



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RADIATION RESEARCH

Minutes

Meeting of the IARR New Council

Tuesday 27th August 2019, 12:15 PM

Exchange Room 1, Manchester Central Convention Complex, UK

*Approved at the Interim Council Meeting
Wednesday, 6th October 2021, 13.00 GMT
Via Teleconference*

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President and adoption of the agenda (President)
2. Adoption of old council 2019 meeting (deferred)
3. Budget and financial matters (Secretary-Treasurer)
 - a. Proposed budget for the period 1st January 2015 - 31st December 2019
 - b. Support to small meetings
 - c. Value of the Kaplan Award is to be monetary from Taylor-Francis, a medal, and travel support for lectureship at ICRR
4. Constitutional amendments (President) - Proposed Amendments to the Constitution to be ratified at the GA meeting 2023
 - a. Proposal to change the constitution to allow ratification of the New Council during ICRR after the General Assembly meeting.
 - b. Proposed change to expedite changes of Constitution
 - i. Eliminate the 6 months notification for GA voting
 - ii. Allow council, rather than GA, to vote on constitutional changes
 - c. Proposal to change all ICRR loans to grants for all future meetings
5. Report on preparations for the 17h ICRR in Montreal (Shirley Lehnert)
6. Future ICRR meetings and selection procedure for venue 18th ICRR (President)
 - a. 2 informal inquiries for ICRR 18 in 2027
 - i. Yanqin Ji - jiyangqin@nirp.chinacdc.cn
 - ii. Martin Falk and Iva Falkova to host the meeting in Brno
 - b. Remind councillors to discuss with their societies well ahead of time since proposals will be presented at interim meeting.
7. Suggestions for venue of 2021 Interim Council meeting (President)
8. Any other business (President)
9. Close of meeting (President)



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Council Members Present

President	Yoshi Shimada; NIRS, Chiba, Japan
Vice-President	George Iliakis; Essen, Germany
Councillor for Medicine	David Kirsch, Durham, NC, U.S.A.
Councillor for Chemistry	Yoichi Yoshida, Osaka, Japan
Councillor for Biology	Hiroshi Harada, Kyoto, Japan
Councillors-at-Large	Edouard Azzam, Newark, NJ, USA Rhona Anderson, London, UK Ester Hammond, Oxford, UK

Appointed Councillors

Councillor representing the Italian Radiation Research Society (SIRR)	Maria Antonella Tabocchini; Rome, Italy
Councillor representing European Radiation Research Society (ERRS)	Lorenzo Manti; Naples, Italy
Councillor representing Radiation Research Society (RRS)	Bruce Kimler; Kansas City, KS, USA

Council Members Absent

Secretary-Treasurer	Fiona Lyng; Dublin, Ireland
Councillor for Physics	Chiara La Tessa, Trento, Italy
Councillor representing the Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	
Councillor representing the China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)	
Councillor representing the Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)	
Councillor representing the Japan Association for Radiation Research	
Councillor representing the Nederlands voor Radiobiologie (NVRB, Dutch Society for Radiobiology)	
Councillor representing the Polish Radiation Research Society (PRRS)	

Participants: Shirley Lehnert (2023 ICRR); Audrey Rinehart (recorder of Minutes)

1. Welcome by President (Y. Shimada) and adoption of agenda
YS gave brief history regarding his involvement with IARR. Expressed that while there is diversity among the IARR members, and this can cause conflict at times, can also create opportunity for innovations.
Introductions of newly elected officers and councilors: Vice-President – George Iliakis; Secretary-Treasurer – Fiona Lyng (not present at the meeting); Councillor-at-Large – Rhona Anderson; Councillor for Chemistry – Yoichi Yoshida; Councillor for Medicine – David Kirsch; Councillor for Biology – Hiroshi Harada; Councillor for Physics – Chiara La Tessa (not present at meeting); Councillor-at-Large – Edouard Azzam, Councillor-at-Large - Ester Hammond.
2. Adoption of 2019 Old Council Meeting Minutes
This meeting occurred 2 days ago, so Minutes are not available. Penny Jeggo will develop and distribute. BK suggested that Minutes could be corrected and approved via email as soon as possible, rather than waiting until 2021 Interim Council meeting. This will be discussed with FL.



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3. Budget and Financial Matters

a. Proposed budget for 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2019

BK, speaking for the Finance Audit Committee, stated that all is in order. As for the budget going forward, he does not see any reason to change much as the balance is currently stable. There was discussion during the Old Council meeting surrounding the idea to convert funds for the International Congress from a loan to an outright grant. The expectation for a Congress returning money is variable and difficult to monitor so this is something to consider for moving forward. DK asked for the costs incurred to the organization over the years. BK replied that these are based on the subscriptions from member organizations and they equate to approximately 50,000 euros annually, adding that it has been stable amount. In terms of the expenditures, this equates to approximately 10K euros per year. In general, about 40K is budgeted for future meeting planning. The current balance is roughly 90K pounds, and, we are therefore in a healthy place.

BK asked if additional discussion would be needed. YS commented that the incoming membership fee is between 40-50K. In total, the income generated during this term was 60K and the expenditures (for future meetings) was 40K. There is also support for the small meetings which equates to 10K euros annually. YS asked if it would be acceptable to formalize the concept of grants for ICRRs. GI replied that we need to be careful and can place a vote now, yet the General Assembly can always change and, additional adjustments can still be made at a later date. In general, we opt to discuss on a case-by-case basis. BK added that it is contingent upon future subscriptions being paid (by Societies). EA said, with regards to the small meetings when they are given grants, they will rarely turn a profit. If ICRR turns profit, would the grant be returned back to the IARR to use and pay forward to other grants where there is hardship? BK feels that we should trust them to do this rather than ask or make it a requirement as it can take a significant amount of time (i.e., years after Congress completion). DK said that there is an expectation for this; however, there is no accounting element for it as a follow up. GI offered a suggestion, saying that we do not commit more than X percentage of the deposit. The maximum could be 50% of our proportion of grant. RA agreed with him saying that it would create a buffer. GI asked for a specific percentage of accountbalance. BK feels 50% is reasonable, adding that the commitment that is made during this meeting would be for 2023 so that the conference organizers would be aware of what to expect. With regards to the 2015 ICRR Meeting in Kyoto, Japan, approximately 20K euros was returned of the total 40K advanced.

GI made a motion to not commit more than 50% of the current IARR bank balance for support of an ICRR. Majority vote for YES, therefore it was approved.

BK notified Council that he has had a discussion with Penny Jeggo regarding making a change to the location of the current bank account since there is a new Secretary-Treasurer. We will be subject to losing money due to fluctuating exchange rates. If the account was in a permanent location, this would help to keep a stable amount, so this is just something to consider. Secretary-Treasurer, Fiona Lyng, can bring formal motions when and if the Council is ready to make a change. GI commented that this could become a complicated issue, adding that we likely lost approximately 40% when we changed from euro to pounds. If we change back now, we could be subject to a loss of



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up to 30% which is quite substantial. EA asked if we should consider holding the funds where the IARR headquarters is located and BK replied that he does not think that such headquarters actually exist. GI feels it would be wise to change to a currency that benefits the most, such as the US dollar or the Euro, both of which are currently strong. We can revisit this in the future but suggests that FL creates a proposal and work with BK and Penny Jeggo.

b. Support to small meetings

The budget allows for approximately 10K year and the support is given on a first-come, first-served basis. Money granted based on what has been awarded in the past. Most recent example: 3 awards: 1500 euro, 2000 euro, 3000 euro.

BK described that, historically, we put out a call for applications, state the deadline, when the review will be complete and details regarding the vote/commitment. All elements can be done via email. BK offered to add a page with this information onto the current IARR webpage. DK asked if a cap needed to be set in place to state the maximum that can be requested. BK replied that the typical award range is 3000 euros.

RA asked for specifics regarding the commitment for travel support to the ICRR. Penny Jeggo was curious about this since no funds had been disbursed. BK replied that the loan or contribution to the Congress organizers always has language to describe its intent to help bring people to conference, especially the young investigators, etc. GI added that we always encourage the Societies we represent to give more money. For example, the RRS has always given a decent amount of money to support this event (that is, the ICRR). Given this, it seems unnecessary to further support bursaries for travel support.

EA asked if we should be encouraging other Societies in South America or India. They have not applied in the past, but they do organize a lot of workshops. BK – clarified that this is not supposed to be support for an annual meeting, rather just a single event but he can see how a small group of 50 in a small country could pursue this for their meeting.

c. Value of Kaplan Award is to be monetary from Taylor and Francis; medal and travel support for lectureship at ICRR
(Did not discuss)

4. Constitutional Amendments – Proposed Amendments to the Constitution to be ratified at General Assembly meeting, 2023

a. Proposal to change the constitution to allow installment of the New Council during ICRR after the General Assembly meeting (rather than at the end of the Congress).

GI asked how the General Assembly Meeting went, overall, relating to these amendments. BK replied that the formal amendments need to be available 6 months prior to the 2023 meeting. They could then be discussed and voted on at General Assembly meeting in 2023. Something else to consider would be to do away with the General Assembly as a deciding body. Instead, it could be the duty of Council to take care of all matters, as opposed to a different set of individuals who meet one time every 4 years. This alternative would allow the IARR to operate in line with what most other Societies do on a normal basis.

b. Proposed change to expedite changes of Constitution



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- i. Eliminate the 6 months notification for GA voting
- ii. Allow Council, rather than GA, to vote on constitutional changes

GI commented that Council is currently operating within the rules of the Constitution and Bylaws, should the Bylaws be amended first? In this way, it would give the Council more room to make decisions. DK felt that if we had just a Council vote, and reviewed the past proposals, the proportional representation on Council would be based on membership. GI replied that the old authority remains with the General Assembly and we may want to give Council more authority, but not all. BK commented that there is much that can be discussed on this point and feels we should propose this to the General Assembly next year and vote.

Regarding the election process of a new councilor, we can defer this back to the Societies, cast a vote via email, and send to the Secretary-Treasurer 1 month before the Congress meeting. BK volunteered to put together options and send out for discussion among Council members.

At this point, Dr Roger Martin, who had been present at the meeting, excused himself saying that he mistook this for the IARR General Assembly meeting. This then prompted GI to mention to Council that he felt a formal list should be prepared which lists the members who are supposed to be attending so no further confusion arises for future meetings. The list should include the attendee first/last name, affiliation, discipline/focus, and position on Council.

5. Report on preparations for 17th ICRR in Montreal (Shirley Lehnert)

YS commented that the preparations are going well. LM asked about the possibility of bigger involvements of IARR in the scientific program of the ICRR. The issue he sees has to do with the decisions made by the local organizing committee and it is difficult over 4-year time. BK replied that it can become difficult to put conditions on the awarding of a bid. Generally, the award is just a franchise. Most organizers have made an effort, but some are just more familiar with international scientists than others.

6. Future ICRR meetings and selection procedure for venue, 18th ICRR (Y. Shimada)

- a. Two Informal inquiries to date for 18th ICRR in 2027
 - i. Yangin Ji (jiyangin@nirp.chinacdc.cn) – Shenzhen, China
 - ii. Martin Falk and Iva Falkova – Brno, Czech Republic

GI asked when is the deadline to decide on the location? BK replied that the decision is made during the ICRR interim meeting, which will occur in 2021. He went on to say that Council will need to know more about the potential bids in advance so that the local organizing committee can be invited to present at the interim meeting (2021). The formal decision and award is made 6 years in advance of the Congress. Information about the application process is placed on the IARR website, but can be supplemented with deadlines and contact information from those groups who have submitted a bid in the past. The Call for Proposals is also distributed to all member Societies.

- b. Reminder to councillors to discuss with their societies well ahead of time since proposals will be presented at the interim council meeting in 2021.



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7. Suggestions for venue of 2021 Interim Council Meeting (Y. Shimada)

The meeting would be held either during the European Radiation Research Society (ERRS) or Radiation Research Society meeting (RRS). The ERRS meeting will be held in Normandy France and the RRS meeting location for 2021 is Puerto Rico. The plan is to send out a vote for location preference via email in 2020.

GI commented that he had overheard a general consensus that recent ICRR meetings, overall and including this year's meeting, have not been well attended. Part of the reason surrounds the fact that this was a holiday weekend which may have certainly deterred some of the local population. Another reason stems from the fact that the RRS will hold their own domestic meeting this year in November and it's possible that some attendees are forced to split their funds and decide which meeting to attend, especially in a PI situation. He feels it might be good to discuss this and find a middle ground which will ultimately serve to help ICRR rather than compete with it. BK commented that in 1991, when the meeting was held in Toronto, he felt it was very well integrated in all areas. This, versus Warsaw, which did not go well. DK raised his concern that one challenge he sees is that for a few cycles of ICRR, there was no RRS meeting held at the same time and when RRS opted not to hold a domestic meeting in an ICRR year, the membership numbers dropped off significantly. The feeling of RRS Governing Council is that it is too risky not to have a domestic meeting and skip any year. He agrees that if there is coordination among the two Program Committees, it may work well. This remains as a decision for RRS Council to discuss but there is support for coordination and integration overall.

GI emphasized the need to discuss with the idea of finding a solution instead of becoming defensive, and this would hopefully produce a favorable outcome. GI also asked if anyone reviewed the meeting locations as a reason for this attendance drop over recent years. BK replied that this is reviewed, and the time of the year is also taken into consideration. EA feels that the month during which ICRR was held may have influenced the 2019 Manchester meeting versus the 2015 meeting in Kyoto. Integration of the Program Committees sounds like the best way to go however it is important to remember, with the rotation of Councilors, the decision for the next meeting will be made as people are going to be rotating off Council. DK expressed his desire to hold both meetings but if we choose to only go with one meeting in 2023, the program needs to support both organizations and be integrative.

8. New Business (Y. Shimada)

EA questioned if an award could be instituted and promoted by the IARR and given during ICRR. This award would be given to a scientist who has made seminal achievements but did not have the opportunity to come to or rank in a developed country. EA feels this would be a big encouragement to those scientists whose resources are minimal. BK added that this would be a good way to recruit smaller Societies into IARR and feels it may be something to think about in the future.

9. There being no other items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.



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