MINUTES OF THE BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ASSOCIATION FOR RADIATION RESEARCH (1998-2000)

This was held at 17.30 h on Monday 10th April 2000, in the meeting room of Churchill College, University of
Bristol.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Prof. M.C. Joiner. There were 31 members present.

2. Minutes of the Biennial General Meeting of Tuesday 2nd April 1998 held at Lancaster University were
accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes not tabled below. No matters were arising

4. Secretary’s report.
   1. The Secretary presented a written report. This was distributed at the biennial meeting. The Secretary stated
      the report would also be placed on the ARR WebPages. The report detailed the representation of the
      Association on other bodies, associations and councils. Dr P. O’Neill represents the ARR to the IARR council;
      Dr B. Marples is ARR representative for The Institute of Biology and Affiliated Societies Forum; Prof. M.C.
      Joiner is ARR representative on ESRB; Prof. P. Wardman and Dr B. Marples are on the board of the L.H.
      Gray Trust.
   2. The host meeting was the only ARR meeting held in the current biennial period. The ARR supported
      the Weiss medal lecture at the 11th ICRR meeting and financially supported the IARR satellite hypoxia workshop
      with a £500 grant (this was subsequently returned to the ARR). The ARR was successful in gaining significant
      funds from the Royal Society for the membership to attend the 11th ICRR in Dublin. All Association members
      were given details of both Royal Society (RS) and ARR Travel awards in the newsletter, and a second
      reminder including a RS application form. The new RS procedure required each member to submit individual
      applications. Dr Peter O’Neill and Prof. Dudley Goodhead arranged for each application to be reviewed by a
      RS Fellow. 23 applications were sent to the RS, 17/23 were funded (£396-£510), 6/23 were unfunded and
      subsequently funded by the ARR. The ARR provided £8640 for members unable to apply for RS funds. Four
      ARR members received IARR student travel awards. One ARR members returned a travel award.
   3. Twelve members of the Association received young investigator travel wards to attend the ARR2000 meeting
      in Bristol, the final number of registrants was unknown but was approaching 100.
   4. The ARR financially supported the 9th LH Gray workshop in 1998 with £500.
   5. Three newsletters were distributed during the biennial period. The February 2000 newsletter focussed on the
      award of the Weiss Medal to Prof. Jolyon Hendry, a meeting report from the 11th ICRR and information about
      ARR2000.
   6. The membership list was currently being updated but the Association currently had approximately 200
      members.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for his report and service for the last biennial period.

5. Treasurer’s report.
   1. A written report covering the last two years (1998-2000) was circulated to the biennial meeting. The
      Association accounts had been audited by Critchleys Chartered Accountants (Abingdon, Oxon). For the two
      year period ending 31st December 1999 the Association had assets of £46.5K, an increase of £5K over the
      last two-year period. Excess income over expenditure was £5.4K. This figure reflects income arising from the
      National Saving income bond (£3457.28), surplus from ARR Lancaster (£2,289), surplus from ARR Oxford
      (£8,006) and membership subscriptions (£2,766). The largest out-going was £8,640 in support of ICRR travel
      awards. Over the two-year period the Association had an income in excess of 10K (£11795.32), the ceiling
      imposed by the Charity Commission for charitable status for the presentation of formal accounts. The
      Treasurer has contacted the Charity Commission and explained the small excess resulted from the income
      generated by the ARR Oxford meeting.
   2. The Treasurer (Dr Monty Charles) reported a number of Association members were on the mailing list but not
      paying subscriptions. He proposed that members whom had not responded to three individual requests for
      payment of subs should be removed from the membership list. This proposal was accepted by the biennial

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meeting. A mail shot to recover unpaid subs had recovered £300 to date. He estimated the membership was just in excess of 200.

Questions from the Floor: Prof. Bryant (St Andrews) asked “why the Association was holding such large assets?” The Chairman replied stating that 1) the Association had to maintain sufficient funds to cover the liability of ARR meetings not covering costs, 2) the 12th ICRR meeting being held in Brisbane was likely to cost the Association £12K, 3) no income would be anticipated from an ARR-organised meeting in 2001 as a joint meeting was planned with the BOA/BACR that year, and 4) the ARR Committee had stated a new policy of re-affirming greater support for younger ARR members to attend ARR-funded meetings. In response, Prof. Bryant asked if his application for support for his upcoming 10th L.H. Gray workshop to be held 13-16 July 2000 in St. Andrews would receive ARR funds. The Chairman responded that no funding was available. The ARR Committee had discussed the proposal in detail but the “closed nature” of the workshop and the limited ARR resources available did not permit funding at this time. It was noted from the floor that the previous 9th L.H. Gray workshop (Sept. 1988; Computational Methods in Track Structure Simulation in Physical and Biological Sciences) had gained ARR support. Prof. Goodhead (joint organiser 9th L.H. Gray workshop) informed the meeting this workshop was “open” and ARR members could apply to attend. The Chairman stated that despite the excellent proposed programme for the 10th LH Gray workshop, the Committee overwhelmingly decided that the “closed nature” of the Workshop was incompatible with the philosophy of ARR funding. This decision was taken in light of a new desire to enhance and reaffirm support for junior Association members to attend future ARR-organised meetings and the limited resources available to the ARR.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his work and service to the Association.

The Chairman of the Association, Prof. McMillan, reported that the Weiss medal had been awarded to Professor Jolyon Hendry (Paterson Institute, Manchester). The award had been given at the 11th ICRR in Dublin, with the presentation of a certificate at the autumn 1999 BIR meeting in London. The Chairman expressed his thanks to the ICRR organisers for allowing the Weiss medal to be awarded at the meeting.

Ordinary members: The Chairman informed the meeting that the current ordinary members of the Committee were willing to stay in post for the next biennial period. This re-election of the present ordinary members was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Secretary. All ordinary members were re-elected by the biennial meeting. Officiating members: The Vice-chair (Prof. Stratford) proposed Prof. E. Wright (Dundee University) for the Vice-chair, this was seconded by the Chairman. Prof. Wright was duly elected. The Secretary was re-elected with no objections. Dr S. McKeown (University of Ulster) was proposed by the out-going Treasurer and seconded by the Chairman as the new Treasurer. She was duly elected unopposed. The Vice-chair proposed the creation of a new position on the ARR Committee of “Past-Chair” to ensure continuity of the Committee; this was duly agreed by the biennial meeting. Prof. McMillan will remain on the ARR Committee in the new post of Past-Chair.

Future meetings of the Association were outlined by the Chairman. The Chairman informed the meeting that the ARR were in negotiations with the BOA and BACR to hold a combined meeting in July 2001 at Leeds University. This would raise the profile of the ARR to the other organisations. The Weiss medal would be awarded at the meeting.

The location of the 2002 ARR meeting had yet to be determined.

10. Any other business.
Dr Chris Kalman asked if the in-coming Committee would consider producing a set of ethical guideline for radiation workers. The Chairman invited him to write to the Secretary.

The meeting closed at 18:30.
B Marples (Hon. Secretary, April 2000).