the IARR, showed a residual balance of DM266,390. Since this surplus originated from German sources he proposed to set up an award to provide support for young scientists, to be named the Dessauer Prize. (In 1910 Dessauer first proposed that radiation was absorbed in discrete amounts. (MF))

7. Dr. Mothersill reported on the progress of preparations for the 11th ICRR to be held in University College Dublin in July 1999. She enlarged on the format of the scientific programme and other aspects of the organisation, and answered questions from the Council. She was able to report that sponsorship was going well and that the Dublin Institute of Technology and St Lukes were currently providing two and a half administrative staff to deal with the work of the Secretariat full-time. With regard to the publication of abstracts and proceedings, Dr. Mothersill said these would be published in two volumes, both soft-backed. The Radiation Research Society (USA) would not be holding its annual meeting that year and a broadly based scientific programme committee was appointed. High quality student accommodation (including family accommodation) was reserved and there were plenty of hotel rooms nearby in the city. There was a variety of restaurants/snack bars for lunches on the campus. The President concluded this discussion by asking Dr. Mothersill to do her utmost to obtain free or concessionary bus fares for delegates in and around the city of Dublin, and wishing her well with the next two years' preparations for the Congress.
8. The Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Fielden, tabled a statement of the IARR's dollar and sterling balances as of 1st September 1997 (see appendix 1) and gave his report. Due to the sum returned by the organisers of the 10th ICRR the accounts were reasonably healthy, although some societies were persistently late in paying their annual dues. This created additional work for the treasurer and deprived the IARR of valuable interest on its cash balance. The President urged all member societies to co-operate by paying their dues promptly.
9. a) Dr. Fielden reported that the next major outgoing would be support, in the form of a loan, to the 11th ICRR. A sum of US\$ 25,000 had already been agreed by Council at their last meeting in Würzburg. There was now a decision to be made on the amount of a possible further loan to that Congress. The Treasurer suggested that an additional \$10,000 (as for Würzburg) could be made available by early 1999. The President then formally proposed that this further sum be made available to the 11th ICRR and this was agreed.
- b) The value of the Kaplan Distinguished Scientist Award was discussed at length. A discussion note on this matter was tabled at the last Council Meeting in Würzburg in 1995. Dr. Fielden, as Treasurer, said that over the years the amount of awards had varied, and on occasion, he felt, had gone too high. A fixed sum would aid financial planning and embarrassment would be avoided if the sum was decided before the successful candidate was named. After much discussion, it was agreed that the award itself should be US\$ 1,000 and that up to US\$ 2,000 should be available towards the attendance of the awardee at the ICRR. If the costs of registration for the awardee and partner could be covered by the organisers of the ICRR that would be appreciated.
- c) Dr. Fielden tabled a paper giving details of current requests for supporting loans from the IARR for small meetings. There were three requests for support, two from India (Mumbai, \$1500 & Pune, \$750 both on radiation & photo-chemistry) and one for an L H Gray workshop on track structure, UK, (\$1200). The Treasurer said that a previous LHGray meeting had returned its loan in full. Council agreed the granting of loans to the second and third of these workshops only.

10. Appointment of a Nominating Committee as required by the Constitution section IV/2.  
The President said that, after discussion with his Vice-President and the Secretary/Treasurer, he would like to suggest a Chairman for the Nominating Committee for the 1999 Elections to Council. He put forward the name of Dr. C. Streffer, who was willing to act in this capacity, and the Council unanimously agreed to Dr. Streffer's appointment. The President said there was now the need to find four members to serve on the Committee under Dr. Streffer and he would welcome suggestions from Council. The names put forward were Dr. Nancy Olenick (USA), Dr. A. Shima (Japan), Professor Ge Zhong-Liang (China) and Dr. Roland Masse (France). Council agreed that these scientists should be approached on this matter and the two who were present at the meeting, Dr. Shima and Professor Ge, both expressed their willingness to serve on that committee.
11. Appointment of a Finance Committee as required by the Constitution section VII/4.  
Dr. Fielden spoke of the need to appoint a Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 1999 and recommended to Council that Dr. Wayne Hanson, who had served on the previous Finance Committee, be asked to take the chair this time. This nomination was unanimously agreed and Dr. M. Frankenberg and Dr. G. Grossi were proposed as the other members of the Finance Committee. The Council agreed to these nominations and Drs. Frankenberg and Grossi said they were willing to so serve.
12. The President, Dr. Broerse, said that the existing booklet on the History and Aims of the IARR had been produced in 1978 and was now out of date. He was keen to have this updated and, with Council's approval, he and the Secretary/Treasurer would work together to produce a new version in time for circulation at the next Council Meeting at the 11th ICRR in 1999.
13. Dr. Fielden reported that early next year the notice of the Call for Nominations for the H. S. Kaplan Distinguished Scientist Award for 1999 would be sent to the usual publications. He suggested to Council that some restriction should be put on the number of supporting letters permitted for any one nomination, as in the past very large numbers of supporting letters had been secured early, thereby making it difficult for slightly later nominations to be supported on an equal footing. This then gave the Selection Committee very little scope when the time for selection came. Dr. Little and Dr. Broerse both expressed agreement with Dr. Fielden on this point, and after some discussion Council agreed that each nominating letter should be accompanied by a maximum of two supporting letters. The Secretary/Treasurer reminded Council that the Selection Committee comprised the President, the Past President and the Vice-President. In the event of any of these being nominated for the Award, then a replacement member would be co-opted from the elected members of the IARR Council under bylaw 12 .
14. Any Other Business - Dr. Streffer, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the 1999 Elections to Council, asked Council to give some thought to suggesting nominations. There being no other business, on behalf of the Council Dr. Fielden thanked Dr. Hopewell for arranging the accommodation for this Council and the excellent buffet lunch. The President also thanked Dr. Fielden for his work in preparing the background documents for the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.