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MINUTES OF THE IARR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, 19 JULY, 1987, AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Present: A.C. Upton (President), G.E. Adams (Vice-President), J.J. Broerse (secretary-treasurer), M.m. Elkind, E.M. Fielden, U.F.W. Hagen, E.J. Hall, R.P. Hill, T. Kumatori, J.R. Maisin, X. Shen, H. Suit, L. Tallone Lombardi and G. Walinder.

1. Opening

In his capacity as president, Dr. Upton called the meeting to order at 13h45. Apparently, not all council members were able to attend this meeting. An apology for absence was only received from Dr. Plonka.

2. Participation of China and India in the IARR

The president recalled that the application for membership to the IARR from India had already been approved during the interim council meeting at Harwell in 1985. In the middle of March 1987, an official application for membership was submitted by the China Committee for Radiation Research. This letter of application has been circulated among the Council members of the IARR. Through this ballot by mail, the council made the unanimously favourable decision to admit the China Committee for Radiation Research to full membership of the Association. Dr. Upton extended a warm word of welcome to Dr. Shen Xun as the representative of the China Committee for Radiation Research. He expressed the feelings of the council that in this way the scientific cooperation and communication with our Chinese colleagues working in radiation research will be strengthened.

3. Minutes of the Harwell interim council meeting

The minutes of the IARR interim council meeting held on 6 September 1985 at Harwell were approved.

4. Last preparations for the 8th ICRR

Dr. Fielden presented a last minute report on the preparations for the coming congress. An approximate number of 1300 participants had registered for the congress. A total number of 1160 abstracts had been submitted and the organizers were able to give financial support to 83 young investigators. With great pleasure he delivered the congress bags with contents to the council members. Dr. Upton expressed his appreciation for the skill and dedication of the organizing committee for the 8th ICRR.

5. Report on the preparations of the 9th ICRR

The president for the 9th ICRR, Dr. Whitmore, was invited to participate in the council meeting. Since his itinerary was already settled he was unable to attend. On behalf of the organizers Dr. Hill reported on the preparations for the 9th ICRR. The first announcements for the 9th ICRR to be held at Toronto, from Sunday, July 7, to Friday, July 12, 1991, were available for distribution during the Edinburgh Congress. It is expected that the official announcement will be mailed two years prior to the Congress i.e. in 1989. Dr. Hill reported that the organizers have already been successful in acquiring financial support from Canadian sources. Concerning the request for a contribution from the IARR to support the travel of young investigators, the council agreed that an amount of 25.000 US dollars would be reserved for this purpose.

6. Financial status of the IARR

The secretary-treasurer had provided separate summaries on the state of receipts and expenditures over the years 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. During the interim council meeting, a finance committee was elected from the council with Dr. Hagen (chairman), Dr. Tanooka and Dr. Michael as members. Dr. Hagen presented the following report on behalf of the committee:

"On March 1987, each member of the committee obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer of the IARR, Dr. J.J. Broerse, a list of receipts and expenditures covering the years 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986, including copies of the bankstatements of the account.

Every individual receipt and expenditure could be certified on the bank-statement. In our opinion, the account was handled with care; to consistently accrue the highest possible interest and minimal bank charges, parts of the money were transferred to fixed accounts, in guilders as well as in US-dollars. Thus, all items are correct and in order and the finance committee would propose to the IARR to accept the treasurer's report."

Concerning the future financial status, the secretary-treasurer expressed his great concern about the decrease in income for the IARR. The actual payment for membership fee is 2 US dollars per member, which supplies a marginal basis to run the IARR, due to the devaluation of the dollar. He questioned whether the membership fee could not be paid in another currency. The council decided that specific steps should be taken by the new council.

7. Venue for the 10th ICRR in 1995

Dr. Hagen informed the council that the joint German group has prepared an invitation to host the congress in 1995 in Würzburg. He explained that in 1995 we will celebrate the 100 year discovery of X-rays. This offer was gratefully acknowledged by the council. The final decision will be made during the interim council meeting in 1989.

8. Preparation of the General Assembly

The agenda as prepared by the secretary-treasurer was adopted. An important item on the agenda is the election of the new council. The nominating committee consisting of Dr. Hall (chairman), Dr. Imamura, Dr. Fowler, Dr. Quintiliani and Dr. Skarsgard composed the following list of nominees:

Vice President:	G.F. Whitmore (Canada) D. Schulte-Frohlinde (FRG)
Secretary-Treasurer:	J.J. Broerse (Netherlands) R. Goutier (Belgium)
Physics:	E.R. Epp (USA) H.G. Paretzke (FRG)
Chemistry:	J. Biaglow (USA) J. Ward (USA)
Biology:	J. Denekamp J.D. Chapman (Canada)
Medicine:	L.J. Peters (USA/Australia) N.M. Bleehen (UK)
At Large:	E. Malaise (France) J.M. Brown (USA) K. Sakamoto (Japan) R. Cox (UK) W. Pohlit (FRG) G.W. Barendsen (Netherlands)

9. Any other business

The secretary-treasurer has informed Mrs. Leah Kaplan about the decision on the recipient of the Henry S. Kaplan Distinguished Scientific Award. He also invited Mrs Kaplan to attend the official ceremony at Edinburgh. The secretary-treasurer received a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Kaplan; however, it appeared to be impossible for her to attend.

The secretary-treasurer distributed copies of a letter from Dr. Edward Pierce on behalf of the American Society of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP). In his letter Dr. Pierce invites the participation of the IARR in the First World Congress on Allied Health to be organized in Denmark in 1988. The council concluded that this subject is not directly connected with the activities of the IARR and decided that no initiatives should be undertaken by the IARR (At the end of 1987 the secretary-treasurer received the provisional programme for this congress, which will be held at the Marienlyst Conference Centre, Elsinor, Denmark, from June 14-17, 1988. Further information can be obtained from the ASAHP, PO Box 37633, Washington, DC 20013).

10. Closing

The vice-president expressed his gratitude for the activities of the president and the secretary-treasurer for the smooth running of the affairs of the IARR. Dr. Upton acknowledged the contributions from the council members over the periode 1983-1987 and closed the meeting at 15h30.

Rijswijk, 30 December 1987
J.J. Broerse