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Minutes of the Interim Meeting of the IARR Council

Tuesday 19th September 2017, 12.30-1.30

And Wednesday 20th September 2017, 18.30-20.00

Lehr und Lern Zentrum, Seminar Room 2, Second Floor (47.2.006), Essen, Germany

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Tuesday 19th September**Agenda.**

1. Presentation by Shirley Lehnert for a bid for the 17th International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2023) followed by general discussion of the proposal
2. Presentation by Rhona Anderson for preparations for the 16th International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2019)

Minutes.**Elected Council members present.**

President	Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff
Vice-President	Yoshiya Shimada
Secretary-Treasurer	Penny Jeggo
Councillor at Large I	Gayle Woloschak
Councillor at Large II	Georg Iliakis
Councillor representing the Association For Radiation Research (ARR)	Rhona Anderson
Councillor representing the European Radiation Research Society (ERRS)	Don Jones
Councillor representing the Polish Radiation Research Society	Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska



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Councillors absent.

Councillor representing Chemistry	Jean-Luc Ravanat
Councillor representing Physics	Francesca Ballarini
Councillor representing Biology	Rob Coppes
Councillor representing Medicine	Kiyoshi Miyagawa
Councillor at large	Susan Bailey
Councillor representing the Asian Association for Radiation Research (AARR)	Kaushala Prasad Mishra
Councillor representing the China Committee For Radiation Research	Zigiang Pan
Councillor representing the Irish Radiation Research Society	Fiona Lyng
Councillor representing the Japan Association for Radiation Research	Takeshi Todo
Councillor representing the Dutch Society For Radiation Biology	Nicolaas Franken
Councillor representing the Radiation Research Society	Bruce Kimler
Councillor representing the Italian Society for Radiation Research	Maria Antonella Tabocchini

Guests.

Shirley Lehnert, representative for the 17th ICCR bid in Montreal 2023
Marc-Andre Gemme, representative for the conference centre in Montreal.

1. Welcome by the President and introductions.

The President, Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff, welcomed Council members and Councillors appointed by the societies. This was followed by everyone introducing themselves. The President then explained that this meeting would cover only the bid to host the 17th ICCR (2023) in Montreal (which would be presented by Shirley Lehnert) followed by a presentation from Rhona Anderson outlining progress in preparations for the 16th ICCR in 2019 in Manchester, UK.

2. Presentation for the bid for the 17th ICCR in Montreal.

There was an initial presentation by Shirley Lehnert followed by a presentation about the conference centre and Montreal by Marc-Andre Gemme. There was discussion that included questions about the scientists involved in the programme organisation, hotel facilities available in Montreal and likely costs. The supportive letter from the Rad Res President, Charles Limoli, was presented. The presentation has been deposited on the IARR dropbox and will not be discussed in further detail.

3. Voting on the proposal.

The President thanked the two presenters and asked for voting (via a show of hands) to accept the bid. This was unanimously accepted.



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4. Preparations for the 16th International Congress of Radiation Research (2019).

Rhona Anderson reported on progress of preparation for ICCR2019 to be held in Manchester, UK from 25th 29th August 2019 organised by the Association for Radiation Research (ARR). The presentation is deposited on the IARR dropbox folder and will not be discussed in detail. Important points are that a 50,000 grant has been secured from Manchester City Council working with Marketing Manchester. Additional sponsors are being sought now. A web page is up and running (<http://icrr2019manchester.com>). The programme is being organised into 4 themes and an international sub-committee is being set up to include representatives from the IARR member radiation research societies. There was discussion about details of organising the sub-committee to ensure international representation. Gayle Woloschak confirmed that Rad Res would like a dedicated hotel for their members. The President congratulated the ARR on their progress to date.

5. Close of Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 1.30 and the second meeting was confirmed to be in the same room on the 20th September at 18.30.



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Wednesday 20th September 2017: 18.30 to 20.00.

Agenda

1. Welcome by the President and adoption of the agenda (President)
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Old Council Meeting (27th May 2015, Kyoto) and New Council Meeting (Kyoto, 29th May 2015)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda (President).
4. Passing away of Dr. Ohnishi
5. Secretary-Treasurer's Statement and Balance Sheets (Secretary-Treasurer)
 - a. Budgets for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 including final report of the 15th International Congress of Radiation Research (2015)
 - b. Financial support for ICRR2019
 - c. Support for other meetings.
6. Appointment of Nominating committee for the 2019 elections to the Council
7. Appointment of Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 2019
8. Membership of IARR – German Society (GAST) and Korea (KARR) plus invitations to other radiation research societies.
9. Appointment of committee to elect recipient of the Kaplan Award 2019 (secretary-Treasurer).
10. Any other business, followed by close of meeting (President)

Minutes

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Councillor representing the Italian	



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Society for Radiation Research

Lorenzo Manti (in place of Marie
Antonella Tabocchini)

Councillors attending by Webex

Councillor representing Physics
Councillor representing the Radiation
Research Society

Francesca Ballarini

Bruce Kimler

Councillors absent.

Councillor representing Medicine
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1. Welcome by the President and adoption of the Agenda.

- The President, Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff (MHB-H), welcomed Council members and two members joining the meeting via Webex.
- The meeting on the previous day (the 19th September) was briefly summarized and the decision to accept the bid for ICRR2023 to be hosted in Montreal.
- The Agenda for the 20th September was presented and adopted.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Old Council Meeting (Kyoto May 2015) and the New Council Meeting (Kyoto, Friday 29th May 2015).

- Minutes for the Old Council meeting had not been received from the past Secretary-Treasurer, Gianfranco Gross. It was agreed that these would be sent to members by email once they were received from Gianfranco. Minutes of the New Council Meeting had been sent to members by email.
- Rhona Anderson pointed out that the Councilor for the Association for Radiation Research (ARR) was not included on the list. This was agreed to be rectified and the minutes were then adopted. This has been actioned.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered by the Agenda (President).

The President said that there were no matters arising that would not be dealt with during the meeting.



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4. Passing away of Dr. Ohnishi.

- MHB-H reported the sad passing away of Dr. Ohnishi in 2017. Yoshiya Shimada (YS) told us details of Dr. Ohnishi's illness and what he had achieved during his life in science. Everyone was agreed that he will be sadly missed.
- Dr. Takeshi Todo will replace Dr. Ohnishi as the representative for the Japan Radiation Research Society.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Statement and Balance Sheets.

- The Secretary-Treasurer, Penny Jeggo, informed Council about the current status of annual subscription payments.
- At that time all but two societies had paid their dues for 2016 and 2017. The payments and member numbers were shown in the powerpoint presentation of the agenda. The Korean Society of Radiation Bioscience have not responded to emails and have not paid dues for the past three years. It was agreed that KARR should be removed from membership. The other society, GAST, who had not renewed membership will be discussed as a separate item (8) on the agenda.
- The final report for the 15th International Congress for Radiation Research held in Kyoto was presented and it was shown that there was a return of 20,000 Euros from the 40,000 Euros loan. Loans were made to two additional meetings between 2015-2017 but neither meeting made a profit and hence neither loan was repaid (and the money therefore converted to a grant). Evidence was presented for the accounts of both meetings.
- PJ mentioned a new funding request from the AARR and said this had only just been received and would be sent by email to councilors. It was noted that AARR have paid their membership for the past 3 years.
- Despite the lack of full repayment for ICRR2015 and the loans for small meetings becoming grants, the balance of the IARR accounts was similar to that at the same period in 2015. PJ presented the provisional budget for 2017-2019, which was approved. There is 5,500 Euros remaining for meeting support until 2019 and ICRR2019 will receive another tranche of 20,000 Euros 6 months prior to ICRR2019.

6. Appointment of Nominating committee for the 2019 elections to the Council

- MHB-H explained the procedure for selecting a nominating committee for the 2019 elections.
- In brief, the committee should encompass herself as chair plus one current Councilor, plus three members not currently serving on Council. The committee should nominate the Vice president (who will be the president elect), a secretary-



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treasurer, Councilors for Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Medicine and 3 Councilors at large. The nominees should cover a geographical mix including the UK, US, Japan and Europe and representation from various disciplines. This should be initiated in March 2018, one year before ICRR2019.

- Georg Iliakis agreed to be the current Councilor on this committee.

7. Appointment of Finance Committee to audit the IARR accounts in 2019.

- MHB-H outlined the procedure for nominating the Finance Committee to audit the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer before ICRR2019.
- Bruce Kimler, Don Jones and Fiona Lyng were appointed to this committee.

8. Membership of IARR – German Society (GAST) and Korea (KARR) plus invitations to other radiation research societies.

- PJ explained that KARR have not responded to emails or paid their subscription for 3 years. Council proposed forgiving the past 2 years if the current 2017 dues are paid. YS indicated that he is in contact with the society council and volunteered to attempt to contact once more; if this fails then it was agreed to remove KARR from membership.
- Georg Iliakis (GI) explained the situation regarding the German Societies. He explained that in the past, Germany was represented by GAST, a 'fictional' organization created by Herwig Paretske who has since retired. This creative 'fix' to theoretically represent multiple German Societies and their members is no longer viable.
- The two major German societies are GBS and DGDR, who each charge members 25 Euros per year. GI, who is GBS president, reported that the boards are not willing to approve the IARR fee since it represents 20% of their dues revenue.
- There was discussion that smaller societies, like GBS and DGDR, may not have the economic power to join despite the appropriate mandate and activities of their members, which may extend to other societies (e.g. France, Sweden, Finland).
- Bruce Kimler (BK) interjected that all societies self-report membership on which dues are based. Those with 100 or more have representation on council, those with less do not.
- The committee discussed membership options for smaller societies that could be a set fee of 200 Euros or a reduced fee of 2 Euros per member.
- There could be a financial consequence of either in terms of the current roster of member societies, but that might be compensated for increased membership.



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- After discussion, it was agreed that MHB-H and PJ would summarize and send the list of options for suggestions to council for votes.

9. Appointment of committee to elect recipient of the Kaplan Award 2019 (secretary-Treasurer).

- MHB-H explained the procedure for electing the recipient of the Kaplan Award.
- The committee should include the President, VP and past vice president, namely, MHB-H, YS, and Marco Durante.
- Gayle Woloschak will join the committee if one of these people is nominated as a recipient of the Kaplan Award.
- The timing of this was agreed to be: advertise on the website and to Societies in Feb 2018, send a reminder in May 2018. Closing date will be the end of August 2018 and the candidate notified by October 2018 (approximately one year before ICRR2019).

10. Any other business, followed by close of meeting (President)

There was no other business and the President closed the meeting at 20.00, thanking all Councilors for attending the meeting.