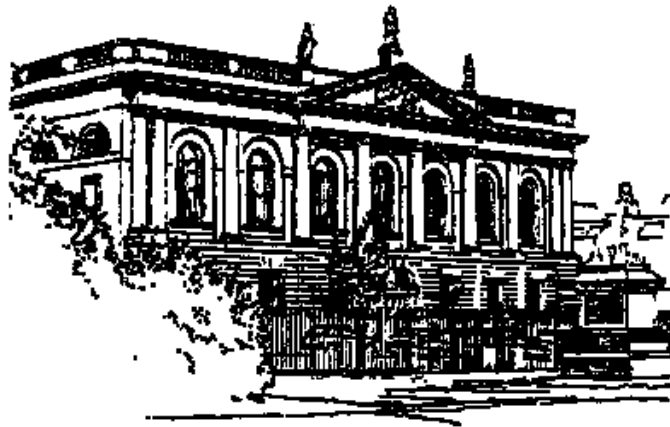


Faculty of Radiologists



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Dean's Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

As incoming Dean I have been fortunate to inherit the fruits of the labours of my able predecessor, Dr. Lynn Johnston. Dr. Johnston, the first Northern Dean since Dr. Owen Cole since 1977, was selected following a long period of service to the Faculty and achieved a great deal during his term of office. He will be finally leaving the Board this year and merits our thanks. Dr. Edward Fitzgerald has served with distinction through two full terms as a Board member and his wise council particularly in legal and radiation matters will be missed. Our able Honorary Secretary, Prof. Peter McCarthy also stands down and I would thank him for his support and counsel during the year.

The affairs of the Faculty are in good order. The new Faculty offices in RCSI House are in the process of being furnished and their quality is appropriate to the status of our specialty.

The project to computerise the administrative structure of the Faculty undertaken with the RCSI company Campus IT is being implemented in the summer 2003. Over time all communications and financial matters in relation to the Faculty will be brought online. The Faculty website is also developing and in the future will be administered in association with the RCSI IT Department. This website now allows online entry of CME information.

The Faculty's Scientific Meeting have been successful. In October 2002 Honorary Fellowships were conferred on Prof. Joseph Ferrucci, Professor of Radiology, Boston University School of Medicine, Dr. Dan Ash, President of the Royal College of Radiologists and Prof. Iain McCall, Professor of Radiological Sciences at the University of Keele, Staffordshire. The Spring 2003 meeting was held in Adare Manor continuing the Faculty's policy of promoting the Faculty's social aspect of the Spring meetings by choosing a venue with sufficient amenities to allow attendees to spend the entire meeting onsite. The services of Abbey Conference Services were used to organise the Spring meeting and this has proved satisfactory.

The Faculty is represented internationally at UEMS level by former Deans, Dr. Lynn Johnston, Treasurer UEMS and Dr. James Masterson. Another former Dean, Dr. G.D. Hurley has been elected President of the European Association of Radiology 2003 – 2004.

The Kuwait programme was interrupted for an interval due to circumstances outside the Faculty's control. The Dean and Coordinator, Dr. Denis O'Connell travelled to Kuwait in May 2003 and negotiated a partial recommencement of the programme with Part II examinations to take place in Kuwait in November 2003.

The Faculty officers meet annually in Chicago with officers of the American Board of Radiology. There is a great deal to be learnt by studying American structures of radiology training. The Dean and officers have been invited to the annual meeting of the American Residency Review Committee for Diagnostic Radiology in February 2004 in Phoenix, Arizona and the interest of American radiology education structures in advising on standards in Ireland is much appreciated.

At the request of a Board member, Dr. Donal Ormonde, an accreditation visit to Waterford Regional Hospital was undertaken in September 2002. The accreditation party consisted of the Dean, Dr. Lynn Johnston, Member of Accreditation Committee RCR, Member of EAR Accreditation Committee, Honorary Secretary and Dean Elect, Dr. David McInerney, Dr. James Masterson, former Dean and Member of Radiology Section UEMS, Prof. Helen Carty, Past Warden RCR, President Elect ECR and Dr. Paul Allan, Chairman, Training Accreditation Committee RCR. Following a comprehensive review, this team presented a report to the Faculty Board recommending that Waterford Regional Hospital be accredited for a post in the second year of training for a three month period, commencing July 2004.

In January 2003 the Department of Health published a Statutory Instrument S.I. No. 478 of 2002, bringing into law in Ireland the EU Radiation Regulations, EEC Directive 97/43/EURATOM. This is a complex document and will affect the practice of radiology in various ways. Dr. Stephanie Ryan, Chairperson of the Radiation Protection Committee has devoted a great deal of time and energy to discussions with the Department of Health and sits on sub committees in the Department to ensure that interpretation of these regulations is done in an appropriate manner. Dr. Ryan in addition, sits on the Medical Ionizing Radiation Committee of the Medical Council where she has joined Dr. James Masterson and Dr. Edward Fitzgerald and provides an experienced radiological viewpoint on radiation regulatory matters. The new regulations recognise the position of the Faculty as the appropriate body for specialist advise in radiology and in due course will require the Faculty, through the Medical Council to carry out medical audit in Ireland.

The Medical Council requests the advice of the Faculty officers in assessing the training of radiologists who apply to the Medical Council to have their names entered on the Specialist Register for Diagnostic radiology. While this is a straight forward matter for radiologists trained within the Faculty programme and in recognised structures overseas, it sometimes also involves the Faculty in prolonged and exhaustive enquiries into professional training.

A welcome development this year was an approach by interventional radiologists to set up a sub group to study their particular interests, liaising with the Faculty through the Finance and Special Purposes Committee. The areas of CME, education, certification, examination, negotiation and meetings will be discussed under Faculty auspices. This specialty sub group is the first of its kind and it is the policy of the Faculty to encourage

the formation of similar sub groups for other specialty interests so that as much as possible of the education and research and academic work of radiologists can be helped by Faculty structures.

I wish to acknowledge the unstinting support and hard work of all my Board members. Our thanks are especially due to our new secretary, Ms. Jennifer O'Brien who has worked so hard on our behalf.

Dr. David McInerney
Dean
Faculty of Radiologists

ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 2002/2003

(i) **Radiation Oncology Committee**

The Radiation Oncology Committee had another busy year.

We are still awaiting the publication of the final report of the Expert Working Group on the National Radiotherapy Services. It is expected that this report will have major implications for staffing levels, education and location of services. The Department of Health is presently considering the report.

A very successful Annual Scientific Meeting was held in October 2002. The meeting consisted of multidisciplinary symposia on the Integrated Management of Head and Neck Cancer and Upper G.I. Malignancies. The highlight of the meeting was the presence of Dr. Dan Ash, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, who was conferred with an Honorary Fellowship of the College. Dr. Ash was particularly active at the meeting giving lectures on Brachytherapy for Early Prostate Cancer and Postgraduate Education for Clinical Oncology. We are very grateful to Dr. Ash for his ongoing support and guidance to the oncology community here.

The meeting was very well attended and thanks are due to Dr. Clare Faul who organised the event.

The National Cancer Forum is presently preparing the Cancer Strategy for the next number of years and the Radiation Oncology Committee, through its members, is actively involved in this process.

Dr. Michael Moriarty
Chairman, Radiation Oncology Committee

(ii) **Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee**

The Medical Council Competence Assurance Programme was formally introduced in January, with enrolment of 86 Radiologists and Radiation Oncologists in their first 5-year cycle ending in December 2007. A further 78 have been notified of enrolment beginning January 2004. All enrolled Fellows were asked to return a form indicating their intention to participate in the programme. At the time of writing, 106 replies to the 164 notifications sent out have been received, and any Fellows who have yet to reply are urged to do so.

As outlined in last year's report, Competence Assurance for the present will take the form of CME/CPD. Although the Medical Council will shortly issue a document making

suggestions for audit, this is not yet a formal component of Competence Assurance. The Competence Assurance programme is a voluntary one; the sanction for non-compliance will be removal from the Register of Medical Specialists. General Registration will not be affected. The Medical Council has acknowledged that there will be no legislative requirement that doctors comply with Competence Assurance; however, they expect that maintenance of Specialist Registration will become a contractual requirement in any future altered Consultant Contract. If this comes to pass, it will make Competence Assurance effectively mandatory.

Online recording of CPD credits is now available through the Faculty website or the RCSI website. A list of pre-approved meetings for which external CPD credits will be automatically accepted has been arrived at. A formal definition of Internal CPD activity has also been agreed. Details of all of these developments were sent to all Members & Fellows in May 2003. Commercial companies have been asked to apply for credits in advance for any academic meetings they run, to facilitate the accumulation of appropriate credits by Radiologists and Radiation Oncologists.

5% of annual returns of CPD credits will be audited, starting in early 2004. Members & Fellows are urged to keep documentary support for credits claimed (attendance certificates, schedules of conferences, grand rounds, lecture schedules etc.) to assist this auditing process.

Reciprocal recognition of Competence Assurance schemes with the relevant authorities in Canada and the UK is again being explored, to facilitate those who maintain certification in more than one jurisdiction.

The activity level of the CME Committee has increased significantly in the past few years, and I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for their support and hard work, particularly in the area of Competence Assurance.

Dr. Adrian Brady
Chairman, CME Committee

(iii) Education Committee

The core activity of the Faculty of Radiologists is the Education of trainees. All junior doctors in radiology are required to occupy Specialist Registrar posts which have been approved by Comhairle and to follow the Faculty's structured training programme. There are 70 such substantive posts at the moment and up to 20 sponsored (Supernumerary) posts may also be occupied.

The main brief of the Education Committee is to maintain and advance the standard of radiology training in Ireland to an international standard. To this end the Faculty officers meet the American Board of Radiology annually, the Dean sits on the Education Board of the Royal College of Radiologists which meets four times annually and the advice of Faculty Fellows and Board members involved in European structures and international specialty bodies is sought.

Our thanks are due to our retiring Training Programme Coordinator Dr. Helen Fenlon, responsible for much innovation during her two years. Her successor is Dr. Ronan McDermott, who I have no doubt will bring the same energy and originality to this vital task.

The Faculty Part I and Part II Fellowship examinations continue with modernisation but still in a recognisable guise. These are now entirely run by the Faculty as changes in the RCR examination structures have brought an end to cross accreditation. This places an extra burden on our examiners. The Faculty has also agreed to conduct the new limited RCR Part I examinations, scheduled three times annually, at RCSI.

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

Our proposals to institute an electronic examination for Part I are still under discussion but may not be completed until a widespread use of electronic digital examinations takes place in RCSI.

The annual trainee assessment is now well established. Formal documentation at central Faculty level of the progress of each trainee is an important function and this documentation proved a necessary record when the Faculty is asked to certify training to overseas assessing bodies.

Prof. Peter McCarthy, the outgoing Honorary Secretary, has undertaken to revise the Training Curriculum and will shortly present his proposals.

The Post Fellowship 5th Year Training Programme has proved very successful. The proposal to establish cross border 5th year training posts has also been well received, with the main features being the provision of PET experience in Belfast and cross sectional imaging in the Dublin hospitals.

The Bracco Visiting Professors this year were Dr. David Brophy, Boston, 21st to 25th October 2002 and Dr. Barry Daly of Baltimore, 28th April to 2nd May 2003 and these were well received. Our thanks are due to the continuing support of the commercial companies for the educational activities of the Faculty.

The accreditation of the training hospitals is scheduled to take place again in early 2005. For this purpose a sub group will be set up to bring accreditation standards up to date and to constitute a visiting committee.

The setting up and the conduct of examinations is an onerous task. Our thanks are due to the examiners for their work. Dr. John Stack now stands down this year as Chief Part I Examiner, handing onto Dr. Frank McGrath. Dr. Jim Griffin is succeeded as Chief Part II Examiner by Dr. Robin Gibney.

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

Part II FFR RCSI (Diagnosis): Dr. James F. Griffin, Chief Part II Examiner
Dr. Michael O'Neill
Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Dr. Robert Gibney
Dr. Graham Wilson
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

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and hard work of the committee members throughout the year.

Dr. David McInerney
Chairman, Education Committee

(iv) **Research Committee**

The Research Committee, building on the achievements made under the chairmanships of Professors Lee and McCarthy, continues to promote the concept of research within the faculty. One grant, from the previous academic grant application round, has been awarded this year. It is envisaged that two further grants will be awarded following the committee's adjudication of the current grant applications in the Autumn of 2003.

The committee continues to seek out new opportunities for funding research. In addition, the committee is exploring options for the potential integration of research methodology and critical appraisal modules into trainees' training programmes.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their help and support during the year.

Dr. Barry Kelly
Chairman, Research Committee.

(vi) **Overseas Committee**

The last year has been a challenging one for the Committee. Failure to recruit adequate numbers of suitable candidates to hold a Part I programme was a significant disappointment. It is felt that a more vigorous advertising campaign in future years will be necessary to attract candidates both from Kuwait and the Gulf area.

A Part II programme started in September. Some Part II candidates attended the November examination in Dublin, one candidate passed.

Political developments in Iraq made it necessary to suspend the programme from early January of this year. It was deemed unsafe for teachers to travel to Kuwait.

Following discussions with Dr. Tariq Sinan in Dublin in April a visit by the Dean and Dr. O'Connell, the Overseas Coordinator was arranged. A meeting with Dr. Al Jarallah took place in Kuwait and was successful in addressing financial arrangements and in instituting a Part II programme to run in the fall of this year in preparation for a Part II examination in November.

Candidates for Part I who have already completed the course are preparing under tuition from local teachers for the Part I examination, which will be held in September.

It is a disappointment that there will be no Part I programme commencing in September of this year, but it is hoped that a vigorous programme of recruitment may enable the Part I programme to commence again in 2004.

Finally I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work during the year, as there have been times of great uncertainty and some very difficult decisions had to be made.

Dr. James Masterson
Chairman, Overseas Committee

vii) **Radiation Protection Committee**

The year got off to a busy start with the rather sudden 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 regulations essentially pertain to good medical practice in relation to the medical use of ionising radiation and had been awaited for some time. Their publication was welcomed by the Faculty of Radiologists. Difficulties with interpretation and implementation of the regulations however were the main topic of most of the subsequent meetings of the Radiation Protection Committee. Since this topic was of direct relevance to practicing radiologists all over the country it was decided to make the SI 478 the main topic of the PPCE meeting of the Faculty in February 2003.

The Faculty is represented on the Dept of Health and Children (DoHC), Medical Exposures Directive Advisory Group and was able to propose some amendments to the regulations which have been drafted by the DoHC. The DoHC has clarified some other issues relating to the regulations and has invited the Faculty to Co-author with it and the Medical Council, a series of guidelines in the interpretation of the regulations. The Faculty has accepted this invitation and we will keep fellows informed of developments as they occur. Dr. Stephanie Ryan represents the faculty in a 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. Everyone agreed that broadening either definition would contradict the spirit of the regulations and put patient safety in jeopardy. Such a change is completely opposed by the Faculty.

The Radiation Protection Committee has noted the key role the Medical Council in these regulations including the establishment of standard diagnostic reference levels and protocols for examinations, and the setting up of criteria for clinical audit. Dr Bill Blunnie, an anaesthetist, represents radiologists on the Medical Council itself, but the faculty has members on the Medical Ionising Radiation Committee of the Medical Council and hopes to play a major role in developing the areas and tasks assigned to the Medical Council by the SI 478.

A copy of the SI 478, a copy of amendments proposed by the DOHC and an update on developments in this area have been 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. As in 2000/2001, three Faculty meetings were organised. The name of the 'Training for Trainers' meeting was changed to 'The Professional Practice and Continuing Education (PPCE)' meeting to indicate the usefulness of its content to radiologists not involved with the training programme.

1. **The Annual Scientific Meeting:** This took place from Thursday, October 3rd to Saturday, October 5th, 2002. The Fork Supper was held in the Fitzwilliam Tennis Club. It was very well attended and the change of venue proved popular with registrants. The annual Faculty dinner, held on the Friday night, was also very well attended. On Friday, three excellent lecture sessions on aspects of abdominal imaging were followed by the Houghton Lecture from Prof. J. Ferrucci (Boston) entitled 'Report of Radiology Practice in the USA.' On Saturday, an excellent lecture session on spinal imaging was followed by a guest lecture from Prof. I. McCall entitled 'Radiology Practice in the UK – Standards and Guidelines.' Over 30 scientific presentations were presented in 4 sessions by radiologists from Ireland, the United Kingdom and North America. There were 26 posters. These were held in close proximity to the Technical Exhibition, which was well-supported and very successful. For the first time, the scientific programme oral presentations were almost entirely digital.
2. **The Professional Practice and Continuing Education (PPCE) / Imaging Meetings:** These took place on Friday and Saturday, February 14th and 15th, 2003. The *PPCE meeting* was entitled "Implications of Irish Legislation Resulting from the Euratom Directive." It was chaired by Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Chairperson, Radiation Protection Committee). A series of very well prepared talks on the legislation and its impact from Irish physicists, radiographers and radiologists began the session. Dr. M. Dean, Dean and Vice-President of the Royal College of Radiologists, then gave the Schering AG Lecture "Euratom and Guidelines - Has our practice changed?" An entertaining and stimulating discussion, centred around some case scenarios created by Dr. Ryan, closed the meeting, which was followed by a pleasant buffet. The

sponsorship of Schering AG is gratefully acknowledged. *The Imaging meeting* featured 9 scientific presentations from Ireland and the United Kingdom and two guest lectures. Dr. A. Paterson, from the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, gave a practical and informative talk on 'Dose Reduction in Paediatric CT'. Dr. M. Dean then spoke on "IR(ME)R - The UK Response to Euratom." These meetings provided registrants with many insights into the current legislative state of affairs, and with much food for thought.

3. **The Combined Spring Meeting:** This meeting was held on the 11th and 12th of April, 2003 in Adare Manor, Co. Limerick. There were four new features.
- This was the first Faculty meeting at which all abstract and presentation submissions were managed by e-mail and at which all scientific presentations and lectures were delivered by data projector – there were no slide presentations.
 - The computerisation of the programme enabled RCSI printing services to provide the Faculty with a new programme layout, which was well-received.
 - 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 Scientific Committee built a lecture session around an RCSI clinical guideline that will affect many radiology practices in Ireland.
 - A full lecture session was given over to a 'Current Affairs' issue that will affect all radiologists practicing in Ireland.

Thirty-two scientific presentations and 31 posters were received from Ireland, the United Kingdom and North America.

- The winner of the Edward Malone medal for the best non-consultant oral presentation was Dr. Jane Colville, Adelaide / Meath Hospital, Tallaght for the paper entitled "*Magnetic Resonance Urography. Is a full bladder helpful?*"
- The winner of the Radiological Society of Ireland medal for the best poster presentation was Dr. Ronan Browne, Adelaide / Meath Hospital, Tallaght, for the poster entitled "*The Imaging of Urinary Tract Infection.*"

Several papers and posters received honourable mention. The first two scientific sessions were followed by a lecture session on 'Colorectal Carcinoma in Ireland: Management, Imaging and Future Directions.' A guest lecture from Mr. J. Hyland (President, Irish Society of Coloproctology and incoming President, Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland) was followed by lectures on oncological and radiological aspects of colorectal carcinoma diagnosis and management. A lively discussion, centred around case scenarios created by Dr. C. Roche, ended the session. On Saturday, Dr. Adrian Brady (Chairperson, CME Committee) spoke on the Faculty's CPD programme. The innovations and meeting format were generally very successful and will be considered in planning future meetings.

Computerisation The Faculty has made significant progress in the computerisation of scientific meetings. From now on it will be possible to deal with all abstract and oral presentation submissions electronically. Slide projection has been 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.

Annual Scientific Meeting 2003 We are delighted to welcome Dr. M.R. Dean, Vice-President and Dean of the Royal College of Radiologists, as guest speaker at the 2003 Annual Scientific Meeting. The refresher course will be modality based – the theme will be MRI.

Acknowledgements The support of our colleagues in industry is greatly appreciated. Without this support, it would not be possible to bring so many excellent speakers to our meetings, or run such a dynamic programme. The input of the Medical Physicists greatly assisted the planning of the Imaging Meeting. The outgoing Chairperson, Dr. Risteard ÓLaoide, deserves sincere congratulations on the well-organized annual programme structure on which the new Scientific Committee based their efforts. 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.

Dr. Dermot Malone
Chairman, Scientific Committee

European Affairs Report 2002/2003

There is often confusion regarding the roles of the different European bodies relating to Radiology. What follows is a brief sketch of the European Association of Radiology (EAR), the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) and the UEMS – (Union Europeenne des Medicales Specialistes) Radiology Section.

EAR was founded in 1962 in Strasbourg with several aims including the progress of Radiology and related Sciences by fostering research, informing all member countries about Radiology and maintaining the unity of Radiology. In addition, by co-ordinating and adjusting training and examination programs to realise equivalence in training for Radiologists and other persons working in the Radiology Department, establishing and providing good relations between Radiologists and the professions, other scientific and industrial organisations and finally representing European Radiology to public authorities e.g. the European Union and National Government.

As a means of attaining the objectives the development over the years of the European Congress of Radiology has played a pivotal role. Initially the congress was held every 4 years in different European cities but for over a decade it has been based in Vienna. It was set up as a separate legal entity to EAR in 1991 and has gone from strength to strength. The Congress is a very high standard academic meeting with a growing technical exhibition and a pleasant social program in one of Europe's most inviting and accessible cities. ECR 2003 was the first all digital international congress with the introduction of EPOS, which moved the scientific exhibition from the traditional poster display to an electronic system. This much admired initiative is still in the early stages of development.

EAR is also undergoing fundamental changes in its legal, financial and organisational structures. A meeting of the Presidents of the European National and Subspeciality Radiological Societies is being arranged for November 1st 2003 at Vienna. Initially this was to deal with strategic issues in Radiology e.g. 24/7 radiology services, Tele-Radiology etc. Now the main focus will be on the future development of European Radiology and in particular the relationships with the ECR which has individual membership and the EAR with a federation type structure embracing European National and Sub-Speciality Radiology Societies. EAR is linked to UEMS Radiology Section by a Joint Commission which deals with training and professional issues. There is considerable enthusiasm for re-merging of ECR and EAR to form a single European Society of Radiology (ESR). Legally Societies are based on individual membership as is the case currently with ECR. We are seeking a framework which can accommodate both structures to the future advantage of European Radiology without jeopardising the achievements to date.

This reflects a time of great change in Europe with the enlargement of the EU. Arising from this, there is a call from some of the larger National Societies for proportional representation within the EAR where National and Sub-Speciality Societies would have

voting strength relating to the number of Radiologists for which they have contributed in their annual levy. This is currently the main source of income for EAR. This is a sensitive issue for both small and large, National and Sub-Speciality Societies and a formula is being sought to provide for some form of proportional representation. Regarding the legal situation : following its inception in 1962 the fact that the base for EAR did not follow the Secretary General thereafter, the setting up of ECR as a separate legal entity in 1991 and the discovery in 2001 that there could not be any legal arrangements between EAR and ECR because of the incomplete legal situation of EAR there is an urgent need to provide new legal structures for EAR. New Statutes are being drafted and the possibilities of basing EAR in Austria are being explored with a view to set up EAR in a permanent base . This would allow the development of much needed infrastructure to serve the interests of European radiologists.

New Statutes of the European Association of Radiology is currently being drafted. This will be circulated to all European National and Sub-Speciality Radiological Societies for comment and once finalised it is proposed to establish EAR in Vienna under Austrian law. This would be done initially by a number of the officers of the Association and some National and Sub-Speciality delegates who will act as the representatives of both the Association and the National delegations. The remaining National and Sub-Speciality Delegations will be organised to join under the new Statutes thereafter perhaps at the November 1st Meeting in Vienna. Once this achieved it would be possible to amend the Statutes up till the first General Assembly held under the new Statutes e.g. at ECR 2004 after which they become legally binding.

ECR 2004

Congress President for ECR 2004 is Professor Helen Carty a UCD graduate and one of our Honorary Fellows. Because of her background Helen has kindly agreed that the UK and Ireland should jointly host the ECR Meets section of the Congress. I urge all Irish Radiologists and trainees to attend ECR 2004 in support of the Congress and the Faculty and RCR in their joint endeavour.

Radiation Protection

A major new concept introduced by the EC Directive 97/43/Euratom (MED-Directive) is clinical audit which Member States are required to implement in accordance with National Procedures. The practical procedures for the implementation of clinical audit are currently either planned or commenced in the Member States and it is a requirement of the Directive that audits should be in place within 5 years of the introduction of the Euratom Directive i.e. by May 2005. A recent conference was held at Tampere, Finland on this topic to clarify the meaning of clinical audit in the general context of quality management, to highlight the importance of clinical audit , to promote its use for improving quality in medical radiation practices , to promote the development of European guidelines in the field of clinical audit, including criteria for good practices in Radiological procedures ,to provide guidance for the practical organisation of clinical audit and to help the Member States to comply with the Medical Exposure Directive requirements for implementing clinical audit. It is likely that the proceedings of this

meeting will be published in due course. Meanwhile it is probably wise for each Department of Radiology to establish and resource an Audit committee. EAR plans to provide guidelines for Clinical Audit within the next year. In addition benchmarking guidelines are also being developed and are in draft form.

EAR has made representations on behalf of European Radiology on the effects on MRI services of new legislation on the hazards to workers from Electromagnetic Fields (EMF).

Dr. G. D. Hurley
President EAR

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2002/2003

The Board of the Faculty for the years 2002/2003 was constituted as follows:

DEAN

DAVID MCINERNEY

TERM OF OFFICE

2000 – 2005

(Elected Dean 2002 – 2004)

VICE-DEAN

ÉAMANN BREATNACH

2000 – 2005

(Elected Vice Dean 2002 – 2003)

HONORARY SECRETARY

PETER MC CARTHY

1998 – 2003

(Elected Hon. Sec. 2002 – 2003)

HONORARY TREASURER

ÉAMANN BREATNACH

2000 – 2005

(Elected Hon Treasurer 2001- 2005)

BOARD MEMBERS

MICHAEL MORIARTY

1999 – 2004

EDWARD FITZGERALD

1998 - 2003

PAUL BRENNAN

1999 – 2004

ADRIAN BRADY

2001 – 2006

DONAL ORMONDE

2001 – 2006

STEPHANIE RYAN

2001 – 2006

DERMOT MALONE

2001 – 2006

BARRY KELLY

2002 – 2007

DONAL HOLLYWOOD

2002 - 2007

LYNN JOHNSTON

1997 - 2002

(Elected Dean 2000 – 2002)

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Kevin O'Malley

EX-OFFICIO

Mr. M. Butler (President, RCSI)

Prof. Niall O'Higgins (Vice-President RCSI)

Since the last AGM in October 2002, there have been five Board Meetings:

22nd November 2002

17th January 2003

28th February 2003

23rd May 2003

5th September 2003

At the Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2002 Honorary Fellowships were conferred on Dr. Dan Ash, Consultant in Clinical Oncology at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and President of the Royal College of Radiologists. Professor Joseph Ferrucci, Professor of Radiology, Boston University School of Medicine and Professor Iain McCall, Professor of Radiological Sciences at the University of Keele, Staffordshire. Professor Ferrucci delivered the Houghton Lecture entitled "Report on Radiology Practice in the USA".

The following Scientific Meetings were held:

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th October 2002

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

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th February, 2003

"Professional Practice and Continuing Education". (14th Feb) & Imaging Meeting (15th Feb) (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th April, 2003

Combined Spring Meeting (Venue: Adare Manor, Co. Limerick)

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th October 2003

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

Visits by the Bracco Visiting Professors

21st to 25th October 2002

Bracco Visiting Professor – Dr. David Brophy, Boston
"Fibroid Embolisation"

28th April to 2nd May 2003

Bracco Visiting Professor – Dr. Barry Daly, Baltimore
"Multi-Slice CT – Evolution in Progress"

17th – 21st November 2003

Bracco Visiting Professor - Dr, David Breen, Southampton

Each day the Visiting Professors attended a different teaching hospital in Dublin to hold tutorials and joint film viewing sessions, comprising sessions to both Part I and Part II trainees.

Interviews for the Radiology Training Programme at SpR grade, Higher Training and Supernumerary positions were held in December 2001 and January 2002. The Faculty were once again delighted to note the extremely high calibre of applicants for all of these posts, both at general and higher training levels. In this respect, Faculty sincerely wishes to record its thanks to Dr. Helen Fenlon, Training Coordinator who has retired as of June 2003. Faculty owes a deep depth of gratitude to Dr. Fenlon for the extraordinarily professional way she has carried out the duties of the Training Coordinator. She has been replaced by Dr. Ronan McDermott.

This year for the first time the annual training assessment included all of the trainees including the Part I trainees. This took place on two separate dates in February and March 2003, and ran very smoothly and with great success.

A number of major issues continue to exercise the minds of Faculty members. Foremost among these is the issue of continuing medical education, this Faculty under the excellent stewardship of Dr. Adrian Brady (Chairman of the CME committee) has shown leadership to other specialist areas in this regard. The development regarding the software installation being installed by Campus IT continues. Negotiations are ongoing regarding maintenance charges. The functionality of the software package will allow Faculty Fellows and members to record their CME credits online.

Faculty continues to communicate at a high level with outside agencies such as the American Board of Radiology, and the Royal College of Radiologists. The Dean sits on the Education Board of the RCR, and Faculty members are in negotiation with senior officers of the ABR who have invited Faculty to participate in the Radiology Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the American Board. Also, Faculty has also instituted a high level liaison committee to explore details of mutual cooperation with the RCSI. To this end, Faculty officers including the Dean, immediate past Dean, Vice-Dean and Honorary Secretary have met on a number of occasions with the President, Registrar, Vice-President and Director of Surgical Affairs of the College. The Faculty envisages this consultative process as being an important part of the development of its relations with the College.

The Part I examinations were conducted again under the excellent guidance of the Chief Examiner, Dr. John Stack, who retires this year and who will be replaced by Dr. Frank McGrath and the Part II examinations under the excellent guidance of Dr. Jim Griffin. Faculty's planning for the Digital Part I examination is complete, under Dr. Stack's

direction. Funding issues for this examination arise, and it is hoped that these issues can be resolved, although this is unlikely to be the case in time for the next academic year.

At the Spring meeting in Adare Manor in April of this year, the winner of the Edward Malone for best oral presentation was Dr. Jane Colville for her paper entitled: "Magnetic Resonance Urography, Is a full bladder helpful?", Dr David McKenna's paper on "Humeral Torsion" and Dr. Pdraig O'Brien's paper on "Spinal Compression" were highly commended by the judges. The Radiological Society of Ireland Medal for best poster was awarded to Dr. Ronan Browne for "Imaging of Urinary Tract Infection". Honorable mentions were given to Dr. Angela Byrne for her paper on "Varices a Pictorial Review" and Dr. Helena O'Dwyer for her poster entitled "Pleural Changes in TB: CT Appearances".

The Registrars Prize was held on 19th November 2003 and the winner was Dr. Jonathan Dodd, St. Vincent's University Hospital with his paper entitled "Evidence based algorithms for the diagnosis of pulmonary embolism".

Dr. Mark Given was presented with the Irish Society of Interventional Radiology Medal for the best paper delivered at the Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2002 on an interventional topic.

Retiring from the Board this year are Dr. Lynn Johnston, immediate past Dean, Dr. Edward Fitzgerald and Professor Peter McCarthy (Hon. Sec.), in particular the first two named who have served for 2 five year terms on the board. On this occasion the following board members were elected: Professor Donal Hollywood and Dr. Barry Kelly.

The Faculty has been accorded an extraordinary honour, with the advent of Professor Helen Carty to the Presidency of the European Congress of Radiology for 2004. As part of the ECR 2004 Programme, in its session entitled "ECR Meets", Faculty has been asked to provide two members to speak at this prestigious session. Professor Carty has enabled Faculty members to participate at a high level, and Faculty's gratitude to her for this signal honour is acknowledged. Dr. Conor Collins and Dr. Stephen Eustace have been chosen to be Faculty's representatives. Faculty notes with regret the temporary cessation of the Kuwait Training Programme due to the war in Iraq but plans for the programme to recommence in September have been made. Faculty notes with great pride the accession of Dr. Gerry Hurley, former Dean, to the Presidency of the European Association of Radiology and at the session 2003-2004. Faculty extends its congratulations to Dr. Hurley in this most important honour.

As a follow on from the training accreditation visit to the Regional Hospital in Waterford, a recommendation was made and adopted that Waterford be recognised for training for second year trainees in the training programme. To this end, arrangements are being put in place to allow this to commence with the new registrar intake in session 2003-2004 commencing with a 3 month training period in the second year from July 2004.

Faculty recently instituted an Interventional Radiology sub-group, to address the concerns of this sub-specialty area in relation to practice in this country. This group will report to the Finance and General Purposes committee in due course. It is hoped that the framework of origin for this group will inform further development of other sub-group interests over the coming years.

Finally, as I am stepping down from the Board this year, I would like to thank the Faculty for this opportunity of serving as the Honorary Secretary and to thank the Dean and other Board members for the unfailing courtesy shown to me during this time and for their expert help in guiding the Faculty. As always, Ms. Jennifer O'Brien's wonderful support and calm demeanour are greatly appreciated.

Prof. Peter McCarthy
Honorary Secretary
Faculty of Radiologists

Examination Results

The following candidates were successful in the 2002/2003 Examinations:

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRCSI), Dublin - November 2002

Dr. Darren Daniel Brennan
Dr. John Bruzzi
Dr. Patricia Cunningham
Dr. Deirdre Doyle
Dr. Jean Doyle
Dr. Noel Fanning
Dr. Sean McKenna
Dr. Mariana O'Dowd
Dr. Paul O'Sullivan
Dr. James Slattery
Dr. Clare Smith
Dr. Talaat Youssef

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRRCSI), Dublin - November 2002

Dr. Ion Boianiu
Dr. Joseph Martin
Dr. Nadeem Pervez
Dr. Osama Salib

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin – September, 2002

Dr. Jane Colville
Dr. Fatima Dashti
Dr. John Sheehan

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy, Dublin - 2002

There was no examination held.

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRCSI), Dublin - April 2003

Dr. Nahda Al Zadjali
Dr. Aideen Larke
Dr. Ebrahim Mohamed

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRRCSI), Dublin - May 2003

There was no examination held.

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - May 2003

Dr. Khaled Abdulla Saeed Al-Naqbi

Dr. Conor Bogue

Dr. Lorna Browne

Dr. Brian Hogan

Dr. Aoife Keeling

Dr. Derek Gerard Lohan

Dr. Grainne McAuley

Dr. Colm McMahon

Dr. Niall Sheehy

Dr. Conor Shortt

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Kuwait - May 2003

There was no examination held.

Finance and General Purposes Committee Annual Report 2002/2003

The Committee has dealt with a number of major agenda items throughout the year, these included the Faculty computerisation, establishment of a Faculty / College of Surgeons Liaison Committee, and the introduction of mechanisms to accommodate sub group speciality interests within the Faculty, including interventional radiology and breast radiology.

Faculty Computerisation

The newly installed computerisation system incorporates a wide range of up to the minute functionality. These include records of Faculty Fellowships and memberships, committee business, payment details, facilities to record committee business, administration of Higher Training Programme, scientific meetings, full CME recording etc. Off site PC access to journals is also planned. Benefits of such a system to members will include coded access to all Faculty activities, including course details, scientific meetings, CME records etc. A database will also exist to facilitate communication between members, and it is proposed that a facility for interchange of “interesting case material” will be installed in the near future.

College Liaison Committee

This committee was established to improve communications between the Faculty and the College. The College membership includes the President, the Registrar and the Postgraduate Dean of Studies, and the Faculty representation includes the Dean, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Past Dean. Throughout 2003 it has met on four occasions and matters of mutual interest have been discussed. The Faculty has found this a useful mechanism to identify matters of concern to the Faculty, emphasising the ex aequo basis of radiology within the College. We are pleased to report that through this committee Faculty representation on the College Committee (RCSI) has been agreed.

Interventional Radiologists & Breast Radiologists Sub Group.

With the increasing sub specialisation in radiology, specific matters of concern have arisen for various sub specialist groups. With this in mind the Board has recommended the formation of sub groups from these specialities who will report through the Finance & General Purposes Committee to the Board. Thus, the established mechanisms and experience within the Faculty can be used by such groups to deal with matters which are of specific sub specialty concern, whilst maintaining the Faculty ethos of an inclusive, unified, and strong radiology front. This structure has worked well thus far, and three meetings of the interventional radiology sub group have taken place, with a census document for interventional radiology due for circulation. Meetings with the Breast Group have now also commenced.

Financial Report:

The financial outline presented reflects the extensive activities of a modern up to date Faculty with constant pressures for ever increasing expenditure. Specific areas of new significant expenditure include rental and refurbishment of the new Faculty offices. These offices are located in a premier location, and are appropriate to the status of the Faculty. Other major new expenditure items include the Faculty computerisation system, added pension payments and a significant increase in secretarial requirements.

Income

Apart from the Overseas Training Scheme all sources of Faculty income have increased throughout 2001–2002 and 2002-2003. Major areas of increase include the recently introduced fees for the Irish Training Programme from both registrants and employing authorities. Through such measures reliance of the Faculty finances on the Overseas Programme has been markedly reduced. The importance of this strategy has been highlighted by this years interruption in this years programme as a result of the Iraq war.

The Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board subventions have also been maximised and include an annual stipend of €12,700 to the Training Programme Coordinator. There has been no increase in membership subscriptions since October 2001.

Kuwait Programme

The Committee wishes to thank the Overseas Committee Chairman and members, and Overseas Coordinator with all teachers who have maintained this programme throughout the years. Income from this programme for year 2003 is expected to be €85000. This represents a major reduction from previous years, due to interruption of the programme precipitated by outbreak of hostilities in Iraq.

Company Sponsorship:

Company sponsorship still remains an important source of Faculty income and the Finance & General Purposes Committee wish to thank the medical industry for the generous sponsorship afforded throughout the year. In 2002, approx. 23% of the Faculty's total Income comprised of sponsorship from medical industries. Every effort is made to maintain this sponsorship, and regular discussions take place between the Faculty and the industry to maximize these revenues. The Committee acknowledges that this sponsorship has been maintained despite a difficult market. A further difficulty relates to the drain in the amount of educational sponsorship available to the Faculty due to dissipation of these funds to non-Faculty events. The Committee wishes to remind members of the statutory position of the Faculty in maintaining educational and professional certification processes, and of the importance of the Faculty's continuing financial independence to maintain these programmes.

1 Bracco Visiting Professor:

The Bracco Visiting Professors this year were Dr Barry Daly and Dr David Brophy. These visits are thought to be much beneficial for trainees, and I wish to thank the sponsors for their ongoing support.

2 Schering AG Refresher Course:

The main guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. Michael Dean, Royal College of Radiologists, UK.

This meeting was again generously sponsored, and continues to be a great success.

Meeting Expenses

A strategy has been adopted by the Committee whereby all scientific meetings are expected to be self paying. Whilst scientific content has been maintained and enhanced by the Scientific Committee, through close cooperation with the Finance Committee this strategy has been maintained. In this respect I wish to acknowledge the support of the chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr. Dermot Malone. A modest profit has been recorded for both the ASDM and Spring meeting in both 2001 and 2002.

CME Budget

In association with Adrian Brady, Chairman of the CME Committee, a budget for the introduction and monitoring of CME credits has been formulated and submitted to the Medical Council CME Advisory Group.

Expenditure:

Paralleling the major increase in activity within the Faculty, expenditure figures have risen from 2002 to 2003. Day to day expenditure items are kept under close scrutiny but as previously mentioned new major expenditure items have arisen. Projected expenditure for year end September 2003 is €279,436.

Assets/Investments:

The majority of the Income received from the Kuwait training program has been deposited in the main AIB Deposit account, amount €203,327.

Accumulated Faculty funds are presently deposited in:

Anglo Irish Deposit account	€78,888
Anglo Irish Preference Shares	€101,000 invested in March 1999 Yield 7.75% pa Encashment value = approx. €102,600
Ulster Bank Managed Fund	IR£100,000 invested in March 1999 Fund value at August 2003 = €105, 593

Despite a sharp downturn in 2002 equity markets, financial advisors have recommended staying with the fund, which have stabilised, and begun to show increase since May 2003 (year to date + 5.2%).

Summary

As of 2003 Faculty finances now stand without reliance upon an Overseas Programme. Despite a significant increase in general Faculty activity, increased costs and outgoings, the balance of payments demonstrate a modest and improving surplus.

I wish to thank all members of the committee (Dr. D. McInerney, Prof. P. McCarthy, Dr. M. McNamara, Dr. J. F Griffin, Dr. D. O’Keeffe, Dr. N. McEniff, Dr. P. Brennan, Dr. R. Deignan, Dr. L Johnston, Dr. M. McNicholas) for their commitment and advices. I wish to thank Finbarr O’Connor, Finance Department, RCSI and a special to hank to Jennifer O’Brien for her unstinting and invaluable assistance. The first anniversary of Dr. Dara O’Halpin’s death takes place at time of writing of this report. I wish again to acknowledge her enormous contribution to the Faculty generally, and especially as Honorary Treasurer and chairperson of this Committee.

Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Honorary Treasurer
Finance and Special Purposes Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2003-2004



Faculty of Radiologists

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th February, 2004

“Professional Practice and Continuing Education”. (13th Feb) & Imaging Meeting (14th Feb) (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd April, 2004

Combined Spring Meeting (Venue: Glenlo Abbey, Galway)

April 2004

Bracco Visiting Professor, Dr. Bill Thompson

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd October 2004

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

October 2004

Bracco Professor TBC

Committee Meetings of the Faculty for the year 2004

7th & 8th January 2004

3rd & 4th March 2004

5th & 6th May 2004

25th & 26th August 2004

Board Meetings of the Faculty for the year 2004

23rd January 2004

12th March 2004

21st May 2004

10th September 2004

All dates are provisional and are subject to change

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2002 / 2003

Radiation Oncology Committee

Chairperson:	Dr. M. Moriarty	St. Luke's Hospital
	Professor 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	
Ex-Officio	Dr. D. McInerney	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists
	Prof. P. McCarthy	Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

Chairperson:	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
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	Dr. J. Stack	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
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	Dr. C. Faul	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. P. Kennedy	Royal Victoria Hospital
	Dr. C. Roche	University College Hospital, Galway
	Dr. M. Keogan	St. James's Hospital
	Dr. C. Collins	St. Vincent's University Hospital
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Research Committee

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	Dr. J. Masterson	St. Vincent's University Hospital
	Prof. P. McCarthy	University College Hospital, Galway
	Dr. D. Malone	St. Vincent's University Hospital
	Dr. M. McNicholas	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
	Dr. C. Collins	St. Vincent's University Hospital
	Dr. D. McInerney	Meath / Adelaide Hospital
	Dr. R. Ó Laode	St. Vincent's University Hospital
	Dr. B. Kelly	Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. S. Eustace	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
	Dr. J. Meaney	St. James's Hospital
Dr. J. Murray	Mater Misericordiae Hospital	
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