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Dean's Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

The Annual Report will bring you up to date on activities within the Faculty over the past year and I hope will give some insight into the extent of the business carried out by the various committees. As Dean I have been very fortunate in the quality and commitment of my elected board members. As the affairs of radiology grow more complex, I have called upon them more and more and never have been disappointed in their willingness to commit time and attention to professional matters. Overall, the affairs of the Faculty remain in good order.

The new Faculty offices on the second floor of RCSI House where formally opened at a reception for the Board and former Deans on the 21st May 2004. These rooms provide a vastly better set of facilities for the conduct of business. At this reception the setting up of a Faculty Historical Archive was announced. Former Deans were invited to consider contributing papers and other items relating to the Faculty to the archive which is to be stored in the Faculty section of the basement of RCSI House. A number of valuable items and old documents have already been collected, in particular contributed by Dr. James Carr Snr.

A welcome development this year was the establishment of the Breast Sub-group which invites interested radiologists from around the country to participate in its activities using the Faculty's facilities. Under the chairmanship of Prof. Peter McCarthy it is hoped that this group will advise the Faculty in areas of CME, education, certification, examination and negotiation concerning breast radiology and it is hoped that the group will hold its scientific meetings in association with other Faculty meeting. An Interventional Radiology Sub Group is already established and advises the Faculty likewise in these areas.

The Faculty meetings during the year have been of the usual high standard and an account of their content is included in the report of the Scientific Committee. The Spring meeting was held in Glenlo Abbey in Galway. These meetings have been of a consistent and increasingly high standard under the chairmanship of Dr. Dermot Malone of the Scientific Committee. For the October meeting in 2004, the Faculty is introducing online registration and has circulated our programme widely with inserts in scientific journals. Our programmes are now of sufficient quality to attract overseas attendees and it is hoped that this will develop further in the future.

This year Dr. Michael Moriarty and Dr. Paul Brennan stand down from the Board after completion of their five year term. Dr. Moriarty has now completed two terms on the Board and is to be congratulated on the great commitment he has made to education and science in radiation oncology over several decades. Dr. Paul Brennan's experience and advice have been most valuable to the Faculty.

Elected to the Board in October 2003 are Dr. John Buckley, Dr. Risteard Ó Laoide, Dr. Niall Mc Eniff and Dr. Sean Darby.

As a former co-ordinator and Chairman of the Scientific Committee Dr. Ó Laoide's experience is welcomed and he has advised on matter relating to the European Working Time Directive. This legislation will have a significant impact on radiology training and needs to be studied very carefully by the Faculty. Dr. John Buckley has taken over the CME Committee from Dr. Adrian Brady. All of the Faculty Fellows are now enrolled in the CME program and an audit of selected radiologists from this group is being conducted. Dr. Niall McEniff constitutes a valuable link with the interventional radiology interest through IR Sub-group of the Faculty.

Dr. Sean Darby has been nominated by the Faculty to the Board of the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland.

The complex negotiations to clarify the new radiation regulations arising from the 1998 EU Directive have been conducted with great skill and energy by Dr. Stephanie Ryan. All Faculty Fellows are in her debt because of her efforts to ensure that the directives are in keeping with the professional standards of radiology.

Following negotiation, a generous donation has been made to the Faculty by Amersham for research purposes. Under its Chairman Dr. Barry Kelly the Research Committee has greatly increased its activity and will develop a significant profile with this annual donation. Dr. Adrian Brady succeeds Dr. Éamann Breatnach as Honorary Treasurer. Prof. Donal Hollywood has authored the Hollywood Report on Radiation Oncology Services in Ireland and the Faculty has approved its plans to promote education study and research. Prof. Donal Hollywood has accepted appointment as co-coordinator of training for radiation oncology.

Internationally, participation by Faculty Fellows at ECR Vienna 2004 and RSNA Chicago 2003 were at their usual high level. At the invitation of the President of ECR, Prof Helen Carty, Honorary Fellow of the Faculty, Ireland participated equally with the UK at a major academic event at ECR 2004, ECR meets Poland. Outstanding scientific presentations were made by Dr. Stephen Eustace and Dr. Conor Collins. The meeting was co- chaired by the Dean and Dr. Dan Ash of RCR. The Faculty officers at this meeting felt great pride in the achievement of our outstanding young radiologists.

Our former Dean Dr. Gerry Hurley completed his term as president of EAR 2003-2004 at the AGM of EAR in Vienna in March 2004. It has been a great achievement for Irish radiology to be represented at this high level. His successor is Dr. N. Gourtsoyannis of Greece and the subsequent president of EAR is Prof. Ian McCall, a former Honorary Fellow of the Faculty who maintains close links. Irish radiology continues to be well represented at UEMS by former Deans Dr. Lynn Johnston who is Treasurer of UEMS and by Dr. James Masterson. Dr. Lynn Johnston is now the Director of the Training Assessment Programme in Radiology for the European Union of Medical Specialists.

A new Medical Council was elected this year. Dr. Michael Hurley, former Honorary Treasurer of the Faculty, was nominated by the Faculty to sit on the Board of the Medical Council. Radiology was previously represented by Dr. Bill Blunnie to whom thanks are due. The Medical Council recognises the Faculty as the body to advise it on matters of

education, registration, assessment etc in radiology and this is a very important prerogative of the Faculty.

In October 2003, Dr. Mike Dean, former president of the RCR was awarded Honorary Fellowship. Dr. Dean has been a friend to Irish radiology for many years. The Honorary Fellow in October 2004 is Prof. Sat Somers of Mc Master University, Hamilton, Ontario. Many Irish radiologists have received further training in McMaster and this tradition is one which both Dublin and McMaster are eager to continue. As co-ordinator of the Faculty Training Programme Dr. Ronan McDermott has been energetic and successful. In July 2004, the Waterford rotation commences and it is expected that this will become a popular and successful portion of registrar training in years to come.

Dean-Elect and Honorary Secretary Dr. Éamann Breatnach has shown great initiative in advancing the proposal for a Third World Scholarship. Dr. Breatnach has sourced funding in Ireland, has obtained the academic support of the Faculty and has travelled to Nairobi in Kenya for negotiations with the University of Nairobi and the Mater Hospital Nairobi. The project draws support from the Sisters of Mercy, both in the Mater Hospital Dublin and Sister Dolan of the Mater Hospital Kenya. This scholarship will be named the O'Halpin-Linders, scholarship in honour of our former colleague Dr. Dara O'Halpin who died on the 11th July 2002 and in the first year will be funded by her husband Mr. Joe Linders. Great interest had been shown in this initiative by other academic bodies and aid groups. The first candidate has been selected at interview and is expected to commence training in the Autumn 2004 programme of the Faculty. It is a particular pleasure to be able to announce this during my Deanship and to pay tribute to Dr. Breatnach's commitment without which the idea of a Third World scholarship would never have been realised in addition to this, Dr. Breatnach has worked steadily in his post as Honorary Secretary and has been a great support to me. Dr. Breatnach succeeds me as Dean taking up his post in November 2004 and I have no doubt that he will fulfil this well reserved role with honour.

Following negotiation, the Kuwait programme of the Faculty is to recommence in Autumn 2004. This programme will consist of Part I training to begin with. The Dean, Dean Elect, Dr. Éamann Breatnach and the Kuwait Training Coordinator, Dr. Denis O'Connell, travelled to Kuwait in May 2004 for a successful interview at which 15 Part I candidates were selected. The Faculty is particularly pleased that this programme has recommenced as interruption the previous year had been disappointing and because running this programme allows a wider participation of Fellows countrywide in Faculty academic activities.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Board for their hard work and support throughout the year. I would also like to thank our Faculty secretary Ms. Jennifer O'Brien and her able assistant Ms. Ann McInerney for her great commitment on our behalf.

Dr. David McInerney
Dean
Faculty of Radiologists

ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 2003/2004

(i) Radiation Oncology Committee

The major event was the publication by the Department of Health and Children of the report on the future developments of radiation oncology services in Ireland – ‘The Hollywood Report’. This report defined international standards of care and made recommendations for the provision of services, staffing levels and equipment required to provide ‘state of the art’ radiation therapy in the country in the context of multidisciplinary cancer care. It highlighted the present woefully inadequate situation and stressed the urgent need for rapid implementation. The Board of the Faculty enthusiastically endorsed the report and supports the educational and training requirements and opportunities that arise from it.

The Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), organised by Dr. Clare Faul, was well attended and the standard of presentations was extremely high. Multidisciplinary sessions on high grade glioma and paediatric radiation oncology were included. Invited speakers from abroad included Prof. Lisa De Angelis from New York and Dr. Frank Saran from London who contributed in a most positive way to the meeting.

In summary, 2004/2005 is a very exciting if challenging time for radiation oncology with major expansions in Cork, a new centre in Galway opening in 2005 and likely important decisions will be made as to the future radiation oncology facilities and expansion in Dublin.

Dr. Michael Moriarty
Chairman, Radiation Oncology Committee

(ii) Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

The member of the CME Committee include the following:

Dr. J. Buckley
Dr. D. McInerney
Dr. É. Breatnach
Dr. D. Malone
Dr. C. Mac A Bhaird
Prof. P. McCarthy

Dr. A. P. Brady
Dr. P. Fitzsimons
Dr. C. Collum
Dr. J. Stack
Dr. L. Johnston
Dr. M. Maher
Dr. G. Hurley

We are currently in year two of the first five year cycle of the Medical Council Competence Assurance Programme. This cycle ends in the summer of 2007. Audit of 5% of the radiologists enrolled by January 2003 is nearing completion. Since January 2004 approximately 164 radiologists have been enrolled in the programme and 5% of these will have their CME returns audited early in 2005. Details of CME can be obtained from the Faculty website (www.radiology.ie). Briefly 250 credits are required in a five year cycle for maintaining registration on the Specialist Register. At least 50 of these credits must be internal and 100 external in the five year cycle. Up to 50 credits may be obtained for personal CPD activity in a five year cycle and up to 100 credits may be obtained for 5 year accreditation cycle for personal examining and post graduate learning.

On the Faculty website there are a list of pre-approved meetings for which external CME credits will be automatically accepted. Organisers of academic meeting not on this list should apply to the CME Committee for credits in advance of the proposed meeting.

As chairman of the CME Committee I represent the Faculty on the Competence Assurance Committee of the Medical Council. This Committee are currently discussing the implications of Level 1 CPD Assessment. This Level 1 Assessment would include clinical audit and peer review as well as the present CME credits.

This Committee is also currently evaluating requirements for the re-entry into the Specialists Register of those Specialists who had informed the Medical Council that they had become inactive

Finally I would like to thank the CME Committee Members for their contributions and also the support received by the Faculty Board and Secretary.

Dr. John Buckley
Chairman, CME Committee

(iii) Education Committee

The Standing Orders of the Faculty of Radiologists state that the objective of the Faculty are: “(1) To advance the science, art and practice of Radiology and its allied sciences and (2) to promote education, study and research in Radiology.”

The work of the Education Committee is the core activity of the Faculty. The training programme currently has seventy funded specialist registrar posts and twenty approved supernumerary posts. Following public advertisement, in December each year, interviews are held for the course commencing the subsequent July. Once again in December 2003 applicants of the very highest calibre came forward and it is clear that radiology training remains the aspiration of many of the top students in each medical year.

The Education Committee constantly reviews the training programme and updates it regularly in the light of developments in the UK, Europe and North America. These policies are carried forward by the co-ordinator of training Dr. Ronan McDermott who has shown outstanding energy and commitment to this post. Faculty officers meet formally in committee with the EAR, the RCR and RSNA to update our programmes and to protect the status overseas of Irish radiology training.

The Faculty Part I and Part II Fellowship Examinations continue with slight modification. External examiners are invited from overseas. Most recently, Dr. Mike King of the Royal Marsden Hospital has been invited to sit as extern for the Part II FFR (Diagnostic) in succession to Dr. Alastair Chalmers. Our thanks are due to Dr. Alastair Chalmers for his many years commitment as examiner. Although there is no longer mutual recognition between Ireland and the UK of the Part I and Part II Fellowships, cooperation in education matters continues and the Dean attends the meetings of the RCR Education Board four times annually. The RCR Part I examination is also facilitated by the Faculty three times annually at RCSI.

The preparation and the conduct of examinations is an onerous task. Our thanks are due to the examiners for their work, in particular Dr. Frank McGrath, Chief Part I Examiner, and Dr. Robin Gibney, Chief Part II Examiner. Dr. Gibney has travelled to London under the Faculty auspices to examine the RCR Part II examinations.

Part I FFR RCSI (Diagnosis): Dr. Frank McGrath, Chief Part I Examiner
Dr. John Buckley
Dr. Michael Casey
Dr. N. O’Donovan
Dr. Jim Virjee
Dr. Richard Johnson

Part II FFR RCSI (Diagnosis): Dr. Robin Gibney, Chief Part II Examiner

Dr. Michael O'Neill
Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Dr. Frank Keeling
Dr. Alan Freeman
Dr. Alastair Chalmers

Part II FFR RCSI (Therapy): Dr Maurice Hurley, Chief Part II Examiner
Dr. Gareth Rees
Dr. Ian Fraser
Prof. James Finucane
Dr. Frank D'Arcy
Dr. Kieran Moore

The programme of attendance by registrars at the AFIP Course in Washington DC, which was first instituted by Dr. David Legge, continues successfully.

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The programme of formal annual assessment of the trainees continues and has been enhanced. Conforming to international trends in radiology training requires a more precise documentation of each stage in a registrars training, with an outline of comments by teachers and notes of specific training undertaken. Formal documentation of this assessment is compiled at Faculty level and in the future it is expected that it will be a necessary record for each trainee, to be supplied by the Faculty to the authorities on request both in Ireland and overseas, when asked to certify training.

The Post-Fellowship fifth year training programme continues to be very successful. The Bracco Visiting Professors this year were Dr. David Breen, November 2003 and Dr. William Thompson, May 2004. This biennial event is the most popular academic and teaching event in the opinion of the SpR's and our thanks are due to Bracco and to their able Irish representative, Ms. Suzanne Fennelly for their continuing support for our educational activities.

The winner of the Edward Malone Medal for the best oral presentation at the Spring Meeting was Dr. Noel Fanning, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin for the paper entitled "Accuracy of voxel volume and algebraic methods for quantifying cerebral aneurysm volume by 3D rotational digital subtraction angiography". Honorable mentions were also made to Dr. John Sheehan for his paper on "The clinical impact of FDG PET on the management of patients with colorectal liver metastases: a comparison with conventional imaging" and Dr Colin Cantwell for his paper on "Radiofrequency ablation of osteoid

osteoma with cooled radiofrequency probes and impedance control energy delivery”. The winner of the Radiological Society of Ireland Medal for the best poster presentation was Dr. Leo Lawler, for the poster entitled “Combined PET/CT in colorectal carcinoma- The value of CT.”. Honorable mentions were also made to Dr. A.A. Al-Hajeri for his poster entitled “Adventures in non-medical radiography”, Dr. Anthony Ryan for his two posters entitled “Web Site design for the Radiologist: A primer” and “Interventional Radiology in the Management of Pain: A Review of the Expanding Range of Available Procedures.”

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Dr. David McInerney
Chairman, Education Committee

(iv) **Research Committee**

The Research Committee continues to promote all aspects of research within the Faculty. We were pleased to award two research grants in the autumn of 2003.

These were awarded to Dr Amjad Iqbal for his project entitled “*Measurement of leg length discrepancy using fluoroscopic spot image frame holds and CT scanogram: comparison of radiation dose*”, and Dr Colin Cantwell, for his project “*Percutaneous radiofrequency ablation of a single cortex of a long bone diaphysis: biomechanical and MRI changes post treatment correlated with histology in a pig model*”.

The Amersham Research and Education fund’s inception occurred in February 2004. Consequently, the 2004 grant research applications round led to the award of three grants:

1. Dr Aoife Keeling: *“To Determine If C - Reactive Protein Levels Are A Useful Marker For Follow – Up Of Patients Post Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty”*.

2. Dr Ciaran Johnston: *“Whole Body MRI versus PET scanning in the Staging of Lung Cancer”*

3. Dr David McKenna: *“Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy in the management of prostate cancer”*

The commitment involved in scrutinising applications and interviewing applicants is not insignificant, but both were undertaken with great enthusiasm and good humour by the committee members, and I would like to thank them sincerely for their dedication to this and all other tasks.

Dr. Barry Kelly
Chairman, Research Committee.

vi) Overseas Committee

While the last year has been disappointing in some respects, particularly in view of the fact that no Part I programme has run in Kuwait, indications are hopeful for the revival of the full programme this year. A Part II revision programme was held in Kuwait in the Autumn and examinations for Part II were held with an excellent success rate for candidates. A second Part II examination was held in Spring this year in Kuwait and there was also a satisfactory pass rate amongst the candidates

During my visit to Kuwait last Autumn I had the opportunity to meet the Secretary of the Department of Health and to discuss with him proposals for restarting the programme this year and for the future of the training programme over the next several years. He was most encouraging in his comments and promised his full support for the continuation of the programme in Kuwait.

One of the topics discussed with the Secretary of the Department of Health was the development of the Kuwait Board of Radiology. I indicated that the Faculty would strongly support the development of a Board. Significant difficulties still exist in Kuwait with a very considerable manpower problem. I told the Secretary that it would be necessary to have a very substantial consultant complement in post in Kuwait to successfully have a full training programme run by local teachers. I told him that it has always been the Faculty’s intention that in the long term local teachers would take a more active part in the programme when their numbers permitted this. At the moment they are so overwhelmed with work of a service nature that it is not possible for them to give the considerable amounts of time for teaching that would be necessary.

After some delays at the beginning of this year the contract for restarting the programme in September has eventually been completed and signed. Incorporated into the contract is the intention, in the long term, of the development of a Board of Radiology in Kuwait and the Faculty support for this.

Unfortunately because of delays in completing the contract negotiations the advertisement for candidates for the programme starting in September was delayed. The Faculty have repeatedly stressed the importance of early and vigorous advertising in the Gulf area to attract candidates for the programme. It is intended that a delegation from the Faculty will visit Kuwait in May to interview candidates for intake into the new programme.

All in all the Faculty can look with pride upon its achievements in Kuwait as evidenced by the many active and vigorous consultants who have passed through the programme and are now in post in Kuwait. After the transient cessation of the programme necessitated by forces entirely outside our control we can now look forward to the reinstatement of the programme and we hope continued success in the future.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work during the year and their faith in and support for the programme which is so important to the Faculty.

Dr. James Masterson
Chairman, Overseas Committee

vii) Radiation Protection Committee

The radiation protection committee was busy this year with matters arising out of the publication of the European Communities (Medical Ionising Radiation Protection) Regulations 2002 Statutory Instruments 478 (known as SI 478 for short) which became law in October 2002.

These regulations transpose into Irish Law the EEC Directive 97/43/EURATOM relating to the health protection of individuals against the dangers of ionising radiation in relation to medical exposures.

The Faculty is represented on the Dept of Health and Children (DoHC), Medical Exposures Directive Advisory Group and has proposed some amendments to the regulations which have been accepted by the DoHC but have not yet incorporated into the SI. The DoHC has clarified some other issues relating to the regulations including the need for radiologists to be “clinically responsible” as defined in the regulations, for the operation of DEXA scanners. The Department of Health and Children has invited the Faculty to co-author with it and the Medical Council, a series of guidelines in the interpretation of the regulations. These guidelines have been drafted and, pending some further discussion within the Faculty, will be submitted to the DOHC.

There has been no progress by the DoHC subcommittee set up to prepare draft training and registration requirements for setting up registers of people who may act as prescribers

and practitioners under paragraph (c) of the Definition of Practitioner and Prescriber as provided for in the 2002 Regulations. Such a change is completely opposed by the Faculty. Another letter was sent to the Minister of Health explaining again our concerns about the safety and cost issues should such a register be set up. The Faculty was disappointed by the minister's response which seems to imply an intention to go ahead with this proposal.

The radiation safety committee has this year produced and submitted to the Medical Council several protocols and documents required by the regulations including:

- (a) Cooperating with the Faculty of **Occupational Health** in defining protocols for medical exposures for occupational health surveillance.
- (b) The establishment of **standard diagnostic reference levels** for radio diagnostic examinations.
- (c) **Protocols** were written or adopted **for every type of standard radiological practice**.
- (d) A document was drafted to establish **dose constraint for exposure of helpers**.
- (e) Confirmation of protocols and practice for **fluoroscopy procedures**.
- (g) Establishment of protocols for exposures in **pregnant and breast-feeding patients**.
- (h) The Medical Council's **policy document** re radiation was reviewed and rewritten in light of new regulations.

The regulations require that **criteria for clinical audit** be adopted by the Medical Council by Oct 04. Draft criteria have been drawn up by the Dean and will be reviewed by the committee and submitted to the Medical Council. It is hoped that clinical audit can be made relevant and useful in the maintenance of high standards in radiological practice. Because the audit process pertains to all radiological installations and includes dental as well as medical practices, there will be major costs involved both for those doing the audit as well as those being audited. The issue of how these costs will be met has not been resolved.

Once the Medical Council accepts the above documents and protocols it is hoped that these will be posted on the Faculty Website.

Dr. Stephanie Ryan
Chairman, Radiation Committee

(viii) Scientific Committee

The scientific committee met on a number of occasions during the academic year. Three Faculty meetings were organised.

1. The Annual Scientific Meeting: This took place from Thursday, October 2nd to Saturday, October 4th, 2003. Once again, the Fork Supper was held in the Fitzwilliam

Tennis Club and the Black Tie dinner in RCSI. The theme of the meeting was MRI. On Friday, 12 speakers from all parts of Ireland and from the USA delivered three excellent lecture sessions on basic and state-of-the-art MRI. These were followed by the Haughton Lecture from Dr. M. Dean (Shrewsbury) entitled 'Renal Artery Stenosis – Diagnosis and Significance.' On Saturday, an outstanding lecture session on Neuro MRI, delivered by the radiologists of the Dublin and Belfast Neurosciences Units was followed by a guest lecture from Dr. S. Eustace on the subject of 'Whole Body MRI.' Finally, Dr. Dean delivered a first-rate Honorary Fellow's lecture entitled 'Is screening really justified?' Over 30 scientific presentations were presented in 4 sessions by radiologists from Ireland, the United Kingdom and North America. There were 52 posters. These were held in close proximity to the Technical Exhibition, which was well-supported and very successful. For the first time, the submission and presentation of the scientific programme was entirely digital – no slides were used.

2. The Professional Practice and Continuing Education (PPCE) / Imaging Meetings: These took place on Friday and Saturday, February 13th and 14th, 2004.

The PPCE meeting was entitled 'Make your CPD Count' and was delivered in an interactive format by Dr. Peter Cantillon (Senior Lecturer in Medical Informatics and Medical Education, NUI Galway). The aim of the meeting was to stimulate thought and discussion about issues arising from current CPD requirements. Points are needed for Internal and External CPD, personal learning and postgraduate teaching. In practice, for the learner, CPD often means sitting at the back of a lecture theatre, not taking it all in but putting in the time to collect the points. For the teacher, it often means using the methods by which we were taught. Dr. Cantillon considered how to best identify learning needs; different types of educational options and how to maximize the effectiveness of case-based teaching. This was followed by a wine and cheese reception. The sponsorship of Schering AG is gratefully acknowledged.

The Imaging meeting featured 7 scientific presentations from Ireland and a lecture session entitled 'Direct Digital vs. Computed Radiography: Multidisciplinary Perspectives.' The programme, which had been designed with considerable input from Medical Physicists, was extremely well-received. Drs. M. Towers and F. Flanagan gave the radiologist's perspective on Digital Radiography in general radiology and breast imaging respectively.

3. The Combined Spring Meeting: This meeting was held on the 2nd and 3rd of April, 2004 in Glenlo Abbey, Co. Galway. Once again, Abbey Conference Services assisted the Faculty secretariat with many aspects of conference organisation. This team proved very efficient and all aspects of the scientific programme were run to the highest standards. The first lecture session was the 'Schering Lecture Session' on 'Prostatic Carcinoma in Ireland: Management, Imaging and Future Directions.' Guest lectures from Dr. A. Gavin (Epidemiology, Queen's University, Belfast) and Mr. D. Quinlan (Consultant Urologist, SVUH, Dublin) were followed by lectures on biopsy, staging and radiotherapy of prostatic carcinoma from Drs. Brady (MUH, Cork), Collins (SVUH, Dublin), Maher (MMH, Dublin) and McNicholas (MMH, Dublin). A lively discussion, centred around case scenarios created by Prof. P. McCarthy, ended the session. On Saturday, registrants enjoyed a series of admirable presentations on Neuroradiology in Trauma (Dr. Kirby, RVH Belfast), Teleradiology

in the NEHB (Dr. Towers, Navan), Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (Prof. McCarthy, Galway), Evaluation of disease in pregnancy with MRI (Dr. Smith, SJH Dublin) and CT findings of hypovolaemic shock (Dr. Ryan, UCH Cork). In addition, 28 scientific presentations and 28 posters were received from Ireland, the United Kingdom, North America and India. Dr. Clare Roche (RCSI Scientific Committee) and Dr. Michelle McNicholas (President, Radiology Section, Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland) organised the judging of the oral presentations and posters. The winner of the Edward Malone medal for the best non-consultant oral presentation was Dr. Fanning of Beaumont Hospital for the paper entitled "*Accuracy of voxel volume and algebraic methods for quantifying cerebral aneurysm volume by 3D-rotational digital subtraction angiography.*"

- The winner of the Radiological Society of Ireland medal for the best poster presentation was Dr. Leo Lawler, for the poster entitled "Combined PET/CT in colorectal carcinoma-The value of CT.

Several papers and posters received honourable mention.

Computerisation This year, it proved possible for all abstract and oral presentation submissions to be made electronically. Slide projection has now been completely phased out. The use of e-mail is being maximised and 'avoidable' secretarial work is being eliminated. The Faculty gratefully acknowledges the support of RCSI media services in these endeavours.

The Faculty Abroad

European Congress of Radiology 2004 At the invitation of Prof. H. Carty (ECR 2004 Congress President), the Faculty participated in the 'ECR Meets' event. Drs. C. Collins and S. Eustace represented the Faculty (and Irish radiology) in a lecture session and acquitted themselves extremely well.

International Congress of Radiology 2004 The Faculty was invited to contribute to this meeting by the hosts, the Canadian Association of Radiologists. Drs. G. Hurley, D. Malone, R. Gibney, M. Staunton and J. Dodd participated in response to this invitation.

Annual Scientific Meeting 2004 We are delighted to welcome Prof. S. Somers (McMaster University, Ontario), as guest speaker at the 2004 Annual Scientific Meeting. The refresher course will again be modality based – the theme will be Multi-slice CT.

Acknowledgements The support of our colleagues in industry is greatly appreciated. Without this support, it would be impossible to bring so many excellent speakers to our meetings and run such a dynamic programme. The input of the Medical Physicists greatly assisted the planning of the Imaging Meeting. Dr. Peter Cantillon's planning and delivery of the PPCE meeting was exceptional. As always, Jennifer O'Brien and her colleagues in the Faculty office were tremendous all year round. Finally, my thanks to all the members of the Scientific Committee for their time, input and support during this past year.

Members of the Scientific Committee

Chairman Dr. D. Malone (SVUH)

Ex-Officio Dr. D. McInerney, Dr. E. Breatnach

Dr. C. Collins (SVUH/ SLH)

Dr. S. Eustace (MMH)

Dr. P. Kennedy (RVB)

Dr. M. Keogan (SJH)

Dr. P. MacEaney (MUH)

Dr. N. McEniff (SJH)

Dr. R. O'Laoide (SVUH)

Dr. C. Roche (UCHG)

Radiation Oncology: Dr. C. Faul (St. Luke's Hospital)

Dr. Dermot Malone

Chairman, Scientific Committee

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Annual Conferring 3rd October 2003

From left to right:

Prof. Niall O'Higgins (President, RCSI), Dr. Mike Dean (Honorary Fellow), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean Elect) and Dr. David McInerney (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists)

European Affairs Report 2003/2004

There has been much activity surrounding the future relationships between the European Association of Radiology (EAR) and the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) and the future governance structures for European Radiology. Deficiencies in the legal status of EAR have required that the Association renew its legal structures and it was chosen to do this under Austrian law in order to foster a closer working relationship with ECR. EAR has a federal type structure embracing the National and Subspeciality societies. The Subspeciality Societies have formally responded to the invitation from the Executive Bureau of EAR to become full members of EAR along with the National Society members. New Statutes have been drawn up for the European Association of Radiology and discussed at an Extraordinary General Assembly held in Vienna in November 2003. There have also been discussions on the future governance of European Radiology at the EGA arising from disquiet among some of the larger National Societies about their relative voting strengths and other concerns regarding the structure and functions of EAR and the relationship with ECR. Votes taken at the EGA were subsequently regarded as only indicative as some of the National Societies were not on good standing and some of the Subspeciality societies had not formally become full members of EAR.

These matters were attended to and Prof. R. Passariello, Hon. Treasurer ensured that almost all Societies are in good standing and had voting rights at the General Assembly held during the European Congress of Radiology in Vienna in March 2004. Provision was also made in the new Statutes for Sustaining Membership in order to enhance the income of EAR. The EAR Statutes are registered in Austria in January 2004 by Dr. Jochl, Lawyer, Prof. Iain McCall, as the then 2nd Vice President of EAR and myself as the then President.

Voting arrangements were agreed at the General Assembly whereby small National or Subspeciality Societies have 1 vote, medium Societies 2 votes and the largest Society having 3 votes at the General Assembly with a different weighting for National and Subspeciality Societies. While this is necessarily a compromise, it prevents the General Assembly from becoming too unwieldy but goes some way to meeting the criticisms of the larger societies while recognising the input and contribution from the medium and smaller societies. These voting amendments were registered with the Austrian authorities and an extension of the required 12 months voting period within which the EAR Executive Bureau elections must take place was also agreed.

This will allow elections to take place during the General Assembly of EAR to be held during ECR 2005. The Statutes are now the legal instrument governing EAR and replace the previous Charter.

The other item of concern was the future of EAR, its relationship with ECR, UEMS Radiology Section and possible formation of a "one house" European Society of Radiology" which would incorporate the functions of EAR and ECR while retaining the traditional linkage between EAR and UEMS Radiology Section.

The need for reform had been apparent to the EAR Executive Bureau for some time but had been given added impetus by a number of the larger national Societies expressing

their concerns with the existing structures and indicating their intention to set up a separate society if changes were not forthcoming. This group drawn from the national societies of Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Austria agreed to meet the EAR Executive Bureau in Dublin in June 2003. Arising from these discussions there was agreement to work together and further meetings took place in Vienna during the EGA in November 2003 and subsequently with the ECR delegates in London and Munich to explore the possibility of a “One house solution”. The ECR Executive Board wished to protect the status of the Congress and the European Journal of Radiology and had concerns about the financial arrangements between EAR and ECR. The situation was clarified by EAR relinquishing all proprietary rights to the Congress and Journal while continuing to promote and support both, as set out in the new Statutes. Furthermore clear financial arrangements were put in place between both bodies. These cleared the way for a contract whereby the ECR office provides professional support services to the EAR Executive Bureau. This arrangement was put in place on a one year trial basis from March 2004 in the first instance.

One of the structural difficulties is the accommodation in a single society of the individual membership ECR structure with the Federal type structures of the National and Sub Specialty Societies with their different representations. ECR have approximately 3,500 individual members. While they have a large income from the Congress, considerable reserves are required to fund forthcoming Congresses to allow for the unlikely eventuality of a Congress failure. The National Societies pay €6.00 per head per annum for each of their members, in total approximately 22,000 while the sub specialty societies pay the same amount for approximately 2,900 members.

Several formulae were drawn up and discussed at the Vienna EGA and subsequently by a meeting of 10 delegates from EAR and 10 from ECR at a meeting in Munich. This meeting allowed for a better understanding of the problems in forming a functional and balanced new “One House Society”. No final solution emerged but it was agreed that more progress could be made by a smaller group of 4 delegates from EAR and 4 from ECR. A joint position paper was signed by Prof. Nick Gourtsoyiannis, as Chairman of ECR and myself as President, of EAR in order to underwrite the commitment from both EAR and ECR to the unity of European Radiology and to pursue a flexible “one house” arrangement as supported by the majority of delegates at the Vienna EGA.

The final structure will have to protect the Congress and Journal, accommodate the EAR professional, political and academic functions and foster the development of European Radiological research. This may be achieved by full integration of EAR and ECR or a looser partnership where EAR and ECR continue in place with an overarching body to integrate activities. Clearly, the good working relationship between UEMS Radiology Section and the new structures should be maintained. It is imperative however that the governing situation is stabilised as quickly as possible as the changing climate for radiology and indeed medicine in general requires an active and professional approach.

RESEARCH

The EAR ad hoc research committee was put on a more permanent footing under the guidance of Prof. Gabriel Krestin as Chairman and Prof. H.U. Kauczor as Secretary/Coordinator.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Several EC directives which impact on radiology were dealt with during the year, notably:

1. The introduction of Clinical Audit arising from the Euratom Med Directive. Proceedings of the meeting held in Tampere, Finland to harmonise the widely different approaches to this topic which have to be introduced by 2005.
2. Draft Directive on the Protection of Workers from Electro Magnetic Fields and Waves (EMF) which may affect the future development of High Field MRI.
3. Directive 2001/20/EC Regulations on the implementation of good clinical practice on the conduct of clinical trials and medicinal products for human use and
4. European Working Time Directive which may affect training, continuity of care etc.

COMMUNICATIONS

The EAR website www.ear-online.org was revived with the help of a web supervisor, Mr. Richard Rettenbacher and Webmaster, Prof. Davide Caramella.

FINANCES

Payment mechanisms were put in place for the National and Sub Specialty Societies by Prof. Roberto Passariello to ensure prompt and full payment of the annual per capita levy.

Sustaining membership was discussed with the industry representatives during ECR 2004 and provision is made within the New Statutes for sustaining membership.

ELECTIONS

It should be noted that Elections have to be held for nearly all of the EAR Executive Bureau positions during the March Congress of ECR 2005. Clearly it is desirable that at least some of the present members of the EAR Executive Committee be re elected for continuity, particularly when EAR loosing the services of our excellent Secretary, Chairman, Prof. Peter Vock who retires in March 2005 as he finishes his 2nd term of office. It does however offer the opportunity for recruiting fresh talent to the EAR Executive Bureau .

I would like to record my appreciation of the contribution of the Present Dean, Dr. David McInerney to the Education Committee of EAR and to Dr. James Masterson and Dr. Lynn Johnson who are the Irish representatives to the UEMS Radiology Section. Dr. Johnson is the current Treasurer of the UEMS Radiology Section whose President, Dr.

Bruno Silbermann has recently organised an interesting meeting in Rome on the important topic of Teleradiology.

Finally, this has been an interesting year for Irish radiologists and it was my pleasure to share some of the activities at ECR 2004 in Vienna with Prof. Helen Carty, from Liverpool, a UCD Graduate and one of our Honorary Fellows. The Congress was as usual a great success and this year had a distinctly Irish flavour as the Faculty joined with the Royal College of Radiologists in playing hosts during the Congress.

Highlights of excellent social events was a Reception in the British and Irish Embassies and a social evening at the Vienna Town Hall arranged by Prof Helen Carty.

As former President of EAR and UEMS Radiology Section I would like to encourage the crop of excellent young Irish radiologists to play a full and active role in European Radiology.

Dr. G. D. Hurley
President EAR

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2003/2004

Changes to Faculty Board.

This year Dr. Michael Moriarty and Dr. Paul Brennan stand down from the Board on completion of their five year term.

Dr. Moriarty was elected Vice Dean 2001-2002 and has made a major contribution on behalf of his colleagues in radiation oncology as Chairman of the Radiation Oncology Committee. He has recently been joined by Prof. Donal Hollywood, and the new Radiation Oncology Board nominee is Dr. Caitriona O'Sullivan. Dr. Brennan has served as Honorary Secretary (2000) and has brought much experience and stimulation to Board discussion. His teaching contributions in Neuroradiology at scientific refresher courses have been particularly well received and will hopefully continue.

Newly elected to the Board in October 2003 are Dr.'s John Buckley, Ristead Ó Laoide, Niall Mc Eniff and Sean Darby.

In anticipation of the long awaited "revised" Medical Practitioner Legislation continuing medical education and competence assurance structures are an ongoing concern of the Faculty. Stewardship of the CME Committee has now passed to Dr. John Buckley. The Faculty wishes to commend the outgoing chairman Dr. Adrian Brady on the excellent work in this area and his commitment over the years of his chairmanship. Dr. Brady now ably chairs the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Since the last AGM, October 2003, there have been four Board Meetings, dated

Friday 12th December 2003
Friday 23rd January 2004
Friday 21st May 2004
Friday 10th September 2004

During the year the following Scientific Meetings were held Attendance Number

4th & 5th October 2003

Annual Scientific Meeting and Dinner (Venue: RCSI, Dublin) 98

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th February, 2004

"Professional Practice and Continuing Education" (13th Feb) 60
& Imaging Meeting (14th Feb) 54

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd April 2004

Combined Spring Meeting (Glenlo Abbey, Galway) 85

Schering Lecture Session. - Mr. David Quilan,
Dr. Anna Gavin,
Dr. Adrian Brady,
Dr. Conor Collins,
Dr. Michael Mare
Dr. Michelle McNicolas

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd October 2004

Annual Scientific Meeting & Dinner (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)
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Schering Lecture. Prof. David Lynch

Appointment Faculty Training Coordinator

Dr. Ronan McDermott was appointed, as the new Training Programme Coordinator in June 2003. Dr. McDermott has continued the excellent work of Dr. Fenlon, and his efficiency, enthusiasm and drive in this post are recognised by both trainers and trainees alike. He has introduced many helpful innovations to the training scheme, and has overseen the introduction of three month attachments for second year trainees to Waterford Regional Hospital. His kindness and understanding of trainee difficulties sets him apart as especially suitable for this most important post.

Faculty Interviews:

First year SpR interviews took place on 2nd March 2004. One hundred and twenty applications were received and fourteen trainee posts were filled.

On the 13th January 2004, thirteen Higher Training (fifth year) posts were appointed from within the Training Scheme.

International Government sponsored SpR post interviews took place on 2nd March 2004, and two appointments were made. There were ninety six applicants.

Interviews for the overseas Kuwait programme took place on 25th May 2004 in the KIMS office Kuwait. The interview board consisted of Dr. Tariq Sinan (Chairman of the Faculty of Radiologists Kuwait), Dr. Denis O'Connell (Programme Coordinator), Dr. David McInerney (Dean, in the Chair), and Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Honorary Secretary). Eleven candidates were selected for this programme.

Faculty is pleased to note the extremely high calibre of applicants for all of these posts, confirming how sought after the Faculty training programme continues to be.

Annual Trainee Assessments

Space

These took place on the 6th February and 30th March 2004. These formal evaluations serve an important function in the ongoing audit of the training scheme, and in assisting continuous evaluation of SpR progress.

Bracco Visiting Professor Programme

10th –14th November 2003

Space

Visiting Professor – Dr. David Breen, Southampton.

17th to 21st May 2004

Space

Visiting Professor – Dr. William M. Thompson, Duke University Medical Centre

We acknowledge the hard work and commitment of visiting professors. Visits include attendance at teaching hospitals with a teaching schedule of approx 6 hours tutorials per day. In addition, each visiting professor delivers a lecture open to all Faculty members on the penultimate day of his/her visit. All Fellows and members are invited to attend and attendance attracts one hour external C.M.E. credit.

This programme is generously sponsored by Bracco.

AFIP

The programme of liaison with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology course held annually in Washington continues, and sixteen SpR's attended the course this year.

Examination Results

The following candidates were successful in the 2003/2004 Examinations:

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - May 2004

Dr. Abdunnasser Al Hajeri

Dr. Cormac Farrelly

Dr. Anne Foster

Dr. Tadhg Glesson

Dr. Pradeep Govender

Dr. Jennifer Kerr

Dr. Sean McSweeney

Dr. Michael Moore

Dr. Sorcha O'Brien

Dr. Paula O'Donoghue

Dr. Alan O'Hare

Dr. Thara Persaud

Dr. David Rea

Dr. Suzanne Shine

Dr. Munther Sowlaieh

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRCIS), Dublin - November 2003

Dr. Nazia Amer

Dr. Angela Byrne

Dr. Sean Curran
Dr. Jonathan Dood
Dr. Deirdre Duke
Dr. Mark Given
Dr. Gormlaith Hargaden
Dr. Amjad Iqbal
Dr. Ciaran Johnston
Dr. Eoin Kavanagh
Dr. Eoghan Laffan
Dr. Patrick O'Keeffe
Dr. Ailbhe Tarrant
Dr. David Tuite

First Place Final Fellowship FFR Medal awarded to Dr. Eoin Kavanagh.

The medal is awarded to a candidate who has achieved an exceptionally high standard in the Final Fellowship examinations. This medal was last presented in 2001 to Dr. Martin Ryan.

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Dublin - April 2004

Dr. Anas Ahmed
Dr. Norman Maxwell
Dr. Helena O'Dwyer

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Kuwait - November 2003

Dr. Naima Al Bulushi
Dr. Fayezah Abdullah Al Hajri
Dr. Bahiyah Al Nafisi
Dr. Lamya Sulaiman Al Rabiah
Dr. Nour Al Huda Karmani
Dr. Abdullah Ali Ghooloom Ramadhan

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRRC SI), Dublin - November 2003

Dr. Dhinakaran Kathirvelu
Dr. Brian O'Neill

Kuwait Examinations.

It was gratifying to participate in the Part II FRCR Examinations in Kuwait in October 2003 where a highly satisfactory pass rate of nine candidates was achieved. The Board wishes to acknowledge the efficiency and attention to detail of Dr. Jim Griffin as Chief Part II examiner and for his smooth running of this complex endeavour. The Board would also wish to acknowledge the experience and support of the outgoing external examiner Dr. Alastair Chalmers who has agreed to continue his association with the Faculty by joining the Overseas Teaching Programme. The Faculty also wishes to thank the local Kuwaiti representatives, Dr. Tariq Sinan and Dr. Sheikh.

Faculty Offices.

These were formally opened at a reception for Board and former Dean's on 21st May 2004. Present and future Boards will remain indebted to Dr. David McInerney, Dean and Dr. Lynn Johnston, past Dean for overseeing this very important move. These offices represent a prestigious address as befits the Faculty, and is a vast improvement on our previous premises.

International Liaisons

The Faculty continues to communicate at a high level with outside agencies. Various meetings have taken place throughout the year. At RSNA, meetings took place between Faculty officers and senior RSNA officers including past president to discuss matters of mutual interest. Meetings also took place at ECR between Faculty officers of EAR, UEMS and officers including Past President of the ARRS and current editor of AJR Dr. Bob Stanley. Such meetings are important to promote Faculty activities and to optimise international opportunities for Faculty graduates. In this regard Faculty Board has recommended that a manned Faculty booth shall be present at future ECR meetings.

On the domestic front Faculty officers continue to meet the President, CEO and Director of Surgical Affairs, RCSI, through the now well established Liaison Committee. In addition it has been agreed a Faculty Representative will now sit ex officio on College Committee.

Both these developments are very welcome, and confirm Faculty position within College at the highest levels.

Honorary Fellows.

In October 2003, Dr. Mike Dean, former president of the RCR was awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty. Dr. Dean gave an eloquent and thought provoking presentation, addressing the complexities of Medical Screening in his Haughton lecture. This lecture will be remembered by those present, for its balance, wisdom and wit.

Professional Practice

Since 2003/2004 the Faculty has been approached regarding a number of concerns members have had relating to professional practice matters. These have included clinical audit, adequacy of facilities, interventional radiology nursing cover, specialist accreditation, radiology manpower, European Working Time Directive and impact on training, telemedicine etc. Where such matters relate to non remunerative issues the Faculty has responded and where appropriate has taken action. It is envisaged that these aspects of Faculty business will continue to expand.

O'Halpin / Linders Faculty of Radiologists Scholarship.

This third world scholarship has been instituted by Faculty as a commemoration to the memory of Dr. Dara O'Halpin. Dr. O'Halpin served as Board member on two occasions from 1993-1998 and between 1999 and her untimely death on 11th July 2002.

I wish to thank the Dean, and Board for entrusting me with the development of this new and important project. The scholarship is a unique postgraduate educational opportunity where the successful candidate will follow a fully sponsored radiology training with Faculty to Fellowship level. The chosen candidate will be one whose medical training is commensurate with an ability to complete the training scheme, and who could not otherwise have had a training opportunity. The successful candidate will agree to a binding legal commitment for four years on returning to country of origin and serve there in an outreach and educational capacity.

I wish to thank Mr. Joseph Linders for his very generous sponsorship, and to thank Sr. Srgn. Marian Dolan, Nairobi Kenya, and Mr. Michael Scanlon, Nairobi for their participation.

Interviews for the scholarship took place on 3rd March 2004. The interview panel consisted Prof. Mcligeo, Dean's Office University of Nairobi, Sr. Srgn. Marian Dolan, Prof. M. Wambugu, Prof. of Radiology, Kenyatta University Hospital and University of Nairobi and Mr. Michael Scanlon, Chief Executive Officer, Mater Hospital Nairobi and Dr. É. Breatnach, Chairman. Dr. Irene Mwangi was unanimously recommended for the scholarship. On this occasion the scholarship candidate will be based at the Mater Hospital and accommodation and a generous living allowance are organised. On completion of training, Dr. Mwangi will return to Kenya to a post consisting of 50% Chief Radiology, Mater Hospital (Kenya) and 50% outreach work and teaching commitment in Kenya. It is hoped that other hospitals will support future candidates of this scholarship programme.

I would also like to pay tribute to my predecessor as Hon sec. Prof Peter McCarthy. During his tenure as Honorary Secretary and Board Member Prof McCarthy has displayed huge commitment to Faculty .His willingness to attend Faculty business has indeed caused the Galway-Dublin return journey to seem like a short commute.

Reflecting the major increase in Faculty business, the Board has appointed Miss Ann McInerney as part time secretary. Ann joins our full time secretary Ms Jennifer O'Brien, whose efficiency and charm remain such an enormous asset in to all Faculty activities.

Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Honorary Secretary
Faculty of Radiologists

Finance and General Purposes Committee Annual Report 2003/2004

Financial Report

The annual accounts for the year ending 30/9/2003 showed an increase in income of 8.75% over the previous year, with a decrease in expenditure of 11.5%. Much of the decrease in expenditure in 2003 represented the cessation of the dramatic loss in investment value in the year to 30/9/2002.

Kuwait Programme

The endeavours of previous Treasurers and the Committee over the past few years have placed the Faculty in the position of no longer being dependent of the continuation of the Kuwait Programme to ensure financial viability. Notwithstanding this, the Faculty's involvement in Kuwait remains of great importance both educationally and financially. Thanks to the hard work of the Overseas Committee, its Chairman and the Overseas Coordinator and teachers, a new agreement has been reached with the Kuwaiti authorities to restart the programme in Autumn 2004, beginning with a Part 1 intake. An outstanding amount of stg£65000 was received from the last Kuwait programme in January 2004.

Sponsorship

In 2003, 10.9% of Faculty income derived directly from sponsorship from pharmaceutical, equipment and device manufacturers and distributors, and we are extremely grateful for this continued support. Additional specific activities which are supported by particular sponsors include:

1. Schering lecture session on Prostate Cancer at the Spring Meeting. The guest speakers were Mr. David Quinlan and Dr. Anna Gavin
2. Bracco Visiting Professor. This year's visitors were Dr. David Breen, from Southampton and Dr. Bill Thompson from Duke University.
3. Amersham research grant of €20000, supporting the research grants awarded by the Research Committee.

Scientific Meetings

Dr Dermot Malone, Chairman of the Scientific Committee, and Dr. Michael Moriarty, Organiser of the Radiation Oncology ASM for 2004, have worked closely with the Committee in planning the Faculty's scientific meetings from the financial standpoint. Abbey Tours once again provided invaluable assistance in organising the Spring Meeting in Glenlo Abbey; Abbey's involvement has proved to be a very cost-effective innovation, and has streamlined the organisation of the Spring Meeting significantly.

The Spring Meeting in Glenlo Abbey once again generated a modest profit for the Faculty, taking into account commercial sponsorship. The Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2003 also resulted in a modest profit, although income from this meeting decreased and expenses increased relative to 2002. Members and Fellows are urged to give their support to the ASM, which is the premier scientific meeting of the Faculty every year.

College Liaison Committee

This Committee met again on December 9th, 2003, and a further meeting originally planned for April 2004 is awaited. Agreement was reached at the December 2003

meeting on the rental payable for use of the Faculty's offices in RCSI House, to be capped at 5% of the Faculty's income; this agreement will stand for a 3-year period, and is predicated on there also being substantial progress on reducing the costs of holding Faculty meetings in the RCSI. This 5% cap represents a substantial reduction on the amount originally sought by the RCSI for office rental.

Meeting costs

The room rental and audiovisual services charges for holding the Faculty ASM, PPCE and Imaging meetings in the RCSI have been very substantial in recent years. The Treasurer is currently engaged in negotiations with College Officers on this matter, and it is hoped that future meetings can be held in the RCSI at a more reasonable cost – significant savings on the cost of the 2004 ASM relative to the cost in 2003 are hoped for.

Interventional Radiology & Breast Radiology Sub-groups

The IR and Breast Radiology subgroups were formed in 2003, and have each met on a number of occasions since formation, with widespread and enthusiastic participation of interested radiologists from many parts of the country. Both groups are engaged in collation of data about practices in Ireland as they relate to delivery of Interventional and Breast Radiology services, and once current practices have been clearly established, it is hoped to proceed to issues of improving and supporting practice in these areas. The Faculty has adopted a formal position in support of the provision of trained nursing personnel for interventional radiology procedures on-call, and has written to all Hospital CEO's in Ireland notifying them of this.

Investments and Assets

The Faculty's day-to-day income and expenditure are routed through accounts managed on the Faculty's behalf by the Finance Office of the RCSI, subject to the control of the Faculty's officers. Separate to this, the Faculty has the following assets:

1. AIB Deposit account, valued at €207965 on 30/12/03
2. Anglo-Irish Preference Shares: €100000 invested May 1999, yielding 7.75% per annum. Dividends paid to 29/4/04 are €36963.81.
3. €126973 invested in KBC Asset Management Managed Fund in April 1999. This fund, in common with most investments, performed poorly in 2001-2002, but then began to recover. However, it continued to underperform relative to the market, reaching a total value of €114986 on 31/3/04. Following financial advice, the Board approved moving this investment to a fund managed by Morgan Stanley Quilter in May 2004.

PGMDB

The Post-Graduate Medical and Dental Board is a major source of funds supporting the Faculty's educational activities. A small increase in total funds from this source has been secured for 2004 over 2003. Our total allocation for 2004 is €74000.

Journal subscriptions

A substantial amount of Faculty funds will be saved in future years by cancelling subscriptions held by the Faculty to some Radiology journals. These journals have been held in the Mercer's Library, and have been little used in that location. They are already available elsewhere in many of the radiology departments involved in the training programme.

Parking

The RCSI will provide reduced rate parking cards for the RCSI car-park, at a minimum cost of €120, which gives €200 worth of parking (40% reduction). The necessary pre-paid cards can be obtained through Ms. Jennifer O'Brien, the Faculty secretary.

Faculty Office staff

The workload of the Faculty over the past few years has necessitated an increase in staff numbers on a part-time basis, and we are delighted to have secured the temporary part-time services of Ms. Ann McInerney, who is ably assisting Ms. Jennifer O'Brien.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Finbarr O'Connor, of the Finance Dept. of the RCSI, for his management of the day-to-day accounts of the Faculty, and to Jennifer O'Brien and Ann McInerney, whose continued efforts ensure the smooth, efficient continuation of Faculty business.

Dr. Adrian Brady
Honorary Treasurer
Chairman, Finance & General Purposes Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004-2005



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Friday 11th & Saturday 12th February 2005

“Professional Practice and Continuing Education”. (11th Feb) & Imaging Meeting (12th Feb) (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

Friday 15th & Saturday 16th April, 2005 TBC

Combined Spring Meetings

4th to 8th March 2005

ECR

18th to 22nd April 2005

Bracco Visiting Professor: Dr. Denis Balfe

April 2005

Part II FFR

May 2005

Part I FFR

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th October 2005

Annual Scientific Meeting and Dinner (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

October 2005

Bracco Professor

27th November to 2nd December 2005

RSNA

November 2005

Part II FFR

Board Meetings of the Faculty for the year 2005

12th November 2004
21st January 2005
11th March 2005
20th May 2005
9th September 2005

Faculty Committee Meetings for the year 2005

20th & 21st October 2004
5th & 6th January 2005
23rd & 24th February 2005
4th & 5th May 2005
24th & 25th August 2005

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Faculty of Radiologists Board Photograph September 2003

From left to right:

Top Row: Dr. Barry Kelly, Dr. Dermot Malone (Vice-Dean), Dr. Adrian Brady, Prof. Donal Hollywood, Dr. Lynn Johnston (Past Dean)

Bottom Row: Dr. Donal Ormonde, Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean Elect), Dr. David McInerney (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists), Prof Peter McCarthy (Honorary Secretary) and Dr. Stephanie Ryan.

The Board of the Faculty for the years 2003/2004 was constituted as follows:

<u>DEAN</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>	<u>MEETINGS ATTENDED</u> <u>(TOTAL 5)</u>
DAVID MCINERNEY	2000 – 2005 (Elected Dean 2002 – 2004)	5
<u>VICE-DEAN</u>		
DERMOT MALONE	2001 – 2006 (Elected Vice-Dean 2003)	4
<u>HONORARY SECRETARY</u>		
ÉAMANN BREATNACH	2000 – 2005 (Elected Hon Sec 2003)	5
<u>HONORARY TREASURER</u>		
ADRIAN BRADY	2001 – 2006 (Elected Hon. Treasurer 2003)	5
<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u>		
MICHAEL MORIARTY	1999 – 2004	2
RISTEARD Ó LAOIDE	2003 – 2008	4 (of 4)
NIALL MCENIFF	2003 – 2008	3 (of 4)
PAUL BRENNAN	1999 – 2004	1
DONAL ORMONDE	2001 – 2006	2
STEPHANIE RYAN	2001 – 2006	4
BARRY KELLY	2002 – 2007	4
DONAL HOLLYWOOD	2002 – 2007	3
JOHN BUCKLEY	2003 – 2008	4 (of 4)
SEAN DARBY	2003 – 2008	4 (of 4)
<u>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:</u> Mr. Kevin O’Malley		1
<u>EX-OFFICIO:</u>	Mr. M. Butler (President, RCSI) Professor. Niall O’Higgins (Vice-President, RCSI)	

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2003 / 2004

Radiation Oncology Committee

Chairperson:	Dr. M. Moriarty	St. Luke's Hospital
	Prof. D Hollywood	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. I. Fraser	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. J. Armstrong	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. C. O'Sullivan	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. M. Pomeroy	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. S. McAleer	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. K. Moore	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. P. Abram	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. S. Stranex	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. M. Hurley	University College Hospital, Cork
	Dr. S. O'Cathail	University College Hospital, Cork
	Dr. M. Maher	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
	Dr. C. Faul	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. J. Masterson	St. Vincent's University Hospital
	Dr. D. McInerney	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght
	Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital
	Prof. P. McCarthy	University College Hospital, Galway
Ex-Officio	Dr. D. McInerney	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists
	Dr. E. Breatnach	Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

Chairperson:	Dr. J. Buckley	Cork University Hospital
	Dr. A. P. Brady	Mercy Hospital, Cork
	Dr. C. Collum	Naas General Hospital
	Dr. P. Fitzsimons	Sligo General Hospital
	Dr. G. Hurley	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght
	Dr. D. Malone	St. Vincent's University Hospital
	Dr. C. Mac A Bhaird	Letterkenny General Hospital
	Dr. M. Maher	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
	Dr. J. Stack	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
	Dr. É. Breatnach	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
	Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital
	Dr. D. McInerney	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght
	Prof. P. McCarthy	University College Hospital, Galway
Ex-Officio	Dr. D. McInerney	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists
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