

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of the Irish Mathematical Society**  
Annual General Meeting  
16th December 2004

The Irish Mathematical Society held its Annual General Meeting from 12:30 to 13:50 on Thursday 16 December 2004 at DIAS.

**Present:** There were 14 members present at the meeting.

**Apologies:** D. Armitage, T. Carroll, J. Cruickshank, M. Mathieu, N. O'Sullivan.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of April 2004 were approved and signed.

**2. Matters Arising**

All matters arising were discussed under the headings below.

**3. Correspondence**

There were 7 items of correspondence:

- (i) A letter from Professor Wilhelm Kaup accepting honorary membership of the Society.
- (ii) A letter from Fáilte Ireland offering help with the organisation of large conferences.
- (iii) A letter from the University of Bari concerning the change of name of 'Conferenze del Seminario di Matematica dell'Università di Bari' to 'Mediterranean Journal of Mathematics'. The exchange of this journal for the Bulletin of the IMS will continue.
- (iv) A report from R. Higgs on the European Mathematical Society Council Meeting held in Uppsala, Sweden in June 2004.
- (v) A request for nominations for the 2006 King Faisal Prize for Mathematics.
- (vi) The Royal Irish Academy requested nominations of one or more people from the IMS to serve on the new Committee for Mathematical Sciences. The new committee will decide on nominations in January.

- (vii) The Society received a letter from the Scientific Committee of the BMC thanking the IMS for its support of the Belfast BMC/IMS meeting and asking if the Society would be interested in holding a joint meeting in Ireland in 2009 or 2010.

#### 4. Membership Applications

Fiona Melrose, Donie O'Brien, Mark Joyce, Laszlo Levai, Brendan Guilfoyle and Jürgen Berndt were approved as ordinary members.

#### 5. The Bulletin

M. Mathieu was not present at the meeting. He wrote that there was a shortage of articles from people based in Ireland. Issue 53 is now ready for distribution and issue 54 will be printed early in 2005. The EMS requested that the Society distribute some advertising for their publishing house with the Bulletin.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented an interim report for 2004. It shows a surplus of €1445.13. The report was approved and the treasurer was thanked.

#### 7. Election of Officers

The following were elected unopposed to the committee:

Committee Member	Proposer	Seconder
M. O'Reilly (President)	G. Lessells	S. Dineen
R. Higgs (Vice-President)	G. Lessells	M. O'Reilly
D. Armitage	G. Lessells	M. O'Reilly
J. Cruickshank	G. Lessells	M. O'Reilly
S. Dineen	G. Lessells	M. O'Reilly
D. Gilbert	G. Lessells	M. O'Reilly
P. Kirwan	G. Lessells	M. O'Reilly
R. Timoney	G. Lessells	M. O'Reilly

G. Lessells will be an *ex officio* member of the committee for one year. M. Mathieu will be co-opted onto the committee for one year. A. O'Farrell will leave the committee on 1 January 2005. The total number of years each existing member will have been on the committee as of 31 December 2004 will be: G. Lessells (4), M. O'Reilly (3),

D. Wraith (3), A. O'Shea (3), D. Armitage (2), D. Gilbert (4), S. Dineen (4), P. Kirwan (4), T. Carroll (1), J. Cruickshank (2), M. Mathieu (5), N. O'Sullivan (1).

The following will then have one more year of office: D. Wraith (Treasurer), A. O'Shea (Secretary), T. Carroll, N. O'Sullivan.

### **8. International Mathematical Olympiad**

Jim Cruickshank proposed that the IMO be held in Ireland sometime after 2010. The meeting agreed to support this initiative although it was stressed that the IMS would not be able to offer financial support.

### **10. Future Conferences and Meetings.**

The 2005 meeting will be held in DCU.

### **11. Any Other Business**

The proposed joint IMS/AMS/LMS meeting in Ireland will not take place. The Society felt that it did not have the manpower or resources to organise such a meeting.

There was a long discussion about the possible SFI initiative. The meeting was informed of a committee meeting in October. A letter was subsequently sent to Bill Harris welcoming the SFI initiative and asking Dr Harris to speak at the DIAS meeting. This letter was read to the general meeting. The meeting decided to respond to Gary Crawley's talk by sending a second letter to SFI which would thank Dr Crawley for speaking at the DIAS meeting, it would also disassociate the IMS from the DIAS proposal, and would suggest that the IMS is in a position to advise independent of institutional bias. The IMS would also seek a further meeting with SFI. It was also decided to solicit ideas for mathematics initiatives from members and to have a committee meeting in January where a policy or priority list could be formed. It was decided to use the IMS website to inform members of further developments.

Gordon Lessells was thanked for his work as president.

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