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Interim Meeting of the IARR Council (part 1)
Wed 6th October, 2021, 13.00 (GMT) via MS Teams

Approved – 18th November 2021

Council Members Present

President

Vice-President

Secretary-Treasurer

Councillor for Medicine

Councillor for Chemistry

Councillors-at-Large

Councillor representing SIRR

Councillor representing ARR

Councillor representing IRRS

Councillor representing ERRS

Councillor representing RRS

Councillor representing JARR

Councillor representing NVRB

Councillor representing AARR

Yoshiya Shimada, Japan

George Iliakis, Germany

Fiona Lyng, Ireland

David Kirsch, USA

Yoichi Yoshida, Japan

Edouard Azzam, Canada

Rhona Anderson, UK

Ester Hammond, UK

Maria Antonella Tabocchini, Italy

Jonathan Coulter, UK

Laure Marignol

Lorenzo Manti, Italy

Bruce Kimler, USA

Akihisa Takahashi, Japan

Przemek M. Krawczyk, The Netherlands

Kaushala Prasad Mishra, India

Council Members Absent

Councillor for Biology

Councillor representing CCRR

Councillor representing PRRS

Hiroshi Harada, Japan

Ziqiang Pan, China

Antonina Cebulska-Wasilewska

Apologies

Councillor for Physics

Chiara La Tessa, Trento, Italy



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1. IARR President Yoshi Shimada (YS) welcomed the Council and the agenda was approved.
2. IARR Secretary-Treasurer Fiona Lyng (FL) shared the Minutes of the Old Council and New Council meetings, which were held during ICRR2019 and explained that the Minutes had already been circulated to the Council via Dropbox in 2020. Edouard Azzam (EA) made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by George Iliakis (GI). The Minutes were approved without objection.
3. No matters arising from the minutes were raised.
4.
 - a. FL showed the current situation for the IARR membership subscriptions (GBP 9303 in 2020 and GBP 10178 in 2021) and thanked the national societies for their support. She showed the membership of the IARR member societies from 2004-2021 (2874 members in 2021) and indicated that AARR are behind in their subscriptions since 2018, also KARR since 2010. She is trying to resolve this situation with the assistance of YS.
 - b. FL showed the balances for the IARR current account (GBP 62983) and deposit account (GBP 76686) and mentioned the grant return from ICRR2019 (GBP 22510). She showed the final summary from ICRR2019 showing a final profit of GBP 42510 (GBP 22510 to IARR, GBP 18000 to ARR and GBP 2000 to LH Gray Trust) and congratulated the organisers on a very successful meeting both scientifically and financially.
 - c. FL showed the proposed budget for 2019-2022 which had been approved at the GA during ICRR2019. This had been updated with the actual grant return from ICRR2019. YS raised an issue that the 31 December balance for 2015-2018 did not match the 1 January balance for 2019-2022. Bruce Kimler (BK) suggested this was most likely due to the currency exchange from EUR to GBP but FL will check with previous Secretary-Treasurer Penny Jeggo and clarify this on the spreadsheet.
 - d. FL pointed out the €40000 support for ICRR2023 and €15000 support for ICRR travel awards in the proposed budget.
 - e. FL also mentioned €10000 support for small meetings and that there had been no requests as yet. She showed the criteria for IARR support and mentioned that awards are typically €1500 up to €5000 maximum. FL asked that Council members let their national societies / contacts know that they can apply up to 3 Dec for meetings planned in 2022.
5. FL explained that the Nominating committee handles nominations from national societies for Council positions that will be voted on in 2023. She explained that the committee is usually comprised of the President or Secretary Treasurer and the Councillors for Physics (currently Chiara La Tessa, Italy), Chemistry (Yoichi Yoshida, Japan), Biology (Hiroshi Harada, Japan) and Medicine (David Kirsch (DK), USA). She suggested that to maintain gender and geographic balance that she could join the committee. BK raised that FL was eligible to seek a second term



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in 2023 and GI suggested that this could be a conflict. It was agreed to consider the committee composition further and to make a proposal to the Council at the next meeting in November.

6. BK explained that he had chaired the previous finance committee and he is happy to do so again. BK to propose two further names for the finance committee at the next meeting in November.

7. GI explained that the Kaplan committee is usually comprised of the President, the Vice President and a previous Kaplan awardee. He proposed to contact Prof. D. Goodhead (Kaplan awardee 2019), and if he was not available, to contact Prof. O. Niwa (Kaplan awardee 2015).

EA raised a suggestion from 2019 about an award for a scientist from a less well-developed country. GI asked that a list of eligible countries be drafted. EA was requested to chair a sub-committee on this topic and DK, GI and FL volunteered to be involved.

8. EA gave an update on preparations for ICRR2023. He mentioned that a planning committee meeting involving RRS and Associations and Meetings by Design (AMBD) will take place in Nov 2021. He noted that he had tried several times to reach Prof. Shirley Lehnert to no avail but that he would visit Montreal at the end of October. Rhona Anderson (RA) expressed concern at this situation and suggested that Council members use their contacts to try to find out more and that perhaps an official letter from the IARR Council could be sent to the other members involved in the bid.

9. BK had some suggested amendments to the IARR constitution to improve efficiency but as the meeting time was almost up, it was not possible to go into detail. BK will circulate a document outlining the proposed changes to the Council by email.

It was decided to retain the current wording about ICRR loans.

10. Prior to the meeting, it had been agreed to postpone the presentations of bids for the 18th International Congress of Radiation Research (ICRR2027) to November. FL will circulate a doodle poll to choose a suitable date for all.

11. YS thanked the Council and closed the meeting at 14.08 (GMT).