

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Irish Mathematical Society**

Ordinary Meeting

8th April 1993

The Irish Mathematical Society held an ordinary meeting at 12.15 pm on Thursday 8th April 1993 at the DIAS, 10 Burlington Road. Eleven members were present. The president, B. Goldsmith, took the chair.

1. The minutes of the meeting of 22nd December 1992 were approved and signed.

2. There were no matters arising.

3. Bulletin

D. Tipple reported that the Bulletin is regularly delayed at the Eolas printers. The possibility of not using Eolas in future was discussed. This might mean cutting back on other expenditure. B. Goldsmith remarked that the Bulletin is seen by many as the main function of the Society. The Committee will look into the matter.

4. IMS Constitution

A new draft constitution (prepared by M. Ó Searcóid and D. Tipple) will be circulated to all members before the next ordinary meeting. A. G. O'Farrell suggested that the main changes to the constitution be explained to members.

5. EMS

B. Goldsmith read out his reply to a letter from the EMS asking for the IMS's views on the EMS. A. G. O'Farrell felt that the EMS should pressure the EC to stop favouring research with a "payoff" in preference to basic research. He also felt that Ireland should get as large a representation on the EMS as possible. The lack of funding of basic research by the Irish Government was noted.

S. Dineen felt that some prominent members of the EMS had a very narrow view of what should be funded. He also expressed concern at the EMS lending its name to certain conferences solely to help them secure funding. R. Timoney felt that the EMS meeting of fourteen people in Budapest was unnecessarily expensive. It was generally felt that the EMS is a very political organization, with an East v. West split, and also a split between those countries favouring individual membership and those favouring institutional membership.

It was agreed that A. G. O'Farrell need not represent the IMS at the forthcoming EMS meeting in London.

6. Treasurer's business

The Treasurer's report was circulated.

S. Dineen felt that the very low membership fee for overseas mathematicians loses the IMS respect.

The IMS pays an annual membership fee of £200 to the EMS. This is in addition to individuals' fees. The IMS may try to renegotiate this at some stage.

7. September meeting

A preliminary notice of this year's IMS meeting in Cork will be e-mailed shortly.

8. There was no other business

The meeting closed at 1.10 pm.

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