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MINUTES OF THE IARR NEW COUNCIL MEETING held in Room 13, at the University Campus am Hubland, Würzburg on Thursday 31st August 1995 at 1.10 p.m.

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President
2. Roll-call of membership
3. Budget and financial matters
4. Future activities, including report on the preparations for the 11th ICRR
5. Discussion of selection process for the 12th ICRR
6. H.S. Kaplan Award
7. Planning for 1997 Interim Council Meeting
8. Any other business
9. 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); M. Sasaki and R. Martin (Councillors-at-Large); P. Bryant (ARR), K. Chomiczewski (Polish RRS); R. Cooper (AINSE, Australia); M. Edgren (Swedish Rad. Biol. Society); C. Gopinathan (ISRAPS); G. Grossi (Italian Societies); J. Hopewell (ESRB); H. B. Kal (The Netherlands Radiobiol. Society); Liu Shu-zheng (Chinese RRS); J. Narrog (GAST); C. Seymour (Irish RRS); A. Shima (JARR); J. Zimbrick (RRS) and M. Culliford (Minutes Secretary)

1. The President called the meeting to order and welcomed the Councillors to the meeting. He congratulated the new members on their election. He said he was very happy to serve as President of the International Association and would welcome input from the Council members during his term of office

2. The President asked all those present to introduce themselves. A full list of Officers and Councillors is attached as Annex I.
3. The Treasurer explained the provisional budget (Annex II) which had been approved by the General Assembly. The sum of \$25,000 should be set aside for the 11th ICRR in Dublin, and that a total of \$10,000 be available for loan to smaller meetings. The Treasurer reported that, of the meetings supported in the period since the Interim Council in Dallas, one had returned the whole of the loan after the meeting. All smaller meetings supported had complied with the criteria for the grant of the loan by submitting a summary of their accounts in due course. Hopefully there would be a surplus from this Congress, and some money should be returned to the IARR. At the Interim Council Meeting in 1997 the Council might consider what extra support could be given to the Dublin Meeting.

The President asked if there were any questions on financial matters. Dr. Bryant asked about the IARR contribution to the present Congress. The Treasurer replied that \$25,000 was originally agreed, with an additional \$10,000 agreed at the Interim Council Meeting in 1993, specifically for the purpose of helping scientists from economically disadvantaged countries.

The Treasurer explained that applications for financial support for smaller meetings were considered twice a year by postal voting. Under the Constitution a postal ballot was valid provided that more than half the Council returned completed ballot forms. Council's opinion was sought on these matters normally in June and December of each year, and it would be much appreciated if Councillors could send their opinions back promptly by FAX.

The President thanked Dr. Fielden for preparing the provisional budget.

4. Dr. Seymour reported on the preparations for the 11th ICRR in Dublin. 9-14th July 1999. The Congress will be held at University College, Dublin. There would be 800 beds on campus, as well as 200 beds in one top class hotel within walking distance. It was planned to offer accommodation in other hotels, but a bus or taxi service would be required for transport to the University. There was a bus service at 20 minute intervals into town, which was 2½ miles distant, and a very short bus ride. The lecture theatres are all on one site, but situated much closer together than at the present Congress, and grouped around a central structure, with good and varied restaurant facilities. Regarding lecture rooms, there was one auditorium to accommodate 1500, and several halls that would hold 1,000, 500 and 300 persons.

The President asked if there were any questions. Dr. Hall asked if it was planned to have a registration fee which covered the cost of meals. Dr. Seymour said that meals would not be included. As there were no more questions, Dr. Broerse wished Dr. Seymour and his Organising Committee well in their planning of the 11th ICRR, and promised all the help he could give.

On another matter, Dr. Fielden asked the Council if they would like the production of an IARR Newsletter to be continued. Normally this was published in the Spring of

each year. Dr. Broerse thanked Dr. Fielden for his initiative and efforts in producing the Newsletter, and the Council agreed that this was a useful enterprise and should continue. Dr. Fielden stressed that this could only happen if he received copy, and asked for details of future meetings and articles from the National Societies for inclusion in the Newsletter.

5. The Agenda Note for this item was tabled by the Secretary (Annex II). The President talked about the selection process for future Congress venues. He himself thought it a good idea to decide on 2003 at the Interim Meeting, but is in favour of Dr. Fielden's suggestion that Council should be more pro-active in the selection process. It might be a good idea to draw up a list of proposals at this Council Meeting, to have a feeling of which countries would be interested in hosting the 2003 Congress. Dr. Fielden suggested he could circulate a letter within the next two months, asking all member societies if they wished to make a bid to host that meeting. Dr. Broerse wondered if perhaps the Western hemisphere had not had too many meetings, and that the Eastern hemisphere might like to come into the picture - Asiatic venues, such as Hong Kong, or China. The last Asian congress was in Tokyo in 1979 - was Japan proposing to submit a bid? Dr. Shima said he could not answer for Japan at that time. Dr. Broerse then asked the Council Members if any of their countries were planning to do so.

Dr. Cooper said that he felt that not only had the Western hemisphere been neglected in recent years, but more definitely the Southern hemisphere. Australia would be submitting a proposal, as it did in 1992. The President raised the question of air fares to Australasia for a large percentage of would-be delegates. Dr. Cooper said that the price of airfares and package deals were improving all the time, and he felt that Australia would not differ greatly, expense-wise, from Japan. The Australian Society had always been aware of needing to bring in financial support, and this was available from various sources. Dr. Fielden said that when the meeting was held in Japan a U.K. travel company had put together a very cost-competitive and excellently run package, that included air fares and hotel charges for the meeting as well as the option of subsequent tours. This had proved very popular, not only with U.K. members but with scientists from the whole of Europe. Eric Hall said that in the case of the Japanese meeting in 1979, the organisers had raised a lot of money and gave a lot of travel support.

Dr. Gopinathan said that his Society (ISRAPS) felt that Bombay would be an ideal venue for a Congress, with everything necessary for a good meeting, and they would definitely be submitting a proposal to hold the 2003 Congress.

Dr. Hall said he had heard rumours that the U.S. may put forward a proposal. Although the 1991 Congress had been held in Toronto, and the Radiation Research Society covered both countries, U.S.A. and Canada were two different countries.

Neither the Netherlands nor the U.K. would be submitting a proposal this time.

Finally, the Council agreed that the Secretary should approach all Member Societies to ask if they are interested in hosting the 12th ICRR in 2003, and circulate the results to Councillors with a view to selecting a short list if necessary.

- 6. There is an Agenda Note for this item in Annex II. In response to a question, the Treasurer explained that the recipient of the H. S. Kaplan Distinguished Scientist Award receives a prize, and expenses for him/herself and spouse to attend the meeting. In the past this amount has been \$3,000, plus some expenses. We have no source of finance for this award, although for this year and the first award in 1987 Messrs. Taylor & Francis made a donation towards the cost. The President thanked Dr. Fielden for raising money on this occasion from Taylor & Francis. In addition, it was usual for the organisers of the ICRR at which the award was presented, also to waive the registration fee for recipient and spouse. Dr. Fielden felt that it was inappropriate for the Treasurer to request a detailed travel claim from the recipient, and suggested that a maximum sum should be set by Council, for the recipient to use in any way he/she wished. The President asked for the Council's views, and Dr. Hall said he felt that the honour of such a prestigious award meant much more to the recipient than the actual sum of money received. Dr. Wardman said one compromise could be to provide travelling expenses for the recipient, but not the accompanying person. It was agreed that it was preferable to set the total amount of the Award before the recipient was chosen, and that this should be a matter of discussion at the Interim Council Meeting.

- 7. The President asked for suggestions of a venue for the Interim Council Meeting. Two possibilities were that it could be held at the RRS Meeting at Rhode Island, U.S.A. (3-8th May 1997), or at the European Society for Radiation Biology Meeting in Oxford, U.K. (24-26th September 1997). No other suggestions were forthcoming from the Council, so Dr. Broerse asked for a show of hands as to which of the above meetings was more favoured. Oxford proved to be the more popular, by 10 to 6, and it was agreed that the Interim Council Meeting would be held there during the ESRB Meeting in the absence of any better suggestions.

- 8. The President reported that he had been approached by Dr. J. Hendry and Dr. J. Denekamp during the present Congress, with the request that an *In Memoriam* mention for scientists who had died recently could be included in the President's speech at the Closing Ceremony of this Congress. Dr. Broerse asked for the Council's views on this. There was some discussion, and it was agreed that this was a difficult area. To mention some, and miss others out inadvertently, could easily give offence, and it was difficult to ensure that no-one was forgotten. It was agreed by Council that this matter should be dealt with at National Society level, although if member societies were to send such material to the Secretary, then they could be included in the IARR Newsletter.

On another matter, Dr. Fielden said he would be sending to all Council Members a Copy of the Constitution, with the new Byelaws 11 and 12 included, when he circulated the Minutes of the present meeting.

- 9. There being no other business, the President closed the meeting at 2.00 p.m.

IARR COUNCIL 1995-1999

ELECTED MEMBERS:

President	J. J. Broerse (Netherlands)
Vice-President	E. J. Hall (U.S.A.)
Secretary/Treasurer	E. M. Fielden (U.K.)
Councillor for Physics	D. T. Goodhead (U.K.)
Councillor for Chemistry	P. Wardman (U.K.)
Councillor for Biology	M. Frankenberg-Schwager (Germany)
Councillor for Medicine	J. Little (U.S.A.)
Councillor at Large I	M. Coppola (Italy)
Councillor at Large II	M. Sasaki (Japan)
Councillor at Large III	R. Martin (Australia)

NATIONAL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

America	J. D. Zimbrick
United Kingdom	P. Bryant
Japan	A. Shima
Netherlands	H. B. Kal
E.S.R.B.	J. Hopewell
Germany	J. Narrog
Sweden	M. Edgren
Poland	K. Chomiczewski
India	J. Mittal
Italy	G. Grossi
China	Ge Zhong-Liang
Ireland	C. Mothersill
Australia	R. Cooper

Societies having less than 100 members do not appoint a Councillor under the Constitution.

IARR BUDGET

	<i>Actual figures for 91-94</i>	<i>Provisional 95-98 budget</i>
<i>Receipts</i>	<i>US \$</i>	<i>US \$</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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 <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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Marlin Fielden, Jan. 1995

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DISCUSSION NOTES FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

Item 5: Selection of Venue for 12th ICRR in 2003

It is the usual practice of Council to wait for proposals from Member Societies who would like to host an ICRR, although selecting the venue for the meeting six years in advance is a relatively recent practice. Prior to 1981 the decision was made at the ICRR meeting four years in advance.

Some time ago there was a suggestion that the Council of the IARR might invite two or three countries to put forward a proposal. By declaring a 'shortlist' in this way, countries putting forward a proposal would receive considerable support and help from their chosen venue, since international conferences such as the ICRRs represent big business for the chosen venue, and with our consistent track record of attendance, conference venues are eager to bid for our business. Council could also set the ground rules for the proposals, to ensure consistency. The IARR and details of all previous ICRRs are listed by the International Conferences & Congress Association (ICCA) and I have had several enquiries about further meetings from ICCA members.

I do think there is a case for Council to be more pro-active in venue selection, and that this would help our Member Societies get help and support in selecting the site for a future meeting. I suggest that we consider adopting one of the following procedures:

Draw up a list of countries and invite proposals. This list could be drawn up either

- (a) immediately, with a decision at the Interim Meeting in 1997, or
- (b) after prior consultation, at the Interim Council Meeting with a final decision in 1999.

The other alternative is to retain the present system and wait for invitations and consider them at the Interim Council Meeting in 1997, or at the ICRR in 1999.

Item 6: Kaplan Distinguished Scientist Award

This award was established by action of the IARR Council in 1985, and the first award was made in 1987. On each occasion the recipient has been given a prize and expenses for themselves and their partner to attend the meeting. The latter sum varies, and unfortunately no source of income was identified by Council to cover the Kaplan Award, although we have managed to raise a small sum of money on two occasions. Before the next recipient is chosen, I feel that Council should discuss and set a limit on the total cost of the next award. This could be done at the Interim Council Meeting, when the financial situation will be clearer.

Item 7: Venue for Interim Council Meeting in 1997

Interim Council Meetings are normally held at the same time as an international scientific meeting that would be likely to appeal to the interests of the majority of Councillors. I would welcome suggestions for meetings that might fit this criterion. So far, I know of the RRS Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, USA, 3rd-8th May, and the European Society for Radiation Biology Meeting in Oxford, UK, 24th-26th September.

E. M. FIELDEN
Secretary