

Faculty of Radiologists



Annual Faculty Newsletter

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Dean's Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

This annual report will I hope bring you up to date with the events of the past year and I trust that you will find it informative and that it will, I hope, give you insight into the activities of the Faculty and its committees. The year has been an eventful one for the Faculty not only in terms of changes which the Faculty has been directly responsible for but also in terms of changes occurring generally in the practice and delivery of medical care which have had an impact on the status of the Faculty. The objectives of the Faculty are to advance the science, art and practice of Radiology and its allied sciences and to promote education, study and research in Radiology.

The Faculty office is now located in Lucent House immediately adjacent to the College and overlooking St. Stephen's Green. Having had to vacate our original accommodation in the College building several years ago we have occupied shared office space behind the College, which has been unsatisfactory for a number of reasons. The acquisition of our current accommodation will provide us with ample office space and our own Boardroom which is being furnished in a manner which will not only reflect the history of the Faculty but also our status within the College.

The Faculty has engaged the services of Campus IT. Campus IT is a joint venture with the RCSI specialising in providing Internet based solutions for colleges and universities. This facility will provide the Faculty with a fully integrated membership administration system to provide improved system support to all Faculty members and Fellows. There is scope to expand the initial applications of this service and in time it is hoped that all Faculty data will be online and that our website will also be incorporated within this system.

Competence Assurance issues have exercised the Faculty over the past few years and became a major item on the Faculty agenda during the past year with the appointment by the Medical Council of Prof. Paul Finucane as Director of Competence Assurance. Considerable progress has been made by Prof. Finucane's group and firm proposals for implementing these procedures are now in place. The relatively straight forward elements of CME credits have been addressed and the Faculty will have it's own role in this. However the more difficult topics of audit and peer review have yet to be structured and funded. A concise summary of the present status of competence assurance structures is given in the report of the CME Committee.

The Faculty's meetings during the year have all been of their usual high standard and an account of their content is included in the report Scientific Committee. The Spring meeting was held in the Culloden Hotel, Co. Down and was successful not only in its scientific content but also in the social programme which is a very important part of the Spring meeting. This meeting followed the equally successful meeting in Dromoland Castle the previous spring. The formula of choosing locations of this nature for the Spring meeting appears to be popular and will be repeated next year.

On the subject of the Faculty's educational meetings I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Risteard Ó Laoide who retires from the Board this year having held the position of chairman of the Scientific Committee for the past five years. Risteard has been invaluable to the Faculty in this role and the quality and the content of our scientific meetings reflect the time, effort and expertise he has put into their organisation and supervision.

Dr. Dermot Malone is the new chairman of the Scientific Committee. Dermot's fastidious nature and long association with ESGAR will ensure that this aspect of the Faculty's function will be in very safe hands.

The Faculty continues to maintain its esteemed position in the international forum of radiology. Dr. Gerry Hurley former Dean of the Faculty is to be congratulated on taking up the prestigious position of Vice-President of EAR. Gerry's contribution to European radiology has been held in the highest regard and we all wish him well in taking up this most onerous post. One of the emerging issues in European radiology is the possibility of the creation of a European Diploma and this may be an area in which the Faculty will have a founding role.

Our association with RSNA continues to find itself on a firm foundation and closed discussions with officers of both RSNA and the American Board of Radiology during last years meeting in Chicago on maintaining standards in education in radiology continue to influence our Training Programme. Suffice to stay that the FFRRCSI is an internationally respected qualification and the faculty is determined to ensure that his position is not only maintained but enhanced in the future.

Our association with the USA is reflected in the conferring of an Honorary Fellowship on Dr. Joe Ferrucci, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston at this years Annual General Meeting. Dr. Ferrucci has been of immense value to Irish radiology in accepting a significant number of young radiologists into Fellowships in Boston.

Over the years the Faculty has enjoyed and benefited from its relationship with the Royal College of Radiologists and this year Honorary Fellowships are also to be conferred on Dr. Dan Ash, President of the Royal College of Radiologists and Prof. Iain McCall, former Dean and Vice President of the Royal College of Radiologists.

As I am sure most of you will know that Dr. Dara O’Halpin sadly died on the 12th July after several years of illness. Dara was an invaluable member of the Faculty Board for many years and had contributed to it enormously. Her opinions were held in high regard and her unique personality appreciated and loved by all. As a friend and a colleague she will be missed greatly. On behalf of all members of the Faculty I would like to express our sincere sympathy to Dara’s husband Joe and family.

Finally I would like to thank all members of the Board and its various committees for all their support and hard work during the year. Without exception they have given of their own time willingly and unstintingly. Last but not least I would like to thank Dr. David McInerney for his contribution as the Faculty’s indefatigable Honorary Secretary. David succeeds me as Dean taking up this post in November and I have no doubt that he will fulfil this well deserved role with great equanimity.

Dr. Lynn Johnston
Dean
Faculty of Radiologists

ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 2001/2002

(i) **Radiation Oncology Committee**

A busy year – Prof. Donal Hollywood stood down as Chairman as he was no longer a member of the Board. Dr. Michael Moriarty took over as Chairman as he is presently the radiotherapy & oncology representative on the Board.

Ongoing discussions with Comhairle na nOspideal resulted in Comhairle approving six posts in the Specialist Register Scheme (SPR). This was a major disappointment to us as 12 posts had been discussed with them. The posts have been advertised and it is anticipated that they will be filled in the next two months.

The Annual Scientific Meeting was very well supported. On account of the events of 11th September, Dr. Gillian Thomas was unable to travel but Dr. Seamus McAleer stepped in and gave a very authoritative review of testicular tumours. Dr. Susan O'Reilly from Vancouver lead off a very interesting multidisciplinary symposium on non-hodgkins lymphoma and there were a large number of short presentations on work in progress.

The final report of the Expert Working Group on National Radiotherapy Services is now with the Minister and publication is eagerly awaited.

Dr. Michael Moriarty
Chairman, Radiation Oncology Committee

(ii) **Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee**

The principle issue occupying the CME Committee at present is the Medical Council plan to introduce Competence Assurance Structures (CAS) in the immediate future. Fulfilling CAS requirements will be mandatory for all independent medical practitioners, through the mechanism of the Medical Council Specialist Register. It is not a requirement for independent practice at present that a specialist be on the Specialist Register, but it is expected that it will become so in the near future. Any Fellows who have not yet enrolled on the Specialist Register are urged to do so now.

In 1998, The Medical Council produced a Discussion Document on CAS, followed by a proposal from the Working Group on CAS in December 2001. This proposal envisaged introduction of a system of CAS involving a combination of accumulation of credits for CME, combined with a formal system of audit and/or peer review. Formal performance assessment is envisaged for those doctors about whose work concerns arise following CME assessment, peer review and audit. The December 2001 document envisaged that half of all eligible doctors would enrol in a formal CME/CPD programme in 2003, with the other half enrolling 1 year later, each cycle to run for 5 years. It was hoped that half of all eligible doctors would enrol in peer review/audit processes in 2005, with the other half enrolling in 2006.

Following meetings of the Advisory Group to the Medical Council Working Party on CAS, at which the Faculty of Radiologists is represented, it became clear that the processes of peer review and audit, in particular, would require commitment of significant resources, and also that issues of confidentiality of data needed to be addressed before these structures could be put in place. Accordingly, the Medical Council document on CAS was revised, and a copy of the final document “Competence Assurance Structures - An Agenda for Implementation” was sent to all doctors in Ireland in March 2002. This document should be read carefully by all Fellows. The start-up dates for enrolment in formal CME/CPD programmes remain as above, but the audit, peer review and performance assessment elements of CAS will not now be implemented until confidentiality and funding issues have been addressed.

Many Fellows have been keeping their own records of CME/CPD activities for some time, following the template originally devised by the Faculty in 1996. The Medical Council Working Group is currently working on a revised template for credits which will apply uniformly to all involved specialty groups, and Fellows will be notified of any changes in CME credit types and allocations. The Faculty will take on a more formal role in certifying that Fellows have accumulated numbers of credits in the future, and this will involve auditing submitted credits. Therefore, it is vital that Fellows retain documentary proof of credits claimed in the future. Details of proposals for certifying and auditing credits will be circulated when available.

The other activities of the CME Committee includes allocation of CME credits to appropriate formal educational meetings and conferences, and Fellows are asked to submit programmes of any such meetings in which they are involved to the Committee for credits as early as possible, to allow allocation of credits well in advance of meeting dates.

Dr. Adrian Brady
Chairman, CME Committee

(iii) Education Committee

The Training Programme currently has 70 funded SpR posts and 20 Supernumerary posts. The Programme continues to attract medical graduates of the highest calibre and many trainees exiting from the Programme go onto acquire Fellowships in a competitive environment in Higher Training Programmes in centres of excellence in North America and the UK. The quality of our trainees is held in the highest regard in those institutions in which they move onto.

The Faculty is very conscious not only of maintaining the standards of its Training Programme but is also aware of keeping this under constant review and responding to changes which are occurring in North America and Europe.

During recent years the Faculty has had reciprocity with the Royal College of Radiologists with respect to the Part I examination. The Royal College of Radiologists has changed the syllabus of its Part I course and henceforth the RCR Part I exam will consist of a multiple-choice paper in physics only. The traditional subjects of radiological anatomy and radiographic techniques will not be examined in the new RCR Part I.

The Faculty has considered this position during numerous Education Committee meetings and is of the opinion that a sound knowledge of radiological anatomy and its normal variations is essential in the training of a diagnostic radiologist. The syllabus for the Part I FFRRCSI examination will therefore continue to consist of the core subjects radiological anatomy, radiographic techniques and applied physics.

However, conscious of changing and evolving examination methods the Faculty intends to proceed to an electronic format for the Part I examination and hopefully this will be introduced for the examination in May 2003. We have developed this format in association with Intumed, which is an elearning joint venture between RCSI and Harvard Medical International. I would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. John Stack who has been pivotal in developing the new examination and I have no doubt that it will be a success.

Dr. Helen Fenlon the Training Programme Coordinator has ensured that the Programme has been updated and modified where necessary to meet changing needs and she has to be complimented for her role in this.

The Annual Trainee Assessment was formalised this year taking place in the Faculty offices. This was considered to be a success and will now become compulsory as part of the Training Scheme. Next year this will take place in Dublin in the Faculty offices over a two-day period and accredited centres will be notified well in advance of the nominated dates ensuring the release and attendance of all trainees.

There is considerable enthusiasm for the creation cross border SpR posts in years 4 and 5 and there is ongoing work establishing Fellowships which would be mutually beneficial to trainees in the Irish Scheme and those training in Belfast.

Meetings took place during the course of the year to address the staffing crisis in radiography and also to express concern over the inadequate number of appointments of interventional radiologists in relation to an increase in the number of appointments of vascular surgeons. Views on these issues were conveyed directly to Dr. J. Kiely, Chief Medical Officer.

The Faculty's examinations were organised and supervised with their usual high standard. Worthy of mention was the pass rate of 80% in the Part I examination in May.

Part I FFR RCSI (Diagnosis): Dr. John Stack, Chief Part I Examiner
Dr. Frank McGrath
Dr. John Buckley
Dr. Michael Casey
Dr. Jim Virjee
Dr. Richard Johnson

Part II FFR RCSI (Diagnosis): Dr. James F. Griffin, Chief Part II Examiner
Dr. Samuel Hamilton
Dr. Michael O'Neill
Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Dr. Robert Gibney
Dr. Alan Freeman
Dr. Alastair Chalmers

Part II FFR RCSI (Therapy): Dr Maurice Hurley, Chief Part II Examiner
Dr Paul Abram
Dr Ian Fraser
Dr David Radstone
Professor G McElvaney
Mr Frank D'Arcy

Finally I would like to thank all members of the Education Committee for their support and hard work during the year.

Dr. Lynn Johnston
Chairman, Education Committee

(iv) **Research Committee**

The Research Committee has been given the task of fostering the concept of research for the Faculty in general and aims to do this by stimulating an ethos of research particularly among the trainees. To this end each trainee was circularised with an application form for a Faculty Research Grant from which 4 excellent applications were received and will be considered at the Research Committee's meeting on August 22nd. Other avenues for seeking funding have been pointed out to colleagues, including 6th Framework EU grants, Health Research, Science Foundation Ireland, and it is of particular note that academic colleagues can apply for Summer Student Grants from the HRB, a rich source of excellent quality work from highly motivated students. A major development in the past year is the incorporation of a new committee into the HRB, Bioinformatics, which also includes in its brief Diagnostic Imaging and allows us as radiologists a direct line into a committee which we did not previously have.

Professor Peter McCarthy
Chairman, Research Committee.

(vi) **Overseas Committee**

The Overseas Committee met on four occasions to evaluate and co-ordinate the Overseas Training Programme. As previously, Kuwait remained the main focus of this activity. Unfortunately the events of September 11th have delayed further progress in visiting Jeddah to assess hospital training opportunities there.

With respect to Kuwait, there were 7 passes in the Part I programme during this calendar year. This is a very satisfactory result and reflects great credit on both the candidates and their teachers.

Unfortunately lack of a sufficient number of suitable applicants for the Part I Programme due to start in September this year has meant that the Part I Programme for this year has been cancelled. An increased number of teachers have been requested for the Part II Programme for the coming year. It is planned to send out 15 teachers and this should greatly strengthen the Part II Programme.

A Training Accreditation Visit of the Kuwait teaching programme took place from May 19th to 20th. The Dean and Honorary Secretary, Dr. Masterson and Dr. O'Connell visited the constituent hospitals and are in the process of compiling a report. Farwania Hospital was also visited with a view to its application to become involved in the training programme.

I would like to pay a special tribute to Dr. O'Connell the Coordinator and to the teachers who travelled to Kuwait whose activities are so important both to the academic prestige and the finances of the Faculty.

Dr. James Masterson
Chairman, Overseas Committee

vii) Radiation Protection Committee

There were three meetings of the Radiation Protection Committee during the past year. The main item for discussion at these meetings was the Euratom Directive. Unfortunately the national legislation on this has yet to be published.

Dr. Dermot Malone and Dr. Tom Powell attended the committee with a presentation on Algorithmic guidelines in A & E Departments-this was a study on their findings at the A & E Departments of St. Vincent's Hospital. This was well received by the committee and it was agreed that the presentation be made to the Board of the Faculty for final endorsement.

I wish to thank all the members of the Radiation Committee for their help and guidance during the year.

Dr. Donal Ormonde
Chairman, Radiation Committee

(viii) Scientific Committee

The Scientific Meetings organised by the Faculty of Radiologists have been consolidated and now take place on three weekends during the year. In addition to the Annual Scientific Meeting in the autumn and the Combined Spring Meeting, the Imaging and the "Training for Trainers" Meeting have been combined to take place over the same weekend period.

As usual the year opened with the Annual Scientific Meeting from Thursday 4th October to Saturday 6th October 2001. The formal annual Faculty dinner again took place on Friday evening with an increased attendance and it is therefore hoped to continue with this format for the moment. During the scientific meeting the Refresher Course and Scientific Sessions took place on a sequential basis and this was deemed much more successful than the parallel sessions last year. The theme of the Refresher Course was "Musculoskeletal Radiology: Radiographic Evaluation of Musculoskeletal Trauma". The Refresher Course programme was expertly organised by Dr. Stephen Eustace. The organised programme and the standard methods of presentation by the speakers significantly enhanced the Refresher Course. There were over 40 scientific poster and paper presentations at the meeting presented by contributors from both Ireland and the United Kingdom. The guest speaker at the meeting was Dr. Alan Daneman, Paediatric Radiologist at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto and professor in radiology at the University of Toronto. He delivered a most interesting Haughton Lecture on "Intussusception: issues and controversies related to diagnosis and reduction".

The “Training for Trainers” Meeting and the Imaging Meeting took place on the weekend of the 15th and 16th February 2002. Again this year there was an excellent attendance at both these meetings. The theme of the “Training for Trainers” Meeting was Competence Assurance and Clinical Governance. There were timely and interesting contributions from Prof. Helen Carty, Professor of Paediatric Radiology, Liverpool, Prof. Paul Finucane, Director of Competence Assurance, Medical Council, Dr. Jim Egan, Mater and St. Vincent’s University Hospital, Dr. Eibhlín Connolly, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health & Children and Dr. John Dyet, Medical Director, Royal Infirmary, Hull. Guest speakers at the Imaging Meeting were Dr. Stephen Skehan, St. Vincent’s University Hospital, who gave an excellent overview of PET Imaging and Dr. James Meaney, St. James’s Hospital who delivered a most interesting paper on Magnetic Resonance Angiography. 12 scientific papers were presented at the meeting.

The Scientific Committee is indebted to our colleagues in the Ulster Radiological Society and in particular to the Dean, Dr. Lynn Johnston for their support for organising a most successful Combined Spring Meeting at the Culloden Hotel in Belfast. The theme of the Refresher Course at the Spring Meeting was “Oncological Radiology - Update” which was ably organised by Dr. Conor Collins. The guest speaker at the Spring Meeting was Dr. Richard J. Johnson, Director of Radiology, Christie Hospital, Manchester. There were 56 scientific papers and posters presented at the meeting. The Edward Malone medal for the best non-consultant oral presentation was won by Dr. Ronan Brown, Tallaght, for his presentation on “*Magnetic Resonance Imaging Of The Transplant Kidney*”. The Radiological Society of Ireland medal for the best non-consultant poster presentation was won by Dr. David Tuite for his poster entitled “*Unenhanced helical CT in the investigation of acute flank pain*”.

We are delighted to welcome as guest speaker at this years Annual Scientific Meeting, Prof. Joseph Ferrucci, Chief, Division of Radiology, Boston Medical Centre, and Professor of Radiology, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston. Prof. Ferrucci is a world-renowned innovator in GI radiology and has been a great friend and mentor to Irish radiologists in the USA. His contributions are eagerly awaited. Reflecting Prof. Ferrucci’s interests, the theme of this years Refresher Course is Abdominal Imaging.

The support of our colleagues in industry in particular for helping to sponsor various visiting speakers is greatly appreciated. Without such sponsorship we would be unable to run such an active scientific programme. Finally I would like to thank my co members of the Committee for their excellent support during the last year. I would also like to wish Dr. Dermot Malone, Incoming Chair of the Scientific Committee, every success in his future endeavours.

Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide
Chairman, Scientific Committee

European Affairs Report 2001/2002

EURORAD

Despite a reduction in industry's for the Eurorad project – an electronic publication (ISSN-1563-4086) of peer reviewed case reports it is hoped that the publication can be further developed as it is a potentially valuable educational tool for European Radiologists. Irish Radiologists are encouraged to publish in this facility which can be reached at [Http://EURORAD.org](http://EURORAD.org).

Inspection of Training Centres

EAR has organised the inspection of training centres at Edinburgh (Scotland), Lausanne (Switzerland), Brescia (Italy), and Ljubljana (Slovenia). Further inspections are planned for Athens and Iraklion (Greece) and Lublin (Poland). The objective is to begin to harmonise the Postgraduate Training in Radiology across Europe.

A further initiative in the harmonisation programme is the development of a European Board Examination in Radiology by EAR and UEMS Radiology Section. The examination is currently in the planning stages but essentially will consist of a digital MCQ and interactive film viewing examination along with a Viva Voce examination planned to be piloted at EAR 2004 in Vienna. This examination in general radiology can be taken after 4 years of radiology training at the recognised training centre. The examination will be voluntary and will not replace local national examinations, eg. FFR, (RCSI).

Research Committee

A Research Committee has been set up under the auspices of the European Association of Radiology (EAR). The objective is to integrate and support radiology research projects in Europe in order to maximise funding opportunities and provide some basic infrastructure for research workers.

EAR/ECR

The legal and structural arrangements between EAR and ECR and other related bodies is currently under review. The EAR Executive will meet in Dublin in July 2003.

ECR 2003

Please note that advance registration is available for ECR 2003 at Vienna, Austria, March 7th-11th. Early registration fees apply from July 2002 until December 10th 2002. Register on-line at www.ecr.org. This year's President is Prof. Dr. Nicholas Gourtsoyiannis, Iraklion, Greece. This will be the first International Radiological Congress to feature an "all digital" Scientific Exhibition.

EPOS

The electronic poster on-line system (EPOS) will replace the traditional scientific exhibits using state of the art IT equipment and modern presentation concepts. Irish Radiologists are encouraged to submit scientific contributions.

This year there will be categorical courses on Emergency Radiology and Ultrasound as well as the usual refresher courses, hands on workshops, state of the arts symposia, special focus sessions, image interpretation and scientific sessions.

The intellectual logo of ECR 2003 will be E3, a shorthand term for European Excellence in Education encompassing interactive programmes of digitally based teaching activities.

MIR (Management in Radiology)

Under the auspices of the Professional Organisation Committee of the European Association of Radiology and the European Working Group on Management and Radiology a conference on management issues is being held in Paris from September from September 12th to 14th 2002. Details on www.EWGMR.org.

Dr. G. D. Hurley
1st Vice President EAR

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2001/2002

The Board of the Faculty for the years 2001/2002 was constituted as follows:

<u>DEAN</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>	<u>MEETINGS ATTENDED</u>
LYNN JOHNSTON	1997 - 2002 (Elected Dean 2000 – 2002)	6
<u>VICE-DEAN</u>		
MICHAEL MORIARTY	1999 – 2004 (Elected Vice Dean 2001 – 2002)	3
<u>HONORARY SECRETARY</u>		
DAVID MCINERNEY	2000 – 2005 (Elected Hon Sec 2000 – 2003)	6
<u>HONORARY TREASURER</u>		
EAMANN BREATNACH	2000 – 2005 (Elected Hon Treasurer 2001- 2005)	6
<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u>		
RISTEARD O'LAOIDE	1997 – 2002	6
PATRICIA FITZSIMONS	1997 – 2002	4
EDWARD FITZGERALD	1998 – 2003	1
PETER MC CARTHY	1998 – 2003	4
PAUL BRENNAN	1999 – 2004	6
ADRIAN BRADY	2001 – 2006	5
DONAL ORMONDE	2001 – 2006	4
STEPHANIE RYAN	2001 – 2006	5
DERMOT MALONE	2001 – 2006	6
<u>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE</u>		
Mr. Kevin O'Malley		
<u>EX-OFFICIO</u>		
Mr. M. Butler (President, RCSI)		
Prof. Niall O'Higgins (Vice-President RCSI)		

Since the last AGM in October 2001, there have been five Board Meetings:

Friday 16th November 2001
Friday 25th January 2002
Friday 8th March 2002
Friday 24th May 2002
Wednesday 31st July 2002
Friday 6th September 2002

At the Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2001, an Honorary Fellowship was conferred on Dr. Alan Daneman, Paediatric Radiologist at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto and Professor of Radiology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Daneman delivered the Haughton Lecture entitled "Intussusception: issues and controversies related to diagnosis and reduction".

The following Scientific Meetings were held:

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th October 2001
Annual Scientific Meeting and Dinner (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

Thursday 13th November 2001
Registrars Prize Meeting. (Venue: Academy of Medicine)

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th February, 2002
'Training for Trainers' (15th Feb) and Imaging Meeting (16th Feb) (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

Friday 12th April to Sunday 14th April, 2002
Combined Spring Meeting (Venue: Culloden Hotel, Belfast)
Refresher Course theme: "Update on Oncological Imaging"

The Faculty wishes to record its thanks to the Ulster Radiological Society, with whom the Annual Combined Spring Meeting was held jointly in the Culloden Hotel in Co. Down. The scientific programme comprised of many speakers from North and South and the meeting was very well attended. The highlight of the meeting was a dinner in Parliament Buildings, Stormont, the site of the Northern Ireland Assembly, hosted by Dr. Alasdair McDonnell MLA.

Visits by the Bracco Visiting Professors over one week took place as follows:

12th – 16th November 2001

Bracco Visiting Professor – Dr. Pauline Kane, Kings College Hospital, London

7th – 10th May 2002

Bracco Visiting Professor - Dr. Brian Murphy of Providence, Rhode Island

The Bracco Visiting Professors presented a lecture to the Faculty during their visit respectively as follows:

Dr. Pauline Kane, “Imaging in inflammatory disease of the liver”

Dr. Brian Murphy, “Defecography: how to, why to”

Each day the Visiting Professors attended a different teaching hospital in Dublin to hold tutorials and joint film viewing sessions with trainees.

Interviews for the Radiology Training Programme at SpR grade, Higher Training and Supernumerary positions were held in December / January 2001 / 2002. Where once again the Faculty Officers were pleased to note that Irish doctors of the highest calibre applied for the scheme. Under the direction of the new Coordinator of the Training Programme, Dr. Helen Fenlon, the Programme has run very smoothly.

An annual training assessment has been instituted to take place each year for all trainees. This took place in May 2002.

Following negotiation with the College, the Faculty has moved to a superb new suite of offices in Lucent House, facing onto St. Stephen’s Green. This is a satisfactory conclusion of a period of migration of Faculty offices through shared facilities. The new offices will be occupied solely by the Faculty.

The Faculty has commenced the development of a comprehensive software package to computerize all of our affairs. This is being undertaken with the software house closely associated with RCSI, Campus IT. In due course, the new programme will interface with the Faculty website, with appropriate areas of RCSI’s own programmes and will allow development in the future of such aspects of the Faculty function as online CME structures.

The Part I Examinations were ably conducted by the Part I Chief Examiner, Dr. John Stack. Under Dr. Stack’s direction, the Faculty is moving to constitute all digital Part I Examination with rollout projected for the 2003 Part I Examination. The Part II Examination is conducted by the Chief Examiner, Dr. James Griffin. The RCR examiners in Part I are Dr. Jim Virjee and Dr. Richard Johnson and in Part II are Dr. Alan Freeman and Dr. Alastair Chalmers.

Retiring from the Board this year are Dr. Risteard Ó Laoide and Dr. Patricia Fitzsimons. Fellows of the Faculty owe a debt of gratitude to these Board members to the effort they have made to advance the interest of their specialty during their tenure. There was great interest in Faculty elections this year and the following Board members were elected; Dr. Stephanie Ryan, Dr. Donal Ormonde, Dr. Dermot Malone, Dr. Adrian Brady.

At the Spring Meeting in the Culloden Hotel this year, the Radiological Society of Ireland Medal for the best poster presentation was awarded to Dr. David Tuite, “Unenhanced helical CT in the investigation of acute flank pain”. The Edward Malone Medal winner was Ronan Brown, Tallaght, “Magnetic Resonance Imaging Of The Transplant Kidney”. At the Annual Registrars Meeting of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland the prize was awarded to Dr. Eoin Kavanagh, Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital, Dublin for his paper entitled “A comparison of in vivo dexa scanning versus directly measured bone mineral density in human bone”.

It is with the deepest regret that the Faculty records the death of a Board member, Dr. Dara O’Halpin on 12th July 2002 following a long illness born with characteristic fortitude. Dr. O’Halpin was recognized as foremost among her peers both personally and professionally and had during her time in the specialty and on the Board made a great contribution. Board members recognized that Dr. O’Halpin was destined for high office both in the Faculty and in international bodies had she been spared to us. Her death was a great shock to all of us and the Faculty extends its deepest sympathy to her husband Mr. Joe Linders, her children and her family.

Dr. David McInerney
Honorary Secretary
Faculty of Radiologists

Examination Results

The following candidates were successful in the 2001/2002 Examinations:

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRCSI), Dublin - November 2001

Dr. Ahmad Khursheed
Dr. Ronan Fredrick James Browne
Dr. Mary Clare Casey
Dr. Hadeer Safwat Fahmy
Dr. John Martin Hanson
Dr. Ahmed Hamdi Ahmed Ismail
Dr. Martin Ryan
Dr. Marie Staunton

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRRCSI), Dublin - November 2001

Dr. Khalid Saeed Balaraj
Dr. Kurian T. Jones

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin – September, 2001

Dr. Nazia Saleem Amer
Dr. Angela Byrne
Dr. Jonathan Dodd
Dr. Mark Given
Dr. Eoghan Edward Laffan
Dr. Norman Joseph Maxwell
Dr. Helena O’Dwyer
Dr. Farah Jassem Sadeq

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy, Dublin - 2001

There was no examination held.

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRCSI), Dublin - April 2002

Dr. Nabil Saeid El Saeity
Dr. Muhammad Sanauallah

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRRCSI), Dublin - May 2002

There was no examination held.

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - May 2002

Dr. Fadhel Al Molani
Dr. Wael Hassan Benfayed
Dr. Sandra Brennan
Dr. Colin Cantwell
Dr. John Feeney
Dr. Stephanie Ford
Dr. Anthony Geoghegan
Dr. Niall Gough
Dr. Eric Heffernan
Dr. Fiona Hughes
Dr. Michael Hurley
Dr. Jeffrey McCann
Dr. Arthur David McKenna
Dr. Anna Marie O'Connell
Dr. Sinead Walsh
Dr. Gerald Wyse

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Kuwait - May 2002

Dr. Mohamed Samer Sabry Abd El Aal
Dr. Nourah H. Al Mubarak
Dr. Saqar Zaid Al Busaidy
Dr. Latifa Ali
Dr. Maryam Najem Habeeb
Dr. Husain Hasan Mohamed Naser
Dr. Maryam Ghloom Rais

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - September 2002

Dr. Jane Colville
Dr. John Sheehan
Dr. Fatima Dashti

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRRCSI), Dublin - 2002

There was no examination held.

Honorary Treasurers Annual Report 2001/2002

The present Treasurer and Finance Committee wish to mark the death of Dr. Dara O'Halpin who served as Treasurer and Chairman of this committee from 1996-1997. Dr. O'Halpin added an influence to this committee, which is irreplaceable and we wish to record our sincerest sympathies to her husband Joe and family, Jennifer, Paul and Nicholas.

Financial Report:

The Faculty has for some years benefited from the Kuwait training scheme, and on behalf of the Finance & General Purposes Committee I would like to thank all teachers and co-ordinator who have helped in the success of this scheme. For the past number of years this source of income has been vital to Faculty finances, and the importance of the scheme to the viability of the Faculty cannot be underestimated. The Committee would also wish to acknowledge the success of the negotiating committee, (Dean, Honorary Secretary, Chairman of the Overseas Committee) in their achieving payment for arrears in tuition fees, which had accrued over three years. Acknowledging that difficulties have arisen from time to time vis a vis payments from the overseas training programme, it has been the strategy of the Finance Committee to lessen Faculty dependence upon this source of revenue, and to move towards a non-deficit situation on day-to-day expenditure. With this in mind various proposals for increasing income whilst maintaining membership, and meeting registration fees at a reasonable level are continuously monitored: in tandem with these are efforts to minimise unnecessary expenditure, whilst not curtailing the fundamental educational priorities of the Faculty. For this work I wish to thank all members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. I also wish to thank my predecessor, Dr. Graham Wilson, and to acknowledge the work of his Committee. The Finance & General Purposes Committee would also wish to thank the generous sponsorship afforded to the Faculty by the medical industry.

Income:

Faculty income was increased at IR£359,514 compared to IR£38,546 for the year 2000. The largest single input was arrears of revenue received from the overseas training scheme IR£225,000. Other sources of income have been identified through membership fees of the Faculty, expenses to hospitals for collegiate aspects of Faculty activity, exhibition space at the Annual Scientific Meeting, and through the maximisation of sponsorship from industrial sources. A recurrent difficulty is the dissipation of company budgets in sponsoring non-Faculty associated activities.

Expenditure:

Expenditure was raised at IR£186,785 versus year 2000 of IR£110,095. The main source of this related to the Faculty's commitment to a 5 yearly accreditation of training facilities, and a once off expenses incurred in production of a website. It is anticipated that many of these costs will be recoverable from the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board. The ongoing narrow operating margins within the Faculty finances are a source of concern, and it is anticipated that a significantly increased budget will be submitted to the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board for costs incurred in maintaining the academic programme of the Faculty for the year ending 2003. It is also anticipated that with the increasing role of the Faculty in the monitoring of CME and the specialist register for Consultant Radiologists further increased expenses will be seen.

Assets/Investments:

Again this increase in assets is largely the result of arrears in payment from the Kuwait overseas training program. Because of fluidity in the equity market prices have been taken on continuing with equity investments, and this is reviewed on a frequent ongoing basis. Funds are presently deposited in :

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| 1) Anglo Irish Deposit account | €78,538 |
| 2) Anglo Irish Preference Shares | €101,000 invested in March 1999
Yield 7.75% pa
Encashment value = approx. €102,600 |
| 3) Ulster Bank Managed Fund | IR£100,000 invested in March 1999
Fund value at June 2002 = €114,345 |
| 4) Finance Stock | €3809 |
| 5) Deposit Account | €100,000 |

Company Sponsorship:

Company sponsorship remains an important source of Faculty income and the Finance & General Purposes Committee wish to thank the medical industry for the generous sponsorship afforded throughout the year. Every effort is made to maintain this sponsorship, and repeated discussions take place between the Faculty and the industries in maximizing these revenues. The Committee acknowledges that this sponsorship has been maintained despite difficulties in industry despite curtailed profit margins. A further difficulty relates to the recurrent drain in the amount of educational sponsorship available to the Faculty due to dissipation of these funds to non-Faculty events. Members

should be aware of the statutory position of the Faculty in maintaining educational and professional certification processes and of the importance of the Faculty's continuing financial independence. There was a fall off in industry revenue for the Annual Scientific Meeting October 2001(IR£13,355 2001 versus IR£32,750 year 2000). An increase in sponsorship for the spring meeting of the same year was attained (year 2001-IR£8425,versus year 2000-IR£5700).

1 **Bracco Visiting Professor:**

The Bracco Visiting Professors this year were Dr David Brophy and Dr Mary Keogan. These visits are thought to be much beneficial for trainees, and I wish to thank the sponsors for their ongoing support.

2 **Scherring AG Refresher Course:**

This meeting was again generously sponsored, and continues to be a great success. Again I wish to thank the sponsors.

3 **Nycomed Grants:**

These valuable grants are awarded to young Radiologists enabling them to attend important Radiological Symposia and Conferences. We again wish to thank the sponsors for this ongoing grant.

The accounts of the Faculty are presently prepared with the assistance of the Finance Department RCSI, who also organise auditing of these accounts. This accounting is performed by RCSI, whilst maintaining the full independence of the Faculty over its own fundraising and budgets.

Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Honorary Treasurer
Finance and Special Purposes Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2002-2003



Faculty of Radiologists

21st to 25th October 2002

Bracco Visiting Professor - Dr. David Brophy, Boston

Friday 7th & Saturday 8th February, 2003

“Professional Practice and Continuing Education”. (7th Feb) & Imaging Meeting (8th Feb)
(Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th April, 2003 TBC

Combined Spring Meeting (Venue: To Be Confirmed)
Refresher Course theme: “MRI”

May 2003

Bracco Professor TBC

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th October 2003

Annual Scientific Meeting and Dinner (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

October 2003

Bracco Professor TBC

Board Meetings of the Faculty for the year 2002

6th September 2002

22nd November 2002

24th January 2003

February / March TBC 2003

23rd May 2003

5th September 2003

All dates are provisional and are subject to change

As of 6th September 2002

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2001 / 2002

Radiation Oncology Committee

Chairperson:	Dr. M. Moriarty	St. Luke's Hospital
	Professor D Hollywood	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. I. Fraser	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. J. Armstrong	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. C. O'Sullivan	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. M. Pomeroy	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. S. McAleer	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. K. Moore	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. P. Abram	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. S. Stranex	Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. M. Hurley	University College Hospital, Cork
	Dr. S. O'Cathail	University College Hospital, Cork
	Dr. M. Maher	Mater Hospital
	Dr. C. Faul	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. J. Masterson	St. Vincent's Hospital
Dr. D. McInerney	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght	
Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital	
Ex-Officio	Dr. L. Johnston	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists
	Dr. D. McInerney	Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

Chairperson:	Dr. A. P. Brady	Mercy Hospital, Cork
	Dr. C. Collum	Naas General Hospital
	Dr. P. Fitzsimons	Sligo General Hospital
	Dr. G. Hurley	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght
	Dr. D. Malone	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. C. Mac A Bhaird	Letterkenny General Hospital
	Dr. J. Stack	Mater Hospital
	Dr. Éamann Breatnach	Mater Hospital
	Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital
	Dr. D. McInerney	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght
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Education Committee

Chairperson	Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital
	Dr. J. A. O'Dwyer	Beaumont Hospital
	Professor M. Lee	Beaumont Hospital
	Dr. F. McGrath	Beaumont Hospital
	Dr. H. Fenlon	Co-ordinator Irish Training Programme
	Dr. J. Masterson	St. Vincent's University Hospital
	Dr. N. Blake	Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
	Dr. L. Spence	Regional Hospital, Cork
	Dr. E. Fitzgerald	Mercy Hospital, Cork
	Dr. S. Eustace	Mater Hospital
	Dr. N. McEniff	St. James's Hospital
	Prof. P. McCarthy	University College Hospital, Galway
	Dr. R. Ó Laoide	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. M. O'Neill	Regional Hospital, Cork
	Dr. E. Phelan	Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
	Dr. W. Torreggiani	Adelaide / Meath Hospital, Tallaght
	Dr. S. Skehan	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. É. Breatnach	Mater Hospital
	Dr. M. McNicholas	Mater Hospital
	Dr. Barry Kelly	Royal Victoria Hospital
	Dr. David Tuite	Adelaide / Meath Hospital – Trainee Representative
Ex-Officio:	Dr. L. Johnston	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists
	Dr. D. McInerney	Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Chairperson:	Dr. É. Breatnach	Mater Hospital
	Dr. G. Wilson	St. James's Hospital
	Dr. J. Daly	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda
	Dr. M. McNamara	Sligo General Hospital
	Dr. D. O'Keefe	University College Hospital, Galway
	Dr. J. A. O'Dwyer	Beaumont Hospital
	Dr. R. Deignan	Wexford General Hospital
	Dr. D. McInerney	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght
	Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital
	Dr. M. McNicholas	Mater Hospital
	Dr. P. Brennan	Beaumont Hospital
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	Dr. D. McInerney	Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Overseas Sub-Committee

Chairperson	Dr. J. Masterson Dr. J. Kelleher Dr. L. McFeeley Dr. N. Murphy Dr. D. O'Connell Dr. J. Toland Dr. D. McInerney Dr. A. J. O'Dwyer Dr. L. Johnston Dr. P. Brennan Dr. É. Breatnach	St. Vincent's Hospital Our Lady's Hospital for sick Children, Crumlin Cork Regional Hospital University College Hospital, Galway Mater Hospital Beaumont Hospital Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght Beaumont Hospital Belfast City Hospital Beaumont Hospital Mater Hospital
Ex-Officio	Dr. L. Johnston Dr. D. McInerney	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Radiation Protection Sub-Committee

Chairperson:	Dr. S. Ryan (Succeeded Dr. D. Ormonde, in August 2002) Dr. P. Brennan Dr. L. Johnston Dr. R. McLoughlin Dr. R. Maguire Dr. J. Daly Dr. E. Fitzgerald Dr. J. Masterson Dr. D. McInerney Prof. D. Hollywood Dr. N. O'Donovan Dr. M. Casey Dr. H. Fenlon Dr. P. Fitzsimons Dr. D. Hurley Dr. S. Darby	Temple Street Children's Hospital Waterford Regional Hospital Beaumont Hospital Belfast City Hospital University College Hospital, Galway University College Hospital, Galway Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda Mercy Hospital, Cork St. Vincent's Hospital Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght St. Luke's Hospital South Infirmery Hospital St. Vincent's Hospital Mater Hospital Sligo General Hospital Adelaide / Meath Hospital General Hospital, Nenagh
Ex-Officio	Dr. L. Johnston Dr. D. McInerney	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Scientific Sub-Committee

Chairman	Dr. R. Ó Laoide	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. D. Malone	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. É. Breatnach	Mater Hospital
	Dr. E. Fitzgerald	Mercy Hospital, Cork
	Dr. P. Brennan	Beaumont Hospital
	Dr. N. McEniff	St. James's Hospital
	Dr. D. McInerney	Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght
	Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital
	Prof. D. Hollywood	St. Luke's Hospital
	Dr. S. Eustace	Mater Hospital
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	Dr. D. McInerney	Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

Research Committee

Chairman	Prof. Lee	Beaumont Hospital
	Dr. Mark Logan	Beaumont Hospital
	Dr. Helen Fenlon	Mater Hospital
	Dr. L. Johnston	Belfast City Hospital
	Dr. J. Masterson	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Prof. P. McCarthy	University College Hospital, Galway
	Dr. D. Malone	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. M. McNicholas	Mater Hospital
	Dr. C. Collins	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. D. McInerney	Meath / Adelaide Hospital
	Dr. R. Ó Laoide	St. Vincent's Hospital
	Dr. B. Kelly	Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
	Dr. S. Eustace	Mater Hospital
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Deans of the Faculty of Radiologists

1961 - 1964	Dr. Desmond Riordan
1964 - 1967	Dr. Sylvester Boland
1967 - 1970	Dr. Oliver Chance
1970 - 1973	Dr. William McHugh
1973 -1975	Dr. Donal O'Sullivan
1975 -1977	Dr. Dermot Cantwell
1977 - 1979	Dr. Owen Cole
1979 - 1981	Dr. Maxmillian Ryan
1981 - 1983	Dr. Patrick McCann
1983 - 1985	Dr. Noel O'Connell
1985 - 1987	Dr. James Carr
1987 - 1989	Dr. Michael O'Halloran
1989 - 1992	Dr. Michael Daly
1992 - 1994	Dr. Gerard Hurley
1994 - 1996	Professor Donal MacErlaine
1996 - 1998	Dr. John Anthony O'Dwyer
1998 - 2000	Dr. James Masterson
2000 – 2002	Dr. Lynn Johnston