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AGENDA FOR THE IARR COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, 6 July 1991

2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Sheraton Centre, Toronto

Conference room F

1. Opening by the President (Adams)
2. Acceptance of the agenda
3. Discussion of the minutes of the interim council meeting held at Rome on 27 May 1989 (already mailed to you with my letter of January 16, 1990).
4. Last minute report on the preparations for the 9th ICRR (Whitmore) ¹⁶⁵⁰ (1570 rel)
5. Preparation of the General Assembly (including election of new council members, see enclosure 1).
6. Report on the preparations of the 10th ICRR (Streffer).
7. Membership of the German Association for Radiation Research GAST (see enclosure 2).
8. Financial status of the IARR (Broerse and Fielden, see enclosures 3-7).
9. Organization of training courses and workshops sponsored by the IARR.
10. Discussion on the venue for the 1999 ICRR,
11. Miscellaneous
12. Closing by the President

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 6 JULY 1991
AT THE SHERATON CENTRE, TORONTO, CANADA

Present: G.E.Adams (President), G.F. Whitmore (vice-president), J.J. Broerse (secretary-treasurer), J.M. Brown, V. Covelli, De Chang Wu, J. Denekamp, E.M. Fielden, M. Harms-Ringdahl, H.B. Kal, S. Okada, H.G. Paretzke, L. Peters, E. Riklis and H. Tanooka.

1. *Opening*

The President called the meeting to order and mentioned that an apology for absence was received from D. Schulte-Frohlinde.

2. *Minutes of the preceeding council meeting*

The minutes of the interim council meeting held at Rome on May 27, 1989, were accepted with thanks to the secretary-treasurer.

3. *Preparations for 9th ICRR*

Dr. Whitmore in his capacity as President for this congress reported that everything was running as planned. At the start of the 9th ICRR 1650 participants were registered: 1570 scientists and 80 accompanying persons (for the files of the IARR it is worthwhile to note that this number has finally increased to 1850 participants, including accompanying persons).

4. *Report on the preparations for the 10th ICRR*

Dr. Paretzke presented a report on the organization for the 10th ICRR. In view of the fact that 1995 is the centennial of the discovery of X-rays in Würzburg, the organizing committee decided, to hold the 10th ICRR in this city. The congress is organized on behalf of the Deutsche Röntgengesellschaft and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Biophysik, the secretary-general is Prof.dr. C. Streffer, the president Prof. Dr. U. Hagen. The technical organization will be handled by the Congress Service of the GSF, Neuherberg and the Verkehrsamt Würzburg. Further officers in the committee are L.E. Feinendegen, D. Schulte-Frohlinde, J. Kiefer, H. Jung, D. Harder, A. Kellerer, H. Paretzke, W. Pohlit, H. Schüssler and E.-H. Thomas. It is planned, to open the congress on Sunday, August 27 afternoon in the Congress Center in downtown Würzburg, followed by a reception (get together) which will take place in the Congress Center.

On Monday morning the scientific programme will be held on the newly built campus of the University (2 miles from the city), to be reached by shuttle bus. There are enough lecture rooms of various sizes on the campus in close proximity, in addition a cafeteria and mensa for lunch. All the necessary arrangements are already made with the local administration (university and tourist office) and with technical staff members.

The scientific programme will start in the morning with 2 semiplenary lectures, followed by 6 symposia simultaneously, Monday till Friday. After lunch, there is poster viewing time and discussion, followed by oral sessions in the later afternoon. Wednesday afternoon is free for an excursion and a conference dinner. The closing ceremony will take place on Friday afternoon.

Würzburg can easily be reached by fast trains from Frankfurt-Airport and from other big cities in Germany. There are sufficient hotel rooms and some student dormitories in the city. Würzburg gives by its historical flair in art and science an attractive place to meet for an international meeting in radiation research. Also good wine is produced in that region.

Finally, Dr. Paretzke mentioned that a preliminary announcement with a reply form will be distributed to the members of the 9th ICRR and later to the national societies of radiation research.

In his capacity as President of the IARR, Prof. Adams expressed the appreciation of the council for the excellent preparations.

5. *Membership of the German Association for Radiation Research*

Dr. Paretzke informed the Council that six German societies notably the German Physical Society, the German Society of Biophysics, the German Society for Medical Physics, the German Röntgen Society, the Fachverband for Radiation Protection and the Society of German Radiation Protection Doctors have united their activities and established the German Association for Radiation Research (GAST). Dr. Paretzke was elected as chairman of GAST, Prof. Streffer as the vice chairman. The approximate membership of GAST is 800. The membership of GAST in the IARR as a successor of the joint German groups was unanimously accepted by the council as of January 1, 1991.

6. *Financial status of the IARR*

The statements of receipts and expenditures of the IARR over the years 1987 to 1990 were already distributed to the council members. The financial affairs of the Association for the four year period January 1987 to December 1990, inclusive were audited by the finance committee, consisting of Drs. E.M. fielden, M.R. Edgren and G. Simone. According to the auditors the accounts have been kept in a proper manner. It was further stated that the treasurer made all efforts to ensure that the maximum interest was obtained and the bank charges were minimized. The financial report and the report of the auditing committee were unanimously accepted by the council. Prof. Adams expressed the appreciation of the council for the work of the treasurer and the auditing committee.

7. *Organization of training courses sponsored by the IARR*

Dr. Paretzke informed the council about a seminar on "Radiation Physics: electron tracks in matter" organized by the Dr. Wilhelm Heinrich Heraeus und Else Heraeus Stiftung in cooperation with the International Association for Radiation Research and the German Association for Radiation Research, GAST. The seminar will be held at the Physikzentrum in Bad Honnef from 26-29 August 1991. Dr. Paretzke explained that due to administrative reasons this seminar had to be announced at short notice. Despite the short time interval, there is already sufficient world-wide interest for this seminar. During the interim council meeting at Rome, the council had already decided to provide modest grants of 100 US dollars for young investigators to a maximum of 3000 US dollars. Depending on the financial situation of the IARR, additional training courses e.g. in radiobiology or experimental radiotherapy are solicited. Dr. Peters stressed the necessity to reach interested young scientists who are not yet actively working in the field.

8. *Provision information on possible venues for the 1999 ICRR*

Prof. Adams informed the council that the Irish Radiation Research Society would like to invite the IARR to hold the 11th International Congress of Radiation Research in Dublin in 1999. Also on behalf of Dr. Seymour, Dr. Mothersill explained the offer which is supported by a number of Irish scientific institutes, followed by a presentation of Mrs. Cullen as the representative of the Irish Tourist Board. The secretary-treasurer expressed his wish to receive an application from the Irish Radiation Research Society for membership in the IARR. The President explained that a decision for the venue of the 11th ICRR will be made during the interim council meeting in 1993 and that geographical distribution of the congress venues will also be considered, but acknowledged the willingness of our Irish colleagues to host the congress.

9. *Miscellaneous*

- a. The secretary-treasurer informed the council that he received a letter from Dr. Jones indicating that the South African Radiobiological society is making preparations to apply to become affiliated with the IARR. The President stated that the council would welcome such an application.
- b. The Secretary-treasurer informed the council that the International Union of Biological Sciences will organize a meeting at Amsterdam in the fall. In view of the fact that radiation research is not covered in the programme for this meeting, it is decided that the IARR will not undertake action. It might be worthwhile to provide a more extensive

description of the IARR activities in the IUBS inventory booklet.

- c. Upon a request from the Secretary-treasurer it was decided that the archives of the IARR, an approximate file of one m³, will be screened and cleared off by the old and new secretaries. Contacts will be established with Dr. Osborne, in view of his interest in the history of the IARR, to ship specific documents to him.
- d. The Secretary-treasurer offered his assistance to the newly elected officer in this position to update the brochure on History, aims, activities and membership of the IARR which was prepared by Prof. Silini in 1978.

10. *Closing*

The President closed the meeting, telling his colleagues that he enjoyed his participation in the IARR activities and expressed his appreciation for the friendly and effective cooperation with the council members.

J.J. Broerse
Rijswijk, 1 August 1991