Special Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held from 1.00 to 2.00 pm, Wednesday 7th September 2005, at Gilbert Murray Hall, University of Leicester.

1. **Apologies**: M Plumb, C West, IJ Stratford, M Boyd.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**.

   The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true report of the proceedings.

3. **Matters arising from the previous minutes**.

   Nothing to report.

4. **Secretary’s report**

   Due to ill health Mark Plumb has resigned from his position as secretary. He is to remain as an ordinary member of the committee. Tracy Robson was co-opted in his place. Tracy has indicated she is prepared to act as secretary. There were no other nominations and she was accepted unanimously.

   The chair introduced the secretary’s report which was written by her on his behalf. The report is attached. Matters arising from the report:

   - E Wright noted that he was past chair and not I Stratford – this was corrected.
   - The empty position as Institute of Biology representative and the issue of honorary membership was referred to the committee (as per the constitution).
   - Members discussed the value of affiliation to the Institute of Biology. It was unclear what the ARR got from affiliation. It was also suggested that membership of the Bioscience Federation might be more useful. The chair undertook to try and find out more on this. It was also suggested that ARR members should write articles for the Biologists to help increase the ARR profile within the Institute. John Savage agreed to consider submitting one. Other members were encouraged to consider writing one in the future.
   - Email up-date. The current mailing list was presented in the hope that some extra emails could be added by members. This is a work in progress.
   - Up dating standing orders. This is a major problem which the committee will address over the next 6 months.
5. Treasurer’s report

See attached

6. ARR web pages

Melvyn Folkard agreed to maintain the web pages for the time being.

7. Meetings for next 3 years.

Due to the number of meetings now being held it was decided that forward planning of meetings was prudent. A paper was tabled by the chair identifying the meetings already agreed and the decisions yet to be made. It was noted that the 2006 meeting was to be held jointly in Sweden with the Scandinavian and Dutch Societies. The 2008 meeting will be held in Manchester to co-incide with the opening of a new Radiation Research facility. The meeting for 2007 is still to be decided. The main possibilities are St Andrews (organized by P Bryant) and Belfast (organized by D Horst and T Robson). The chair is to follow up on these possibilities. Since the ICRR is to be held in 2007 the meeting will be held late March / April 2007.

8. Any other business.

A joint meeting with UKEMS was suggested. Everyone present agreed this would be a good idea. D Jones is to follow up.