



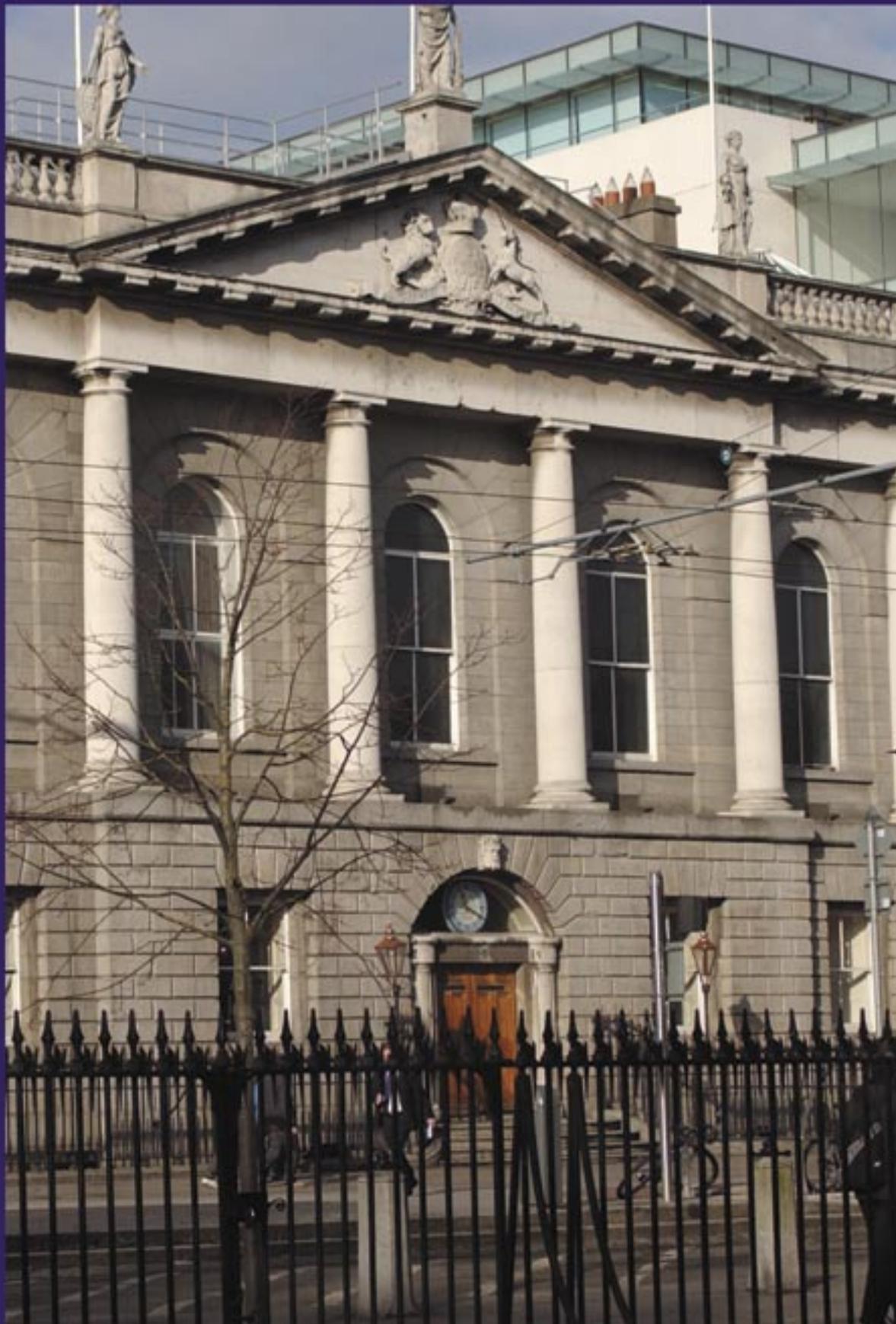
Faculty of Radiologists

Annual Faculty Newsletter

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Dean's Introduction



Dear Colleagues,

This year has been a very daunting year for Radiology in Ireland, with the spotlight firmly shone on our discipline by the review processes being undertaken on aspects of Radiologists' work in the Midlands and North East. While all of us are primarily concerned about patient outcomes, I know that many of you have been disappointed by the media reaction to the reviews.

The Faculty of Radiologists has traditionally seen its remit as that of education and training, and has felt that trade union style representation should be left to our representative bodies. However clearly the Faculty has to move with the current situation, and it must be part of the measures put in place to repair this respect for Radiology as a discipline. Clearly patient safety is the key issue in this regard. One of the Radiologists difficulties of course is that aside from ultrasound and interventional radiologic procedures, most of us don't actually interact directly with individual patients for the vast majority of the work we do. Under these circumstances it appears relatively easy to criticize a Radiologist when one doesn't have a personal relationship with them.

No one is perfect. Mistakes unfortunately are made not just in Radiology, but in all other areas of professional life. Unfortunately some of the mistakes made by Radiologists will have calamitous consequences for patients. However just because a mistake is made, it does not mean that a Radiologist is negligent or incompetent. It is clear also that in general terms mistakes are multi-factorial, and one of the issues arising from the review in other hospitals has been the element of systems failure, which is a significant consideration. As I write this, the Faculty is liaising with senior officials in the Health Service Executive and in the Department of Health, as well as with local senior management in the hospitals affected in the northeast area and with the Steering Group set up to perform the review, in order to expedite the review process so that patients are not waiting for inordinately long times to be appraised of the results of the review.

Parallel with this development, the Faculty of Radiologists is developing a process by consultation among the senior Board Officers whereby should such a situation develop in future, that Faculty has an integral role to play, and we will continue to work at consultative level with senior officials in the HSE and other healthcare agencies involved. Others see the Faculty's role as critical to maintaining clinical standards and maximizing patient expectations and outcomes, and it is important that Faculty can rise to this challenge. I trust that we have the support of Board Members and Fellows for this very important development in the future.

Board Personnel

I am indebted as always to my colleagues on the Board, whose outstanding support and enthusiasm for Faculty projects has been of great assistance during the past academic year.

This year we welcomed back Dr. Adrian Brady to the Board, and he has agreed to serve as Vice Dean. Others to join the Board for the first time were Dr. P.K. Ellis who has taken on the chairmanship of the Scientific Committee, Dr. Peter Kavanagh who has represented the Faculty in the RCPI audit forum, and Dr. Clare Faul. I think I am correct in saying that Dr. Faul is the first serving Board Member to have a baby, and we wish Clare and her family the very best during this wonderful time. Dr. John Stack, the Honorary Treasurer was incapacitated for some time during the year, but is well on the way to making a full recovery after illness.

I would like to pay tribute to two outgoing members who leave the Board this year. Dr. Niall McEniff is a member of the Radiologic Protection Institute of Ireland, which is a ministerial appointment, and one in which he has served with distinction. Dr. John Buckley has worn two hats throughout the time of the current Board, being Chairman of the CME Committee and Chief Part I Examiner. He has served in both roles with distinction and with due diligence, and to both of these I wish my sincere thanks and congratulations on completing a five year term on the Board. I would like to particularly thank my immediate predecessors as Dean, Drs. Éamann Breatnach and David McNerney, both of whom have been unflinching in their support. I would also like to thank Dr Stephanie Ryan who has provided her expertise in a radiation protection environment and to Professor Michael Lee who has been of enormous support.

I would like to congratulate Professor Dermot Malone on his recent appointment, and to thank him most sincerely for running the very successful evidence based radiology module, which has been a great success among the second year Registrars.

Finally I would like to wish sincere best wishes to my successor as Dean, Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide who will be very close to taking up office by the time you read this. Risteard has been a major figure in Irish radiology over the last number of years, and has served as Honorary Secretary of the Faculty during my time as Dean. I sincerely hope his two years as Dean will be as rewarding for him as they have been for me.

One of the issues which the Board agreed recently was that at least one Board meeting during each Deanship should be held outside Dublin. The first ever such meeting in our 47 years of existence was held in the Alexander Anderson Boardroom in the Quadrangle at NUI Galway in November 2007 (a photograph of this occasion is shown below).



Left to right (Back Row):

Dr. John Buckley (Chief Part 1 Examiner), Dr. Ronan S. Ryan (Chair Radiation Protection Committee), Dr. John Stack (Honorary Treasurer), Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide (Honorary Secretary & Dean Elect

Left to right (Front Row):

Dr. Adrian Brady (Chief Part I1 Examiner), Dr. Ian Kelly (Chair – Research Committee), Professor Peter McCarthy (Dean), Dr. Clare Faul (Chief Part II Therapy Examiner).

Forum of Post Graduate Bodies Grant Award

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that I applied on behalf of the Faculty to the Forum/HSE for a grant in order to progress the digitisation of our Faculty examinations, (as you are aware the American Board exam is now fully PC based and the RCR is moving rapidly towards that goal). The group received 47 applications for funding under this scheme which is externally peer-reviewed. I am delighted that our application was one of three successful ones, and we have been awarded €245,000. I intend to instigate the process by setting up a small group comprising the chief examiners and IT specialists as well as interested fellows to oversee the project.

Medical Council

Dr. Éamann Breatnach was returned unopposed as the representative for Pathology and Radiology. This position promises to be very onerous, bearing in mind the new makeup of the Council since the signing into law of the Medical Practitioners Act. I would like to pay particular tribute to Dr. Michael Hurley, who served on the outgoing Medical Council, with great distinction and proved a great friend and supporter of Faculty during that time.

Deans Meetings

One of the features of my work as Dean has been to continue the regular meetings with the Deans of Sports and Exercise Medicine, and Dentistry, all of whom have similar interests in their relationship with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. It is interesting to note the commonality of purpose among the Faculties.

New Legislation

During the last year or so, a number of new legislative acts have been passed, HIQA (Health Information and Quality Authority) is now a statutory body, this will have implications for Faculty in its setting of standards in radiology. In addition SI 303 has been signed into law to replace the existing SI 478 (2002). This has significant implications, not least in the creation of a new register in the prescriber section, so that nurses may now act as prescribers. This process will be overseen by An Bord Altranais, and the Faculty has had a very productive and fruitful meeting with a group from this Board in this respect.

Radiation Oncology Assessment

In February 2008, the Faculty conducted its first national assessment of the Radiation Oncology Training Programme, revisiting the site at St. Luke's Hospital, and visiting for the first time the applicant sites at Cork University Hospital and University Hospital Galway. The report of the Accreditation Group has recently been published, with important implications for training in this discipline over the next several years.

I would like to thank Dr. Catriona O'Sullivan whose tireless work as Chairman of the Radiation Oncology Committee within the Faculty has been extremely productive, and has culminated this year in the awarding of the Moriarty Scholarship, in honour of the recently retired Dr. Michael Moriarty, a Board member for many years, and about which you can read more later in this Faculty report.

Forum of Postgraduate Medical Bodies

This group has proved to be an outstanding support to Faculty work, in that by virtue of its size, it is particularly helpful to the smaller educational bodies which have to replicate all of the working machinery of the larger bodies in order to provide its education courses. The Faculty has found a willing ear in much of this group's work, and many Faculty activities will be channelled through this Forum in the future.

Faculty Scientific Meetings

The Faculty intends to continue to run three Scientific Meetings, the annual Scientific Meeting in September, followed by a Spring Meeting which will be much revamped on either side of Easter, and the combined MR Users Group with PPCE meeting which will rotate between Dublin and Belfast and will generally be held in late January early February. The Annual Scientific Meeting continues to be the Faculty's centrepiece, as well as being a focal point for honorary conferrings, on this occasion the Faculty will award such Fellowships to Professors Paul Finn and Brian O'Sullivan, international figures in MR Imaging and in Radiation Oncology respectively.

There is clearly a need for a revamp of the Spring Meeting, which on this year was held in conjunction with the British and European Societies of Skeletal Radiology in Galway on June 12 - 14. This was an experimental venture for Faculty, and at last we were able to announce a small profit for this meeting. It has been agreed by the Board that the format of the Spring Meeting will need to be changed, for two principal reasons, firstly the dwindling attendance, and secondly the cost of running such a meeting which has been significant. Finally I would like to thank Drs. Leo Lawlor and Mark Elliott who were instrumental in organizing an outstanding meeting in Belfast in February for the MR Users Group, which was extremely well attended.

Faculty Newsletter

As you will know, I have tried to issue a Faculty Newsletter as soon as is practical for Fellows after each Faculty Board Meeting in order to appraise Fellows and Members of the issues exercising the Board's work in the intervening time. I hope this has been a welcome development, certainly considering the amount of feedback received, this would appear to have been well appreciated.

Faculty is now entering a period of transition, from a more traditional role in education and training, to a situation where it has moved centre stage both in terms of providing a liaison for other health agencies, and setting clinical standards to protect our patients. The Faculty must embrace this new role, but this cannot be done without your help as Fellows and Members. As you are aware, the age profile of Consultant Radiologists in Ireland has dropped significantly in the last few years. The needs of younger Radiologists and their aspirations must be taken into account in planning for the future, but this cannot be done without significant involvement, and I would strongly urge particularly those of you recently returned to Consultant posts in Ireland to consider being involved in the work of Faculty.

I would like to thank Ms. Karen Milling in the Faculty office for her outstanding work, support and contribution during the past year. As most of you will be aware, Ms. Jennifer O'Brien was married in May of this year, and I would like to sincerely wish herself and Dónall the very best wishes for the future in their life together. Jennifer's support and professionalism throughout this year has been a shining light, and I certainly could not have done this job without her support.

Professor Peter McCarthy
Dean
Faculty of Radiologists

ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 2007/2008

(i) Radiation Oncology Committee



In February 2008 the Faculty of Radiologists RCSI conducted an accreditation site visit to three Radiotherapy Departments in Ireland, St Luke's Hospital, Dublin, Cork University Hospital, and University College Hospital Galway, to accredit SpR training in Radiation Oncology in these three departments. This is the first occasion that hospitals other than St Luke's have applied for accreditation of SpR training. For the first time in Ireland successful applicant departments will have SpR's rotating to their departments during their five year training. The accreditation team was led by the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Peter McCarthy, accompanied by the Dean Emeritus, Dr Éamann Breatnach. The external assessors were Professor Michael Baumann, President Emeritus of ESTRO (European Society of Radiation Oncologists) / Professor of Radiation Oncology at Dresden, and Dr Seamus McAleer, Consultant Clinical Oncologist, Belfast Cancer Centre, Northern Ireland.

The Faculty report is expected imminently.

Already two SpR's in year 1 are undertaking their first two years training in the new Radiotherapy Department at Belfast City Hospital, under the care of Dr Seamus McAleer. These two SpR's were formally assessed by the Faculty after one year in Belfast. Both the overall rotation and SpR satisfaction rating were most encouraging. It is the aim of the discipline that other SpR's will rotate to our colleagues in Belfast during their five years of training. For the first time physicists in Belfast contributed to physics lectures and tutorials in conjunction with the Director of Physics at St Luke's Hospital, Professor Brendan Mc Clean. This will hopefully provide a framework for all Ireland co-operation in other areas of Radiation Oncology SpR Training

In 2008 the Radiation Oncology community will be joined by five new consultants, appointed by the National Programme for Radiation Oncology (NPRO). These positions have been "in the wings" during consultant contract negotiations, and will begin to address the deficiencies in consultant numbers required to deliver "state of the art" technologically driven radiation therapy to cancer patients. The rate of development of new technologies requires ever more complex planning and delivery of services, with new planning systems, and more sophisticated Linear Accelerators able to deliver both Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT), and Intensity Modulated Radiation

Therapy (IMRT), which deliver higher doses with increased safety and reduced toxicity, utilising sophisticated diagnostic imaging to plan therapy more accurately and safely. New consultants will offer better opportunities to maximise consultant delivered services in Ireland, optimising the integration of the new planning and delivery systems into patient care.

The Annual Faculty Radiation Oncology meeting took place in September 2007 and was very well attended with sessions on Head and Neck Oncology, SpR training in the UK, and new technologies in Radiation planning such as Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT). The keynote address was given by Professor Ann Barrett, from Norfolk University, President Emeritus of ESTRO, who was the 2007 Visiting Professor in Radiation Oncology at St Luke's Hospital. The Faculty awarded her an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Radiation Oncology in the UK, Europe and more recently in Ireland. She was a member of the international team who were asked to select the sites for two new radiotherapy facilities in North and South Dublin. St Luke's Hospital will eventually relocate to the centre located at St James's Hospital. In the past Professor Barrett has been a visiting Primary FFRCSI examiner, an extern for consultant appointments on many occasions, and a team member of the Royal College of Radiologist's (London) accreditation site visits for Radiation Oncology, prior to the appointment of the Faculty of Radiologist's RCSI.

Dr Michael Moriarty retired in December 2007 and was invited to give a Valedictory address to the Radiation Oncology community at the Annual Scientific Meeting and chose as his topic "Radiation Oncology & Survivorship"

A fourth year SpR, Dr Orla McArdle, was invited to present her experience during a Faculty approved one year "Out of Program Experience (OOPE)" in the Radiotherapy Department at Mulago Hospital in Kampala Uganda. With a population of 28 million people, this is the sole Radiotherapy Department for the entire country, with one consultant Radiation Oncologist and one cobalt machine. In spite of that Dr McArdle and her Ugandan colleague, Dr Joseph Kigule managed to treat HIV+ patients with Cervical Cancer with concomitant radiation and chemotherapy, and set up a "Follow Up" clinic with local nurses trained by her to continue in her absence. She was followed by a presentation on "Palliative Care in Uganda", a program set up by an Irish graduate Dr Ann Merriman MBE, in a country where narcotic analgesics had not been available to the dying prior to it's initiation.

The effect of these two presentations was so powerful that it culminated in the Board of St Luke's Hospital agreeing to set up a four year scholarship fund to train a doctor from Uganda to Fellowship Standard in Radiation Oncology, whose training and expenses would be provided by St Luke's Hospital. The scholarship has been named "The St Luke's Hospital / Moriarty Scholarship" and was initiated to recognise the outstanding contribution by Dr Michael Moriarty during a career spanning 30 years to education and training in Radiation Oncology, and his loyal participation in the Faculty at all levels during his career as a Consultant Radiation Oncologist in Ireland. This initiative is a fitting tribute to his extraordinary contribution to Ireland, St Luke's Hospital and the Faculty of Radiologists by his leadership, devotion to his profession, and example to a generation of Radiation Oncologists, to whom he is an inspirational figure. Both Dr Moriarty and Dr Catriona O'Sullivan, Medical Director at St Luke's Hospital have been to Kampala and selected a suitable scholarship student. Dr Sylvia Nakabizwe who will commence training in Ireland in September 2008.

The training will be co-ordinated by the Faculty of Radiologists, who have agreed to waive their fees, and award a Fellowship of the Faculty to a student upon successful completion of training, by examination. The scholarship student will be bonded to return annually to Kampala to the Radiotherapy Department during the summer months, and to return to Uganda on completion of the four year training program. It is hoped she will provide leadership to her own peer group in developing services in her own country.

New Technologies such as IMRT (Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy) and IGRT (Image Guided Radiation Therapy) are now routinely incorporated into radiotherapy planning, but are time and resource intensive. Sophisticated new planning systems also require considerable training and experience to maximise their benefit. SpR's need substantive technologically driven formalised training to develop the skills needed to deliver "state of the art" treatments to patients in the designated centres of excellence. Sophisticated diagnostic imaging is also of paramount importance in supporting radiotherapy planning. Modules incorporating diagnostic imaging and oncology teaching for both Diagnostic Radiologists and Radiation Oncologists is currently being developed by the Faculty to support both disciplines in acquiring the skills necessary to contribute to their respective roles in managing cancer patients.

Dr. Catriona O'Sullivan FFRCSI
Chairperson, Radiation Oncology Committee

Mulago Hospital Radiotherapy Department, Kampala, Uganda.



Department staff Mulago Radiotherapy Department 2006



Dr Orla McArdle, SpR St Luke's Hospital / Faculty of Radiologists (1st Left)

(ii) Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee



The work of the Committee with regard to recording of CPD/CME credits and assessing medical meetings for CPD/CME credits continued through the year. The Competence Assurance Committee of the Medical Council will not now meet until the new Medical Council commences which is likely to be in summer 2008.

The Postgraduate Forum which has representatives of all colleges and faculties is likely to have a significant role to play in proposals for ongoing CPD and maintenance of professional competence. It is hoped that there will be a common approach between the Forum and the Department of Health, HSE and the Medical Council with regard to setting up of structures to maintain professional medical competence.

I would like to thank members of the CME Committee for their contribution during the course of the year.

Dr. John Buckley
Chairperson, CME Committee

(iii) Education Committee



Since the work of the Education Committee is a core activity of the Faculty, it nonetheless never ceases to amaze me how dedicated the members of the Education Committee are to their responsibilities in this regard. Education Committees have been traditionally extremely well attended, with on a regular basis from 12-15 active members, all contributing effectively and attending all of the relevant meetings. In addition the Faculty is delighted to number among its members Dr. Julie O'Brien, who is the trainee representative, and has been a significant contributor over the past year. It is particularly gratifying, that the local area representatives for some of the institutions recognized for regional rotation trainings have been extremely diligent in this regard.

Regional Rotations

It is the stated Faculty policy that the training programme be rolled out as suggested by the Assessment Committee for our most recent visit in order that the training envisaged in the regional centres be incorporated into the national programme. A mechanism for this has not been found as yet, and the work of putting such a system together has been significantly hampered by two factors, a phasing out of the sponsored Registrar programme, and the stated HSE policy of not increasing the number of Specialist Registrars. It appears likely that however a partial solution could be found and the rotation in Waterford reinstated. A small subgroup comprising Doctors Ronan McDermott, David Brophy and Ian Kelly will report back to the Education Committee shortly in this regard, but it is envisaged that the regional rotation to Waterford Regional Hospital will recommence for the second year training cohort from July 2009.

New Faculty Policies

Under the direction of the outgoing National Training Coordinator, Dr. Morrin, a number of new policies in relation to Specialist Registrars leave and issues in relation to statutory leave as well as part-time training have been evolved. These will be posted on the Faculty's website in due course. In addition Dr. Morrin and Dr. Max Ryan have been developing a course for Registrars completing first year training in order to familiarize them with the issues they will face when on call. Such programmes exist in many of the training centres, but there is no Faculty wide development in this regard, however it is envisaged that this group will evolve to provide such a course.

Teleradiology

The Faculty continues to monitor this situation regarding Teleradiology which has fundamental implications for training, indeed it is clear that outsourcing of imaging has already had a significant knock on effect in the ability of trainees in other disciplines to be involved in what was once considered routine work. The Faculty has written to both the Medical Council and to the Minister for Health in this regard.

European Affairs

Dr. Éamann Breatnach continues as Chairman of the Education Group in the European Society of Radiology, a significantly influential position as European wide legislation will impact significantly on the Faculty's work over the next few years particularly in relation to training.

I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Martina Morrin who has been the National Training Coordinator for the entire period of my Deanship to date. Dr. Morrin has been an outstanding contributor, and has worked tirelessly in liaising and negotiating between the Registrars and the Education Committee. She will be a hard act to follow, and I wish her successor Dr. David Brophy from St. Vincent's University Hospital well as he assumes his new position in the summer.

Examinations

The Faculty would like to thank all examiners, and in particular the external examiners Dr. Michael Collins, Dr. Sheila Rankin, Dr. Christine Heron, Dr. Bleddyn Jones, Dr. Jackie Harney and Dr. Jim Virjee.

Part I FFR RCSI (Diagnosis): Dr. J. Buckley Chief Part I Examiner
Dr. J. Upton
Dr. B. Kelly
Dr. N.O'Donovan
Dr. R. Ó Laoide
Dr. W. Torreggiani
Dr. J. Virjee

Part II FFR RCSI (Diagnosis): Dr. A. Brady Chief Part II Examiner
Dr. Clare Roche
Dr. J. Murray
Dr. Stephen Skehan
Dr. Mark Logan
Dr. M. Collins
Dr. Sheila Rankin
Dr. Christine Heron
Dr. Edward Fitzgerald (Observer)
Dr. John Buckley (Observer)

Part II FFR RCSI (Therapy): Dr Clare Faul Chief Examiner
Prof Donal Hollywood
Prof Bleddyn Jones (Extern)
Dr Jackie Harney (Extern)

Prize Winners

The winner of the **Edward Malone Medal** for the best oral presentation at the Combined Spring Meeting May 2007 was Dr. Peter Beddy from St. James's Hospital for his paper entitled: **"Targeted ultrasound of the fifth metatarsophalangeal joint in an early inflammatory arthritis cohort"**.

The **Radiological Society of Ireland Medal** for the best poster presentation at the Combined Spring Meeting May 2007 is awarded to Dr. Carmel Cronin from University College Hospital Galway for her poster entitled: **"Duodenal Pathology at MR Small Bowel Follow-Through (MRSBFT) – the duodenum revisited"**.

Examination Results

The following candidates were successful in the 2007/2008 Examinations:

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - September 2007

Dr. Loran Hanlon
Dr. Colm Murphy
Dr. Helen Stunnell

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - May 2008

Dr. Cressida Brennan
Dr. Joseph Coyle
Dr. Ruth Dunne
Dr. Darragh Halpenny
Dr. Ingrid Heaslip
Dr. Huma Latif Khosa
Dr. Mark Knox
Dr. Patrick McLaughlin
Dr. Graeme McNeill
Dr. Deirdre Moran
Dr. Michael Moynagh
Dr. Sarah Power
Dr. Martin Shelly
Dr. Aisling Snow

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Kuwait - May 2008

Dr. Hassan A H A Abdullah
Dr. Mohammad Abdullah Al Qatam
Dr. Fouzeyah A H Ali
Dr. Asma'a Mohammad Jassim Hussain

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Dublin - Nov. 2007

Dr. Hussain Al Bulushi
Dr. Orla Buckley
Dr. Jane Colville
Dr. Carmel Cronin
Dr. Niamh Hambly
Dr. Philip Hodnett
Dr. Ronan Killeen
Dr. Seamus Looby
Dr. Aoife McErlean
Dr. Siobhan McGrane
Dr. Andrew McGrath
Dr. Conor Meehan
Dr. Irene Mwangi
Dr. Sylvia O'Keeffe
Dr. Kevin O'Regan
Dr. Timothy Scanlon
Dr. Munther Sowaileh

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Kuwait - Nov. 2007

Dr. Latifa Al Kandari
Dr. Maryam Najem Abdullah Habeeb
Dr. Maryam Ghloom Mohammed Ali Rais

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRRC SI), Dublin - Nov. 2007

Dr. Wan Heng Lum
Dr. Gerard McVey
Dr. Soong

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Dublin - April 2008

Dr. Amin Al Zahrani
Dr. Susannah Harte
Dr. Neasa Ni Mhuircheartaigh
Dr. Julie O'Brien
Dr. Paula O'Donoghue

Professor Peter McCarthy
Chairperson, Education Committee

(iv) Research Committee

The research committee continued its activities of pump priming research grant awarding and also continued the initiative of the previous chairman in the field of education in research skills

Faculty grants

To foster an ethos of collaborative research lines in departments and between grades of SpR it was decided to raise the possible ceiling on grants from €2500 to €10,000 in an effort to pump prime research activity amongst trainees and attract good quality projects.

2008 Faculty grant research applications round.

One grant was awarded.

“Accelerated Atherosclerosis in Rheumatoid Arthritis patients: Correlation with Carotid Artery Intima-media thickness on Ultrasound and White Matter hyperintensities as depicted on cerebral MRI.” Dr Dewhurst has been awarded a Faculty Research Grant Award to the sum of €1000.

The committee brings to the notice of awardees the imperative to acknowledge the role of Faculty in supporting their research and to forward to the committee notice of presentations, abstracts and publications following from their grant assisted research.

The members of the panel were Professor Peter McCarthy, Dr Adrian Brady and Dr Risteárd Ó Laoide. Many thanks to the panel members for their hard work and sound advice during the grant review process. The financial support of GE/Amersham and Siemens is gratefully acknowledged.

Faculty Visiting Research Professor 2008:

Professor Jeffrey Jarvik, Seattle, Washington was the 2008 Faculty Research Professor. The research seminar took place on Thursday/Friday April 10th/11th. There was a good attendance with 16 trainees attending the first day and 11 the second. to promote more interactive discursive learning and be less didactic. Professor Jarvik delivered his invited lecture “Carpal Tunnel Syndrome” to the Faculty at 6.30 PM on April 10th in the College and this was well received.

Forum of Postgraduate training bodies

It was with immense pleasure that I heard the news that the former chairman of the research committee, Dr Dermot Malone was successful in his application on behalf of the Faculty for a grant of 50,000 over two years to run evidence based radiology tutorials based on training consultants and trainees the rudiments of the discipline on which he is an acknowledged world expert. Congratulations Dr Malone.

Finally my thanks to the staff of the Faculty Office and all others, whose time and efforts contributed to a very satisfactory year for this committee.

Dr. Ian Kelly
Chairperson, Research Committee

vi) International Affairs Committee



The International Affairs Committee has met on five occasions over the previous year to conduct the Radiology Training Programme in Kuwait, in co-ordination with KIMS (the Kuwaiti Institute of Medical Specialisation). The past academic year has been a positive one for the training programme.

A full Part I Fellowship Programme was carried on during this year and eleven trainees attended. A limited Part II Programme was also provided. The Programme Co-Ordinator, Dr. Denis O'Connell, has involved several newly appointed consultants in the training programme.

The Part I examination was conducted in Kuwait in May 2008. Of seven candidates sitting the examination, four passed. A Part II examination was not held in Kuwait this year.

In Kuwait, Dr. Abdelmohsen Ben-Nakhi co-ordinates the programme and Dr. Tariq Sinan continues to assist him. Dr. Mehraj Sheikh of the Kuwait University Medical School also played an active part in the programme.

Visiting Kuwait, one is struck by the extensive development taking place and in conversation with Kuwaiti colleagues, it is clear that there is an ongoing intention to enlarge and advance radiology training. The present overseas teaching structure of the Faculty provides a platform on which to develop this programme and to participate in other training structures overseas should opportunity arise.

I would like to record my appreciation of this Report and hard work of my Committee Members throughout the year.

Dr. David McInerney
Chairperson, International Affairs Committee

vii) Radiation Protection Committee



The Radiation Protection Committee met four times in the 2007/2008 academic year. In June 2007, the Minister for Health, Mary Harney TD, signed into law Statutory Instrument 303, amending certain components of SI 478. Salient legislative alterations include listing nurses as prescribers subject to certain as yet unspecified criteria, and removing the need for the presence of a Radiographer during DEXA scanning and Dental exposures. Faculty's concerns re Nurse prescribing have been outlined in writing to the Minister and a very useful exploratory meeting took place between Faculty representatives and An Bord Altranaís on January 15th 2008 to discuss the framework within which Nurse prescribing should operate if it proceeds. There have as yet been no further contacts with the statutory nursing body.

The taskforce established by the HSE to oversee implementation of SI 478 has completed its final report, which will be published on the Faculty website in due course (www.radiology.ie/radiation/index.htm) once it has been signed off by the Department of Health. Some of the report recommendations require a legislative change, in particular establishing HIQA (Health Information and Quality Authority) as the competent authority for the co-ordination of the development of the standards for Ionising Radiation safety in the future. The report states that the role of the Faculty of Radiologists in clinical audit is the promotion of standards such as referral criteria, training guidelines and quality and management guidelines. As per SI 478, the taskforce has established a National Radiation Safety Committee or **Medical Exposures Radiation Committee/MERC** which will meet a number of times annually. At the invitation of the HSE, I sit as the Consultant Radiologist member of this multifaceted multidisciplinary committee which is advisory to the Board and CEO of the HSE. One of the first major tasks of the committee will be to analyse the results of the Questionnaire-based audit of institutional compliance with SI 478 performed last Winter for the HSE by a UK-based body known as the **Quality Assurance Reference Centre/QARC**.

On a closely related front Faculty was involved last Autumn in the co-ordinated Irish response to an EU questionnaire on clinical audit of ionising radiation exposures as the first step of the European Commission project for the preparation of European guidance on Clinical Audit for medical exposure.

One very welcome development over the last year was the postponement of implementation of EU Physical Agents Directive 2004/40/EC until at least 2012 and the acknowledgement by The European Commission that the directive is likely to be substantially modified prior to its delayed implementation. This directive, which sought to drastically curtail individual exposure to electromagnetic radiation, had threatened MRI throughput throughout the EU by seeking to reduce the amount of time workers could be exposed to even low-strength electromagnetic radiation.

Dr. Ronan S. Ryan
Chairperson, Radiation Protection Committee

(viii) Scientific Committee



The Annual Scientific Meeting was held from 27th to 29th September 2007. The theme was Cardiovascular Imaging. One innovation this year was the MSc program on evidence based medicine. Our thanks are due to Professor Dermot Malone who organised this component of the meeting.

The Honorary fellows were Professor Andy Adam, Professor Ann Barrett and Professor Nestor Muller. The Haughton lecturer was Professor Andy Adam.

The MR Users Group meeting (combined with the Professional Practice and Continuing Education Meeting) took place in Belfast on Saturday 9th February. This was a well attended meeting with over 100 delegates and topics covered included diffusion imaging, physiological imaging of the brain and whole body MRI. Congratulations are due to Dr Mark Elliott and Dr Leo Lawler who organised a superb event.

The Combined Spring Meeting of the Faculty took place in Galway from 12th-14th June 2008. This was a combined meeting with the European and British Societies of Musculoskeletal Radiology (ESSR/BSSR). Two parallel sessions were held for the Faculty for scientific presentations. In addition, a very high quality musculoskeletal programme was held on all 3 days, the local organiser is Dr David O'Keeffe.

I would like to thank the Dean and the Faculty board for their support during the last year. In addition, I would like to thank the members of the Scientific Committee, many of whom have contributed greatly both in time and effort towards the scientific program of the Faculty this year. I would also like to thank my predecessor, Dr Barry Kelly, for his invaluable advice and assistance since taking up the role of Chairman.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the staff of the Faculty office, Jennifer O'Brien and Karen Milling for their unsurpassed dedication. Without their efforts none of the above would have been possible.

Dr. P. K. Ellis
Chairperson, Scientific Committee

Honorary Conferring 2007



Left to right: Dr. William Torreggiani (Board Member of Faculty of Radiologists); Professor Nestor Muller (Honorary Fellow); Professor Frank Keane (Vice-President, RCSI); Professor Ann Barrett (Honorary Fellow); Professor Peter McCarthy (Dean); Dr. Catriona O'Sullivan (Board Member of Faculty of Radiologists); Professor Andy Adam (Honorary Fellow); Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide (Hon. Secretary & Dean Elect of Faculty of Radiologists)

HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007/2008



Changes to the Faculty Board

Dr. Éamann Breatnach, Professor Donal Hollywood, and Dr. Barry Kelly retired from the Board in 2007. The Board acknowledges the significant contribution that each of these members has made to the business of the Faculty of Radiologists and to the profession in general.

The Board welcomed Dr. Peter Ellis, Dr. Peter Kavanagh and Dr. Clare Faul as first time members of the Board. Dr. Adrian Brady was also welcomed for his second term on the Board of the Faculty. He replaces Dr. Barry Kelly as Vice-Dean. Otherwise there were no officer changes during the 2007/2008 year.

The following Board Members agreed to take the following positions:

Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (RPII):	Dr. Niall McEniff
National Advisor Committee of Medical Education and Training:	Professor Peter McCarthy
Forum of Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies:	Professor Peter McCarthy & Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide
Medical Council CME Advisory Group:	Dr. John Buckley

Dr. Michael Hurley continued to serve with distinction on the outgoing Medical Council. Dr. Éamann Breatnach, former Dean, was returned unopposed as the representative for pathology and radiology on the new Medical Council.

Forum of Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies

The Forum of Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies has representation from all the various postgraduate bodies. It is chaired by Professor T. J. McKenna, former President of the RCPI. The Dean and Honorary Secretary of the Faculty are members of the Forum. The Forum interfaces with a number of bodies including the HSE, the Medical Council, the Department of Health and Children and the National Advisory Committee on Medical Education and Training. Strategic issues under discussion include the ongoing development of a professional competence scheme for registered medical practitioners (Medical Council) and the ongoing evolution of medical education and training (HSE and DOHC). Other issues addressed by the Forum include generic hospital inspections, overseas training positions and audit of postgraduate medical training positions. The Forum of Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies is playing an increasingly important role and involvement by the Faculty of Radiologists with this forum will be extremely important in the future.

Faculty Interaction with the HSE

During the last year discussions have taken place with senior executive officers within the HSE. The discussions have largely centred on the issue of quality assurance and radiology. The multi-faceted and complex nature of this problem has been stressed by the Faculty with the HSE. Discussions are ongoing between the Faculty of Radiologists, the HSE and the Department of Health & Children, in order to evolve a rational, best practice approach to this issue. The Faculty will also continue to engage with other postgraduate training bodies, the Medical Council and HIQA on the generic issue of quality assurance as this is obviously an issue for all professional bodies. The Faculty must also engage with society at large outlining the significant advances and achievements in radiology, while also educating the general public to the absolutely unavoidable human factor at work in the review of radiology examinations, and therefore that errors are inevitable.

A number of other issues were discussed with the HSE during the year. The ending of the supernumerary training programme and the necessity to increase the number of paid posts within the training programme was stressed. The development of community radiology, teleradiology, the accreditation of radiologists who have not trained in Ireland, and consultant manpower issues were amongst the other topics discussed with the HSE.

Faculty Appointments in Europe and North America

Dr. Éamann Breatnach continues his contribution as member of the Executive of ESR and Chairman of its Education Committee. He continues as a member of the International Committee of the Radiological Society of North America.

Dr. Julie O'Brien, an SpR in the Adelaide & Meath Hospital is the current trainee representative on the Executive of the European Radiologists Trainee Forum. He has also been elected Treasurer of this Forum.

Faculty Office Staff

The business of the Faculty continues to increase inexorably. The entire Faculty remain indebted to our full time secretary Ms. Jennifer O'Brien whose good humoured, willing, capable and efficient help is pivotal to all the work and achievements of the Faculty of Radiologists. We are also indebted to her able and capable assistant Ms. Karen Milling.

Meetings of the Board of the Faculty of Radiologists

Since the last AGM, October 2007, there have been five Board Meetings,

The Board of the Faculty for the year 2007/2008 was constituted as follows:

DEAN PETER MCCARTHY	TERM OF OFFICE 2004 - 2009 (Elected Dean 2006 - 2008)
VICE-DEAN ADRIAN BRADY	2007 - 2012
HONORARY TREASURER JOHN STACK	2006 - 2011
HONORARY SECRETARY RISTEÁRD Ó LAOIDE	2003 - 2008
BOARD MEMBERS CAITRIONA O'SULLIVAN NIALL MCENIFF JOHN BUCKLEY PATRICIA FITZSIMONS WILLIAM TORREGGIANI RONAN S. RYAN IAN KELLY PETER ELLIS PETER KAVANAGH CLARE FAUL	2004 - 2009 2003 - 2008 2003 - 2008 2005 - 2010 2006 - 2011 2006 - 2011 2006 - 2011 2007 - 2012 2007 - 2012 2007 - 2012
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: EX-OFFICIO:	Mr. Freddie Wood Prof. Gerald C. O'Sullivan (President, RCSI)

Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide
Honorary Secretary

Finance and General Purposes Committee Annual Report 2007/2008



The Faculty accounts for the year ended 30 September 2007 were prepared with the assistance of the Finance Department of RCSI and audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Revenue levels are adequate for daily management of the Faculty. The major income derives from member's subscriptions and training programme fees. The Faculty also gratefully acknowledges contributions from the equipment manufacture and pharmaceutical industry which continues to be a vital source of funding for academic meetings and also for supporting visiting professors. The Postgraduate and Medical Dental Board provided 92,900 for the continued development of the teaching programme. Their support is gratefully acknowledged.

General expenditure rose modestly during the year. This was somewhat compensated by a reduction in loss accumulated from the academic meetings. Expenses for attendance at official meetings continue to rise as increased demands are placed on Faculty Officers.

As anticipated the Faculty's investment portfolio has not performed as well as in previous years but still remains in a satisfactory state.

Funding of the O'Halpin Linders Scholarship continues and is described in more detail by Dr. Breatnach. The four sub-speciality groups within the Faculty have also reported separately.

Dr. John Stack
Honorary Treasurer
Chairperson, Finance & General Purposes Committee

O'HALPIN LINDERS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2007/2008

Faculty members will remember that this Scholarship Programme was inaugurated in 2005 to commemorate Dr. Dara O'Halpin, consultant paediatric radiologist, Temple Street, Dublin. Dara was a past Board member, and served as Hon. Treasurer in the Faculty from 2002 to 2003.

This Faculty Scholarship Programme remains a unique initiative amongst the post graduate teaching bodies. Candidate doctors are chosen by competition from developing nations to come to Ireland and train to full FFR RCSI level. On completion of an entirely funded four years training, scholars return to their country of origin to engage in clinical work, teaching, and outreach work. No money leaves Ireland, but to include all fees, travel and ancillary expenses, each scholarship is valued at approximately 250,000 Euros.

All three present participating scholars are from Nairobi, Kenya. Nairobi is a city of enormous contrasts with a huge level of poverty with all its attendant problems. It is anticipated that with the return of a caucus of three highly trained radiologists to the radiologic community standards of radiology deliverance both in service commitment and in education will be significantly enhanced.

First and foremost I wish to thank Mr. Joseph Linders, the late Dara's husband, who has supported the programme since its inception, and who individually sponsored the first candidate. Many others have continued to fund the ongoing programme including Faculty members. I would like to thank all contributors.

I am pleased to report that all candidates have had an exemplary academic record. Dr. Irene Mwangi successfully sat her Fellowship examination in November '07, and is due to return to Nairobi as first scholar in August '08. I recently visited Nairobi with Mr. Linders, and had various meetings with authorities there to ensure a smooth transition to an appropriate posting which will be based at the Mater Hospital, Nairobi, with commitments to Kenyatta Public Hospital and its outreach activities and Nairobi University. The authorities of these institutions eagerly await Dr. Mwangi's return, and have confirmed their commitment to assisting her in realising the aims of the scholarship programme.

Dr. Rowland Okello Okumo is in his third year at St. Vincent's Hospital, and Dr. Yusra Sheikh Omar has successfully completed her Part I Fellowship, and is based at Cork University Hospital. On behalf of the candidates and Faculty I wish to thank consultants and SpR's in the host departments who welcomed and have assisted these candidates in every way.

Not surprisingly, such a complex project has always not been plain sailing, but so far all obstacles have been overcome, and one can anticipate a fruitful outcome with immense positive impact on the very complex health issues that present themselves in a city such as Nairobi.

I would like to thank Dr. James Masterson, past Dean, and Dr. Michael Hurley, past Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Faculty, and Medical Council representative, who have assisted me by representing Faculty in interview panels in Kenya. I also wish to particularly thank Dr. Stephanie Ryan (former Hon. Secretary Faculty) consultant paediatric radiologist, Temple Street, who has assisted me at every level in the administration of the programme.

On completion of the present programme of three candidates, fund-raising focus will be aimed at the provision of adequate equipment within the participating institutions so that the skills of those excellent radiologists will be fully realised. A survey of the equipment requirements has been made and fund-raising for this has already commenced. The highest equipment priority at present includes installation of an up to date C.T. scanner, ultrasound equipment, mammography and digitisation of the department at the Mater Hospital. On our recent visit we had negotiations with the manufacturers, and it is hoped that installation will commence in the very near future.

I remind Faculty members that any donation to the scholarship fund will be most welcome, and a scholarship donation form is included for your use.

Dr. Éamann Breatnach

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS



The most important development in European Radiology over the past year has been the phenomenal growth of the European Society of Radiology (ESR). The ratification of the structures, and Executive of the new ESR which took place in March 2008, represents a landmark in the history of European radiology. The final merging of the previous European Association of Radiology and the European Congress of Radiology represents the culmination of efforts and vision by many leaders of our specialty at national level, at European subspecialty society level, and of course the Executive Council of the ESR. Finally a single European individual membership society has been formed; it is true to say that this amalgamation represents a unique development within professional medical organisations worldwide.

The European Society of Radiology now incorporates a diversity and variety of professional activities not matched by any other specialty organisation in medicine. Functions include education, congress planning, research, professional organisation, liaison with regulatory and government authorities and a wide variety of more specific activities related to each of these major areas.

Within one year the organisation membership has extended to well over 30,000 new members. This rate of growth has been fuelled by an Executive Committee recommendation to adopt a number of initiatives. The first was the offer of membership for €10 on behalf of each individual member, to include all facilities incorporating electronic access to European radiology.

Secondly, it was decided to invite European national societies to forward the contribution of €10 per individual member thus incorporating their entire membership into the ESR family. This offer has been accepted by over 30 European national societies, and I am proud to record that the Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland was one of the first to see the value of this offer, and thus incorporate all its members as full members of the ESR. I commend the wisdom of the Dean and Board in taking this initiative.

A third policy decision was to make the ESR a global society, inviting radiologists from each continent to join as corresponding members. Such corresponding membership incorporates many benefits of ESR membership though not all, e.g. voting rights. These huge numbers provide the leverage necessary for high worth industry support and a robust voice in political dialogue.

Other important developments in European radiology throughout the year have included the appointment of Professor A.K. Dixon, who is an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Radiologists, as editor of European Radiology. He takes over from A.L. Baert whose stewardship and enormous contribution to this journal has been immense.

Elections for the new Executive of ESR took place between October and December '07. The electronic voting system worked without a hitch, and a new Executive was inaugurated in March '08 at ECR. I am grateful to all Faculty members for their support of my nomination as Chairman of the Education Committee, ESR. Professor Iain McCall was elected president of the society for March '08 – March '09. Members of the Executive include:

Christian J. Herold, Maximilian F. Reiser, E. Breatnach, Borut Marincek, Malgorzata Szczerbo-Trojanowska Lublin, Yves Menu, Adrian K. Dixon, Gabriel P. Krestin, Luis Donoso, Fred E. Avni, Guy Frija, Luigi Solbiati, Busto Arsizio, Andras Palko, Peter Baierl.

Other major initiatives that have taken place in '07 – '08 have been the productive dialogue between the Society and our colleagues in the European Association of Nuclear Medicine. This is particularly timely in the context of the development of PET CT where nuclear medicine skills and training have become an essential prerequisite for the appropriate application and best use of this technology. Though not an issue in Ireland, access to PET C.T. is a problem in many European jurisdictions where such installations are under the control of a Nuclear Medicine physician so this dialogue is an essential development to ensure radiology's profile in the new technology.

These discussions led to the production of a White Paper on Multimodality Imaging, which is available on the ESR website, and this has stimulated the creation of an outline syllabus for all types of hybrid imaging in the future. The society is actively involved in issues of cross-border health care, very specifically highlighted in the potential availability of cross border teleradiology. The society seeks to protect the patient and to maintain the high quality of clinical service that radiologists provide within the context of an expanded Europe. Many of these initiatives and responses involve a close liaison with the radiology section of the UEMS. The ESR works closely with the UEMS on such political initiatives.

Activities specifically dealt with by the Education Committee E.S.R. during '07 – '08 include revision of the Training Charter and Curriculum, European Training Assessment Programme (Chairman Dr. Lynn Johnson, Past Dean). C.M.E. activities European School of Radiology, development of curricula of hybrid imaging, White Paper on Multimodality Imaging and a paper on undergraduate radiology education. These activities are detailed in the Annual Report of the E.S.R. (www.myesr.org).

Relations between the Faculty and European bodies are hugely important. For a small country such as ours maintenance of a high profile on the European stage will be increasingly difficult. This is due to the enhanced voting power of major nations and a change to individual voting rights under the new structures. Attendance of Faculty at the Annual Leadership Meeting with Presidents of all European Societies is essential. I am pleased to represent Faculty at UEMS where many of the political issues affecting radiology and the relationships between the specialty and government are discussed. With increasing harmonisation throughout Europe it is essential that Faculty maintains a strong voice on all such organisations, and I would take this opportunity to urge participation from all members at both ESR level, and through the various subspecialty societies.

I would like to congratulate the Dean and Board on their decision to join all Faculty members as individual members of the ESR where membership presently stands at 32,000 members. I would again like to congratulate Professor Michael Lee on his Chairmanship of the Interventional Programme Subcommittee of the Congress, Professor Dermot Malone on his representation of ESGARD at Education Committee and Dr. Claire Roche on her participation at Programme Committee level of ECR and Dr. Veronica Donoghue, representing the European Society of Paediatric Radiology at the Education Committee of ESR. I look forward to continuing to represent Faculty's priorities and interest at every opportunity available.

Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Chairperson, Education Committee, ESR

Breast Radiology Sub-Group Annual Report 2007/2008



The Breast Radiology Group met formally on the 22nd February 2008. This Educational and Social meeting was held in Royal College of Surgeons, St Stephens Green and the Ely Wine Bar. Dr. Gormlaith Hargaden gave an excellent talk on MRI of the Breast. The meeting was well attended by members from all the regions.

Members of the Group were also well represented at The Mater Breast Meeting on the 15th - 17th of May 2008 in Mater Hospital, Dublin. The 1st Galway International Breast Cancer Conference was held in Galway on 19th- 21st June 2008 in conjunction with Nottingham Hospital, England, this was a lively and enlightening meeting again well attended by members of the Breast Radiology Group.

Dr. Patricia Fitzsimons
Chairperson, Breast Radiology Subgroup

Nuclear Medicine Sub-Group Annual Report 2007/2008

The Nuclear Medicine subcommittee met to discuss radioisotope therapies at the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in September. Multiple presentations were made outlining current treatment methods and future plans to introduce therapies in Northern and Southern Ireland. Introduction was given by Dr Martin O'Connell followed by presentations by Dr Simon Hughes on high dose I-131 MIBG therapy, Dr Ronan McDermott on Zevalin Radioimmunotherapy, Dr Lorraine Wilson on Radioisotope therapy for bone metastasis and Dr Michael Moriarty on I-131 therapy for thyroid carcinoma. There was a limited discussion regarding radiosynovioarthritis and peptide therapy. The next subcommittee meeting will be during the 2008 ASM when a discussion regarding SPECT/CT imaging will be held. All are welcome.

Dr. Martin O'Connell
Chairperson, Nuclear Medicine Subgroup

Validation Committee Annual Report 2007/2008



Committee members

William Torreggiani (chair), Prof. Peter McCarthy (Dean), Risteárd Ó Laoide, Barry Kelly, John Stack, Éamann Breatnach and Catriona O' Sullivan

The Validation Committee was originally constituted by the Dean in November 2004 in order to oversee the marked increase in applications to the Faculty for Validation of credentials and training of candidates applying for posts in Ireland. The Validation Committee is a subcommittee of the Board and reports directly to it.

The validation committee meets every three months and discusses all applications sent to it to assess whether a candidate should be validated. The job has become increasingly important and sometimes very difficult for the committee with the spotlight on the speciality within the press with the highly publicized controversies affecting radiologists in recent months. The committee's role has become central in trying to assess a radiologists training and qualifications. This is not always easy and the committee endeavours to be as fair as possible but yet maintaining standards. The group presently consists of the chair, Dr William Torreggiani, the Dean of the Faculty of Radiologists, Professor Peter McCarthy, Dr Catriona O'Sullivan and board members, Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide, Dr. Barry Kelly, Dr. John Stack and Dr. Éamann Breatnach. The group is guided by a series of updated guidelines, which were recently updated.

A summary of the updated criteria is as follows:

The requirements to be placed on register of specialist training in Radiology.

- 1). Possession of a primary medical qualification eligible for full registration with the Irish Medical Council.
- 2). Possession of the Fellowship of the Faculty of Radiologists RCSI or equivalent
- 3). Possession of 5 years satisfactory training in Radiology. Training must be deemed equivalent to training in radiology under the auspices of the Faculty of Radiology, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
- 4). Up to date CV
- 5). Up to date references
- 6). Proof of training with copies of all relevant degrees
- 7). IELTS certificate in English for all non EU applicants with a minimum score of 7 in each of the four bands

For EU applicants for certificate of specialist doctor or certificate of specialist training, the Medical Council of Ireland has the following rules in its regulations:

Applicants must:

- Be an EU National
- Have an EU Primary Medical Qualification
- Have completed the majority of their training in Ireland

The Medical Council is the competent authority in Ireland responsible for issuing Certificates of Specialist Doctor and Certificates of Specific Training under EU Directive 93/16/EEC as amended. These Certificates are issued to facilitate freedom of movement throughout the EU. The three above criteria must be met for the issue of certificates under the terms of the free-movement directive 93/16/EEC:

The majority of applications are sent through the medical council and the validation committee works closely and within the rules and regulations of the medical council in processing these applications. The validation committee expects that the numbers applying will grow substantially over the next few years. We envisage that the validation committee will continue to play a major role in ensuring standards in radiology are kept to the same high standard that presently exist and ensuring only fully trained radiologists are validated.

Dr William C. Torreggiani,
Chairperson, Validation Committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008



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8th to 10th September 2008

Primary FRR Radiodiagnosis

Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th September 2008

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

Monday 13th to 17th October 2008

Bracco Visiting Professor, Professor Jonathan Kruskal

10th to 12th November 2008

Final FFR Radiodiagnosis

12th to 14th November 2008

Final FFR Radiotherapy

30th November to 5th December 2008

RSNA

15th December 2008

Postgraduate Conferring

Saturday 31st January 2009

MR Users, PPCE & Imaging Meeting (Venue: Grand Hotel Malahide, Dublin)

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th April 2009 TBC

Combined Spring Meeting

Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th September 2009

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

Friday 6th to Tuesday 10th March 2009

ECR Congress

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2007 / 2008

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Corresponding Members:

	Dr. M. Maher Dr. J. O'Sullivan Dr. J. Harney Dr. M. Hurley	Mater Private Hospital Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast University College Hospital, Cork
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Dr. M. O'Connell	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
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