

6. Subscriptions normally fall due on 1 February each year.
7. Cheques should be made payable to the Irish Mathematical Society. If a Eurocheque is used then the card number should be written on the back of the cheque.
8. Any application for membership must be presented to the Committee of the I.M.S. before it can be accepted. This Committee meets twice each year.
9. Please send the completed application form with one year's subscription fee to

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society

Ordinary Meeting  
31st March 1994

The Irish Mathematical Society held an ordinary meeting on Thursday 31st March 1994 in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 10 Burlington Road. Fourteen members were present. The president, B. Goldsmith, was in the chair.

1. The **minutes** of the meeting of 21st December 1993 were approved and signed.

### 2. **Matters arising**

It was reported that M. Tuite of UCG had been co-opted on to the committee.

3. There was no **correspondence**.

### 4. **Bulletin**

It was reported that the committee appointed the following members to form a bulletin editorial board: R. Gow, G. Lessells, M. Ó Searcóid and M. Tuite. The editor reported that the bulletin is fairly well on schedule but that more material is required for the 1995 issues. The editor encouraged members to submit articles which might appeal to a general mathematical audience.

### 5. **Subcommittee to manage interim affairs**

It was reported that the following committee members: D. Hurley, E. Gath, P. Mellon and M. Vandyck, were appointed to form a subcommittee which will manage the affairs of the society between committee meetings.

### 6. **Treasurer's business**

The treasurer's report was circulated. A proposal to accept this report was seconded and unanimously accepted.

As future bulletin publication costs will be considerable it was noted that collection of subscriptions should be a priority.



The treasurer reported that many members were in arrears with their subscriptions and announced that the subcommittee would be taking steps to correct this.

The possibility of corporate sponsorship and an increase in subscriptions were briefly discussed

### 7. September Meeting

Preparations for the September meeting are well under way. Provisional dates for the 1995 September meeting are 7th and 8th September.

### Other business

It was suggested that the subcommittee on behalf of the society make a formal submission to the Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council on matters to be considered in the production of the forthcoming white paper on science and technology policy. A discussion took place on this matter. The following points were made:

- In the development of science and technology it is counter-productive to take a short term economic perspective. In the long run, any "knowledge based" economy must have a solid research base in the mathematical sciences as this underpins most of today's scientific and technological research.
- The mathematical sciences community should be represented at every level of the "new" science council.

Members were asked to send their suggestions for the submission to the secretary via e-mail before 15th April. The subcommittee will consider such suggestions and formulate the submission by the end of April.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Pauline Mellon  
University College Dublin.

## Conference Announcement

### *The Legacy of* **GEORGE BOOLE**

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CORK, IRELAND  
28TH-30TH JUNE, 1995

In 1995, University College, Cork will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its foundation. As part of this celebration, the University will hold a Conference honouring the genius of George Boole, who was its first Professor of Mathematics.

The last major Conference on Boole was held in 1954. Since then, significant advances have been made in many areas influenced by him, so the time is right for a re-assessment of his contribution to learning.

Speakers who have accepted the invitation to participate include:

G. K. Batchelor (University of Cambridge)  
Robert L. Devaney (Boston University)  
Keith Devlin (St Mary's College of California)  
I. Grattan-Guinness (Middlesex University)  
Theodore Hailperin (Lehigh University)  
Desmond MacHale (University College, Cork)  
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