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## Dean's Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

As Dean it is my privilege to report to you the major Faculty activities which have taken place during the past year. Many of these are ongoing, and represent the development of work commenced and inspired by my predecessors and previous Boards, and I wish to warmly acknowledge this.



In the review I shall summarise the extent, variety, complexity and magnitude of Faculty activity, and in this regard I would like to thank my officers, committee chairmen, and the Faculty Board for their enormous commitment throughout the year. The present Board includes representatives from virtually all demographic areas in the country with a high degree of educational and political experience. Their advice and commitment in both allowing innovation, whilst maintaining appropriate caution have been of enormous assistance to me.

### Changes in Board Personnel

This year Dr. McInerney, Past Dean, finishes his period as Board member. I wish to record and acknowledge my gratitude to him for his encouragement to me as his Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and his assistance and support to me since my becoming Dean. Dr. McInerney has served the Board for more years than he would wish to remember and I am delighted that he has accepted chairmanship of the Overseas Committee since January 2005. Dr. James Masterson, Past Dean, was previous chairman of this Committee, and through his skilled diplomatic efforts maintained the overseas programme despite many complex and international difficulties. Dr. Michael Moriarty retired from the Board this year. Dr. Moriarty has served on the Board and as Chairman of Radiation Oncology for many years with huge commitment. He has managed the affairs of Radiation Oncology, at times almost single handed, and I would like to pay him special tribute. I welcome Dr. Caitriona O'Sullivan as a new member to the Board, and who has since enthusiastically taken on chairmanship of the Radiation Oncology group. I would also like to welcome Prof. Peter McCarthy back to the Board, and who has agreed to serve as Vice Dean 2004/2005.

I warmly thank my Honorary Secretary Dr. Stephanie Ryan. Dr. Ryan has validated the dictum "ask a busy person and the job will be done" and I would like to acknowledge her huge assistance. Dr. Adrian Brady, Honorary Treasurer has meticulously overseen the Faculty finances which remain firmly secure. Under his chairmanship the Finance & General Purposes Committee has dealt effectively, and efficiently with many issues that arise in Faculty business, and again I wish to thank him most sincerely.

Dr. Barry Kelly has followed Dr. Dermot Malone as Chairman of the Scientific Committee and he has brought an enthusiasm, new ideas, and unique wit to this posting, Dr. Dermot Malone with his proven track record in research has taken over as an ideal chairperson of the Research Committee. Dr. Sean Darby has taken over as Chairman of the Radiation Protection Committee from the previous chairperson, Dr. Stephanie Ryan. During her period as chairperson of this committee, Dr. Ryan has done vast work on behalf of the Faculty dealing with the important issues for practising radiologists arising from the introduction of new European Communities (Medical Ionising Radiation Protection) Regulations 2002 that transpose into Irish Law the EEC Directive 97/43/EURATOM relating to the health protection of individuals against the dangers of ionising radiation in relation to medical exposures. During her tenure as chairperson of this committee she has also represented Faculty on the myriad state committees which deal with this complex legislation. I acknowledge all other committee chairmen for their continuing work, which is reported individually in this bulletin.

### O'Halpin / Linders Faculty of Radiologists Outreach Scholarship

Dr. Dara O'Halpin was unique in her status as a Faculty person and a very special friend. It was my privilege, under the Deanship of Dr. McInerney to coordinate a commemorative scholarship programme bearing her name. A particular pleasure in 2005 has been to oversee the commencement of Dr. Irene Mwangi as first scholar in the O'Halpin / Linders Faculty of Radiologists Outreach Scholarship Programme at the Mater Hospital Dublin in October 2004. Interviews for the first scholarship were held in Nairobi Kenya on April 2004, which I was fortunate to chair as Faculty representative; the interview panel included a wide spectrum of experienced educators from Kenyatta University Hospital, Nairobi University and beyond. Dr. Mwangi has shown herself to be an ideal recipient of this unique outreach award. Under the terms of same she will study and work over a four year period in the Faculty training scheme with a binding commitment to return to her native Kenya on completion of her studies. On her return, she will have a fifty percent clinical commitment to the Mater Hospital Nairobi, with fifty percent commitment to teaching and outreach work. Already, interviews for the second scholarship have taken place under the chairmanship of Dr. James Masterson Past Dean, again in Nairobi Kenya. A second candidate Dr. Rowland Okello Okumu has been appointed, and is due to commence training in September 2005 at St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin.



From left to right:

*Mr. Joe Linders (Scholarship Sponsor), Mrs. Mary Harney (Táiniste – Minister of the Department of Health), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists) Sr. Srgn. Marian Dolan (Mater Hospital, Kenya), Dr. Irene Mwangi (Sponsorship winner), Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon. Sec. Faculty of Radiologists).*

A public launch of the programme was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2005. There was an attendance of over 120 guests including the Táiniste & Minister for Health and Children, Ms. Mary Harney, Sister Surgeon Marian Dolan, Kenya, Mr. Joseph Linders and family, Past Deans, Board members, Fellows, and potential future benefactors and sponsors of the ongoing programme. Each scholarship is valued at approximately €150,000., and the Faculty is extremely grateful both to Mr. Linders for his generosity in sponsoring the first scholarship, and all other benefactors who together shall sponsor the ongoing programme. I am grateful to the Board for agreement to waive all tuition fees, to my colleagues in the Mater Hospital for their support, and to the Radiology Department of St. Vincent's University Hospital for agreeing to provide a hospital base for the next scholar.

### **Combined Spring Meeting 2005**

The Spring Meeting 2005, held in Cork was very successful, with a record number of registrants. I thank Dr. Barry Kelly for organising the scientific aspect of the meeting, and Prof. Peter McCarthy for coordinating a special symposium on breast carcinoma. The social aspects of the meeting were deemed a great success with record attendance at both the Thursday evening dinner in Hayfield Manor, and on Friday evening at the formal dinner held at the Aula Maxima, University College Cork. I wish to thank the local organising committee including Dr. Adrian Brady and Dr. John Buckley.

### **Faculty Specialty Sub Groups**

In line with the development of specialty sub-groups within the Faculty, Dr. Stephanie Ryan has inaugurated a paediatric sub-group. A nuclear medicine sub-group will have an inaugural meeting coinciding with the Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2005. The importance of the integration of such a group, within the main body of radiology is particularly timely with developments in PET Imaging, Cardiac Nuclear Medicine, PET CT, and other molecular studies.

### **Medical Council & the Faculty of Radiologists**

Dr. Michael Hurley is presently our representative on the Medical Council, where he also represents the interests of anaesthetics. This is of enormous benefit to radiology, and I am very grateful to him for this work, and for facilitating our ongoing close cooperation on all matters of mutual interest between Medical Council and Faculty.

### **TRAS: Temporary Registration Assessment Scheme**

I am pleased to announce that successful negotiations were carried out with the Medical Council Registration Committee, during 2004 which have resulted in an exemption for overseas trainees coming to study under the auspices of the

Faculty of Radiologists. I can report that a cooperative working relationship exists between this committee and the Faculty. The ethos of the Faculty Overseas Programme has been deliverance of education to candidates from countries where equivalence of training possibility does not exist. Such candidates attend Faculty for competitive interview for specialist radiology training, and are sponsored for the training period by their home government or agency. On completion of training they return to their country of origin and serve their local communities. The Faculty is pleased that the programme has been recognised in this way by the Medical Council Registration Committee.

### **Credential Validation Committee**

Within the context of an expanded European Community, Faculty responsibilities for the awarding of CCST and the placement of names on the Medical Council's Register of Medical Specialists have become both increasingly pertinent and complex. I am grateful to the Faculty Board for supporting a proposal for institution of a formal Credential Validation Committee. I am grateful to Prof. Peter McCarthy for chairing this Committee which has dealt with upwards of 30 complex applications for Irish CCST recognition since the Committees inception six months ago.

### **Teleradiology**

The Faculty has been aware of developments in teleradiology internationally and domestically, and has given the matter consideration. Faculty is aware that the technology has the potential to hugely affect the practice of diagnostic radiology as we know it, and is cognisant of difficulties which have arisen in the UK in this regard. These have been specifically in the areas of outsourcing MRI scan reporting to non NHS Radiologists. Dr. Adrian Brady (Hon. Treasurer) has prepared a Faculty policy document on this subject which is now available on the website. In summary, though Faculty sees a definite role for teleradiology in a domestic context, it is insistent that all criteria presently applying to the practice of diagnostic radiology in Ireland, inclusive of appropriate registration, insurance and standards, must apply to any internationalised teleradiology service that may be proposed at a future date in Ireland. Faculty takes the strong view that the spectre of diagnostic imaging studies performed in Ireland and reported elsewhere is at variance with best clinical practice. Faculty is not supportive of any mechanisms which would sideline such patterns. This issue, along with other matters of best clinical practice will be monitored by Faculty on an ongoing basis.

### **International & European Affairs**

Communications continue between the Faculty and the American College of Radiologists regarding reciprocity arrangements between the two bodies. I am grateful to Dr. Dermot Malone for steering this activity, and for coordinating contact between Faculty officers and senior members of the American Board of Radiology. This work is particularly important in the context of a changed recognition relationship between the American Board of Radiology, and the training bodies of other English speaking jurisdictions with whom there has also been reciprocity heretofore. We have been assured that these altered criteria from the American Board of Radiology are part of a general response to mainland political pressure within the US, and do not indicate a quality judgement of the Faculty training scheme. Regular meetings take place between Faculty officers and higher officers of the American Board of Radiology at RSNA. These will continue and it is hoped that by this means and with Dr. Malone's group representations the previously very close cooperation between American Board of Radiology and the Faculty can be maintained and strengthened. The forthcoming accreditation group personnel includes Dr. Bob Stanley, American Board of Radiology Trustee and Prof. Giles Stevenson of Canada, with which training scheme the US Boards have full reciprocity.

The Faculty remains committed to closer cooperation with European structures including the EAR, ECR, and the newly founded ESR in promoting standardisation of both education and examination structures, research and radiology education throughout Europe. Dr. James Masterson retires as UEMS representative this year. Dr. Masterson has promoted the Faculty and Irish radiology most effectively within Europe. As incoming Faculty representative at UEMS and EAR in Europe I shall continue to strive to enhance Faculty position and the profile of radiology in a European context along with Dr. Lynn Johnston, Past Dean, who has recently been appointed Chairman of the Radiology Training Accreditation Committee and Honorary Treasurer of UEMS.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Gerard Hurley, Past Dean and previous President of the EAR shall be awarded the Faculty Desmond Riordan Gold Medal at the 2005 Faculty Scientific Meeting for his tireless work on behalf of Irish radiology most especially within Europe, and culminating in the creation of the constitution which was adopted, at the first meeting of the new European Society of Radiology (ESR) in Vienna 2005.

### **Training Programme Accreditation**

At present the challenges facing Faculty as the body responsible for radiology training are major and unprecedented. The massive expansion in consultant posts available within Ireland, can be expected to have a significant knock on affect on Faculty's essential role in maintaining the highest educational standards in an era of increasing pressures to expand

the number of SpR training posts and bases. In this context this year's accreditation process is of vital importance with far reaching consequences.

Because of this the self imposed five yearly training scheme accreditation process of the Faculty training scheme, represented an opportune time to review Faculty education present and future. To do this an Ad Hoc Accreditation Committee Group to include a wide representation of senior educators and officers of the Faculty was convened. The members gathered for a day long meeting which addressed all aspects of the training programme in a root and branch fashion. All training structures, criteria and standards, and a proposal to structure the incorporation of new potential hospital applications were addressed. The report of this committee is both available on the Faculty website and from Faculty offices. This incorporated a report from Dr. Risteard Ó Laoide on behalf of a fifth year curriculum committee which recommended the formal inclusion of an accreditable fifth year as part of training requirement of specialist registration. The committees proposals are particularly suited to the incorporation of well established and high quality postgraduate programmes e.g. the UCD MSc in radiological sciences course coordinator, Prof. Stephen Eustace and similar programme in UCHG, course coordinator, Prof. Peter McCarthy which already exist. In this regard I am delighted that radiology educators are seen to work together, and by close cooperation continue to maintain the eminence, and unanimity of radiology training as run by the Faculty in our relatively small but vibrant community. Dr. Ó Laoide's committee report is also available on the Faculty website.

### **Teleconferencing**

An initiative on teleconferencing was proposed by Dr. Ian Kelly, Waterford Regional Hospital to be incorporated in the year 2 didactic lecture series. This was further developed with the help of Dr.'s Adrian Brady and Barry Kelly, and I am pleased to report that their proposal for this development was recently presented and supported unanimously by the Joint Postgraduate Medical Training Committee.

Faculty representation on College Committee is now an established conduit to policy decision making within the College. Many items of mutual interest between the Faculty and College have been discussed, and this mechanism provides a reassuring forum for Faculty voice to overall College governance. It also provides ready access to College experience in its running of a very large both national and international postgraduate surgical training.

### **Overseas Training Programme**

I am pleased to announce that the Overseas Training Programme in Kuwait is running fully and satisfactorily, and under the Chairmanship of Dr. David McInerney Past Dean. I can report a meeting with the then Minister for Health in Kuwait in September 2004 who gave firm reassurances of his governments commitment to the reinstatement of full Part I and Part II training in Kuwait. I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Denis O'Connell who has been Overseas Coordinator over the past five years.

### **Irish Training Programme**

The Faculty has been fortunate to have Dr. Ronan McDermott as overall Course Coordinator over the past two years. Dr. McDermott has introduced a number of innovations including the standardisation of shortlisting and interview processes for applications to the training scheme which have proven very helpful. These standards have ensured continuance of a level of transparency suited to such a highly competitive and potentially difficult process. He has also been exceptional in his ability to provide support and understanding to registrars in training whilst maintaining the highest academic standards.

At the time of writing (July 2005) we are well through a very busy academic year, but despite this, the summer months remain a very busy period for Faculty office. Virtually all of the above matters are ongoing, and the office is busy in preparation for the upcoming year, which will include the forthcoming international accreditation of the Faculty training scheme 2005. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Jennifer O'Brien, Faculty Secretary for her extraordinary contribution to the smooth running of what is now a complex and multifaceted organisation, and to her assistant Ms. Lorna Murphy.



From left to right:

*Back Row: Dr. Niall McEniff, Dr. Dermot Malone, Dr. John Buckley, Dr. Barry Kelly, Dr. Sean Darby*

*Front Row: Dr. Stephanie Ryan, Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean Elect), Dr. David McNerney (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists),  
Dr. Adrian Brady and Dr. Risteard Ó Laoide.*

**Dr. Éamann Breatnach**

Dean

Faculty of Radiologists

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 2004/2005

### (i) Radiation Oncology Committee

2003 saw the publication of the Expert Group report on the Development of Radiotherapy Services in Ireland, and in December 2004 five Dublin Hospitals were visited by an International Group of Experts, who submitted a Recommendation to the Department of Health on the future configuration of Radiotherapy in the Dublin area. The Department of Health and the Minister continue to deliberate on that recommendation. Meanwhile Equipment, Facilities, and Consultant Manpower remain woefully inadequate.



However the new Radiotherapy Department in UCHG has successfully opened, and is extending it's service to include Galway and Mayo by Summer 2005. Dr Frank Sullivan is the Clinical Director of the Department, and returns from the United States after 18 years. The Cork Radiotherapy Department is also undergoing a major expansion of it's Facilities, Equipment, and Manpower.

Dr Michael Moriarty has finished his term as Chairman of the Radiotherapy Committee, and the Faculty Board, but remains on the Committee to offer his considerable experience, support and guidance.

Professor Donal Hollywood has undertaken the role of National Training Co-ordinator, and St. Luke's Hospital SpR Training Program will be accredited by the Faculty of Radiology in May 2006. The Hospital Training Co-ordinator Dr Pierre Thirion has joined the Radiation Oncology Committee.

2005 will see the first Visiting Professor of Radiation Oncology, Professor Michael Baumann from Dresden, who is the incoming President of ESTRO ( the European Society of Therapeutic Radiation Oncology ). Professor Baumann will deliver the Keynote Address of the Radiation Oncology Section at the Annual Scientific Meeting ( ASM ) of the Faculty of Radiologists 2005.

Professor Baumann will be awarded an Honorary Fellowship at the ASM.

The Visiting Professorship is sponsored by The Gift Fund of St. Luke's Hospital, which is also sponsoring the newly inaugurated St. Luke's Registrar's Prize at the ASM. This prize will be presented by Professor Baumann.

2005 continues to be an exciting and challenging time for the discipline of Radiation Oncology which is on the "Cusp" of great change.

#### **Dr. Catriona O'Sullivan FFRCSI**

Chairperson, Radiation Oncology Committee

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

The committee continues to provide an input into the Competence Assurance Structures of the Medical Council. The Faculty is also involved along with other training bodies in advising the Medical Council on development of a process of more direct pure assessment by doctors known as Actual Clinical Performance (ACP). However, a further development of this is linked to the enactment of the new Medical Practitioner's Act which may be published in late 2005 but is unlikely to come into effect before 2006 at the earliest.



I would like to thank the following who are retiring members of the committee for their commitment and contribution to the work of the committee, namely:

Dr. C. Mac A Bhaird  
Prof. P. McCarthy  
Dr. P. Fitzsimons  
Dr. J. Stack  
Dr. L. Johnston

I would also like to thank those continuing on the committee.

Details of CME can be obtained from the Faculty website ( [www.radiology.ie](http://www.radiology.ie) ). In addition fellows and members may input details of their CME by accessing CPD on the Faculty website homepage. Further details of CME/CPD and ACP can also be obtained from the Medical Council website ( [www.medicalcouncil.ie](http://www.medicalcouncil.ie) ).

#### **Dr. John Buckley**

Chairperson, CME Committee

### **(iii) Education Committee**

The primary function of the Faculty is its educational role. As such deliberations of the Education Committee remain central to all Faculty activity. The Education Committee met five times during the year. I am pleased to report that attendance at this committee remains consistently high with approximately 90% attendance at each meeting.

Interviews for the Part I intake were held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005. There were 59 applicants from which 19 appointments were made. The standard of applications remains extremely high, and all appointments candidates had successfully passed other postgraduate examinations and had authored a number of published papers. Dr. McDermott's evaluation guidelines proved extremely helpful, assisting a fully transparent process.

Interviews for Fifth year positions were held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005. Eleven appointments were made, breakdown of fifth year positions were as follows:

- St. Vincent's Hospital Cross Sectional Imaging 6 months/ St. Vincent's Hospital Interventional Radiology 6 months
- University College Hospital Galway Interventional Radiology 12 months
- Adelaide / Meath Hospital Cross Sectional Imaging 6 months / Cross Sectional Imaging St. James's Hospital 6 months
- St. James's Hospital Interventional Radiology 6 months / Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin Paediatrics 6 months
- Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital/Mater Hospital Musculoskeletal 6 months / Mater Hospital Mammography 6 months
- Beaumont Hospital Lecturer's Post 12 months
- The Children's University Hospital, Temple Street Paediatrics 6 months / Adelaide Meath Hospital Cross Sectional Imaging 6 months
- St. James's Street Cross Sectional Imaging 6 months / St. James's Street Interventional Imaging 6 months
- Mater Hospital Mammography 6 months / St. Vincent's Hospital Mammography 6 months
- Beaumont Hospital Neuroradiology 12 months
- Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin Paediatrics 6 months / The Children's Hospital, Temple Street Paediatrics 6 months

Again standards of applications for 5<sup>th</sup> year posts remained extremely high. The new criteria of formal integration of the fifth year training for CCST registration were explained to all candidates and shall apply from July 2006. This addition to training will be monitored by the Fifth Year Accreditation Group. The group consists of two nominations from Faculty, together with radiology academic heads from each of the university training departments.

Interviews for Sponsored positions were held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005. Two appointments were made. These were to University College Hospital Galway and Beaumont Hospital.

Annual assessments took place on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005, and continue to prove very helpful both in early identification of any difficulties arising for SpR's as trainees, and also useful for the course coordinator and local coordinators in identifying possible improvements that may be made in the delivery of training from time to time. A review of this process shall also be a part of forthcoming accreditation process.

### **Bracco Visiting Professor**

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2004. I wish to thank Bracco for their continuing sponsorship of this important event. This year's Visiting Professor was Dr. Richard McWilliams who also gave a stimulating paper at Faculty entitled "Endovascular aneurysm surgery - is there any need for a radiologist?" on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2004. I would ask Faculty members to support the public lecture of the Visiting Bracco Professors, which continues to be of a consistently high standard. These are held on the Thursday evening of each visit in the College at 6.30pm to facilitate Consultant attendance.

### **Examinations 2004/2005**

The satisfactory administration of examinations is integral to Faculty activity and necessitates a special attention to detail, and responsibility on behalf of all examiners. For these reasons Faculty is very privileged to have experienced educators of the calibre of both Dr.'s McGrath and Gibney as Chief Part I and Part II Examiners respectively and Dr. Clare Faul (Part II FFR RCSI Therapy) together with the entire examining team. Our externs this year included Dr. Mike King and Dr. Henry Irving. In this regard I would also like to thank Mr. Fintan Foy and the staff at the Examinations Office, RCSI.

**Present Part I FFR Radiodiagnosis Examiners are:**

Part I FFR RCSI (Diagnosis):  
Dr. Frank McGrath, Chief Part I Examiner  
Dr. John Buckley  
Dr. Barry Kelly  
Dr. Michael Casey  
Dr. N. O'Donovan  
Dr. Jim Virjee  
Dr. Richard Johnson

**Present Part II Examiners are:**

Part II FFR RCSI (Diagnosis):  
Dr. Robin Gibney, Chief Part II Examiner  
Dr. Adrian Brady  
Dr. John Stack  
Dr. Frank Keeling  
Dr. Alan Freeman  
Dr. Henry Irving

Part II FFR RCSI (Therapy):  
Dr. Clare Faul, Chief Part II Examiner  
Dr. Ian Fraser  
Dr. Kieran Moore (External)  
Dr. Séamus McAleer (External)

**Examination Results**

The following candidates were successful in the 2004/2005 Examinations:

**Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - April 2005**

Dr. Orla Buckley  
Dr. Carmel Cronin  
Dr. Niamh Hambly  
Dr. Susannah Harte  
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. Neasa Ni Mhuirheartaigh  
Dr. Sylvia O'Keefe  
Dr. Kevin O'Regan  
Dr. Timothy Scanlon

**Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRCSI), Dublin - November 2004**

Dr. Sandra Brennan  
Dr. Colin Cantwell  
Dr. Rachel Ennis  
Dr. John Feeney  
Dr. Stephanie Ford  
Dr. Tony Geoghegan  
Dr. Eric Heffernan  
Dr. Fiona Hughes  
Dr. Micheal Hurley  
Dr. Jeffrey McCann  
Dr. Arthur David McKenna



The Part II Examiners recommended the award of the Final FFR Radiodiagnosis first place medal to Dr. Eric Heffernan in April 2005. This medal was last awarded November 2003.

Dr. Jeffery McCann was successful in attaining the equivalent medal of the Royal College of Radiologists, London FRCR Part II examination in May 2005. Faculty can be proud of a remarkable record for Irish SpR's in attaining this award in the past, with three of the past five such medals being awarded to Irish trainees.

#### **Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRCSI), Dublin April 2005**

Dr. Niall Gough  
Dr. Annamarie O'Connell  
Dr. John Sheehan

#### **Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRCSI), Kuwait - April 2005**

Dr. Ammar Al Jumah  
Dr. Reem Tawfiq Al Saif  
Dr. Majedah Barrack Al Zanki  
Dr. Said Khalfan Alaghbari

#### **Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRCSI), Dublin - May 2005**

Dr. Cormac Small



#### **Other Faculty Awards**

The winner of the Radiological Society of Ireland Medal for the best poster presentation at the Combined Spring Meeting April 2005 was Dr. John Sheehan: poster entitled: "Double Contrast MRI (DCMRI) of Focal Lesions in the Cirrhotic and Non Cirrhotic Liver: A problem solving technique".

The winner of the Edward Malone Medal for the best paper presentation at the Combined Spring Meeting April 2005 was Dr. Colin Cantwell: paper entitled: "Radio Frequency Ablation with Cooled Radiofrequency Probe and Impedance Control Energy Delivery in a Pig Bone Model".

#### **Accreditation**

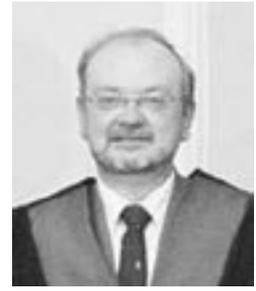
The Faculty Training Scheme Accreditation process is a five yearly event, and this is due to take place in October 2005. See Dean's report for detailed background.

#### **Dr. Éamann Breatnach**

Chairperson, Education Committee

#### **(iv) Research Committee**

The Research Committee continued its activities of grant awarding and 'horizon scanning' throughout 2004 and 2005.



#### **Faculty Grants:**

2005 grant research applications round  
This led to the award of three grants:

1. Dr. Lorna Browne: "CT Colonography and Transient Bacteraemia: Implications for Antibiotic Prophylaxis."
2. Dr. Michael Hurley: "A Prospective Comparison of Time-of-Flight MR Angiography and Digital Subtraction Angiography in the follow-up of Coiled Intracranial Aneurysms."
3. Dr. Niall Sheehy: "An Investigation of a Novel Fast High Resolution 3D Fat-suppressed T1W MRI sequence for gadolinium-enhanced evaluation of meningeal disease."

Many thanks to Prof. P. McCarthy, Prof. S. Eustace and Dr. J. Meaney for their hard work and sound advice during the grant review process. The financial support of Amersham and Siemens is gratefully acknowledged.

#### **Grants Awarded: Status Report**

2002: Dr. M. Staunton. Morphine-augmented MRCP: A Feasibility Study. Completed. Presented at a scientific session of the ASM 2004 and as an EPOS (online) scientific exhibit at ESGAR 2005.

2003 & 2005: Dr. C. Cantwell. Percutaneous RFA of a single cortex of a long bone diaphysis: biomechanical and MRI changes post-treatment correlated with histology in a pig model. Completed. Presented at a scientific session of the Spring Meeting 2005. Winner of the E.W. Malone medal for the best non-consultant oral presentation at the Spring Meeting 2005.

The studies funded by the second 2003 grant (awarded to Dr. Iqbal) and the 3 grants awarded in 2004 (to Drs. Keeling, Johnston and McKenna) are in various stages of completion.

#### **New Initiatives**

The committee agreed to explore the potential for Faculty Involvement in Molecular and Genetic Imaging as well as grant-funded Health Services Research. We are also investigating the possibility of arranging study design support for Irish Radiology trainees through the Faculty.

We all look forward to welcoming Prof. M. Maher to the Research Committee when he returns to Cork later this year.

Finally, many thanks to Drs. L. Johnston, D. McInerney, J. Murray and C. Roche (who completed terms on the Research Committee this year), to the Faculty Office and to all others whose time and effort contributed to a very satisfactory year for this committee.

#### **Dr. Dermot Malone**

Chairperson, Research Committee.

**(v) Overseas Committee**



This academic year has been a positive one for the affairs of the Overseas Committee. Following a year in which the programme had been suspended, in April 2004 a new agreement between the Kuwaiti authorities and the Faculty for teaching radiology for a period of three years was negotiated and signed. This contract includes a provision that the Faculty will help and assist in the development of a Kuwaiti Board of Radiology during the course of the next three years.

The programme co-ordinator Dr. Denis O'Connell, organised a new Part I programme and a total of ten Kuwaiti candidates were recruited in May 2004, commencing their course in September 2004. These candidates have taken their Part I examination at the same time as the Irish candidates and have been quite successful, with a pass rate of 50% of those sitting.

A further Part I course is due to commence in September 2005. Interest in radiology in Kuwait has increased greatly and the number of candidates for interview is higher than ever before and includes many of the best students from their medical year. In addition, the Part II course will recommence in Autumn 2005 and a further concentrated Part II course will be put together in August/September 2005 for candidates sitting the Part II examination in November 2005. On the Kuwaiti side the programme is co-ordinated by Dr. Abdelmohsen Ben-Nakhi and Dr. Mahraj Sheikh, with Dr. Tariq Sinan continuing his invaluable support and involvement.

Dr. James Masterson has stood down as Chairman of the Overseas Committee after a long period of commitment to overseas training and with a particular success of reviving the course in 2004 after a period in abeyance. He has agreed to continue on the committee and we are gratefully for his wise advice.

Despite some earlier anxiety about security in the Gulf, there have been no problems for teaching staff. A close watch is kept on the security situation in Kuwait by College authorities

In March 2004, the Faculty participated in an RCSI visit to Dubai and presented a Scientific Session at the academic meeting. We expect to visit Bahrain in Spring 2006 with the RCSI group and to participate in the academic meeting there also.

I would like to record my gratitude to my committee members for their hard work throughout the year which has been rewarded by a great enhancement of our overseas programme.

**Dr. David McInerney**

Chairperson, Overseas Committee

**(vi) Radiation Protection Committee**



The Committee held five meetings during the year. In October Dr Stephanie Ryan retired as Chair following her appointment as Honorary Secretary to the Faculty. The Committee missed greatly the extensive expertise and enormous energy of Dr Ryan. She has over the last few years put in huge time and effort into this increasingly complex and expanding area of Radiation Protection. Dr Sean Darby replaced Dr Ryan as Chair.

During the year most of the documents required arising from S.I. 478 were submitted to The Medical Council and accepted. These included Criteria for Clinical Audit, Diagnostic Reference Levels, Written Protocols on Radiological Procedures, and Guidelines on Dose Restraints for Helpers.

The Committee discussed at length the request from the Department of Health and Children to produce Guidelines to help in the interpretation of S. I. 478. The Committee took the view that it did not have the legal expertise to write such guidelines.

The new Radiation Protection Committee structures proposed under S.I. 478 have not yet been implemented due to organisational changes brought about by the introduction of the HSE. The Committee prepared a document in response to the Draft proposals of the HSE and this document was circulated to all Departments of Radiology.

Several Radiation Protection Courses for non radiologists were approved over the year and the Committee felt that the standard of these courses was excellent and that they were often well attended by the appropriate people.

**Dr. Sean Darby**

Chairperson, Radiation Committee.

**(vii) Scientific Committee**

The scientific committee met on a number of occasions during the academic year. Three Faculty meetings were organised.



**1. The Annual Scientific Meeting:**

This took place from Thursday, September 30th to Saturday October 2nd, 2004. The theme of the meeting was 'Multislice CT'. Excellent lecture sessions were delivered by speakers from all parts of Ireland, the United States and Canada. The Haughton lecture and Honorary Fellow's lecture were given by the 2004 Honorary Fellow, Prof Sat Somers, and were entitled "Radiology: Future Challenges and Opportunities," and "The Role of Barium in GI Radiology" respectively. The Schering AG lecture, entitled "The Imaging of Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias" was given by Prof. David Lynch.

A very popular and successful 'Case of the Day' session was organised under the auspices of Prof. Stephen Eustace.

In addition to excellent scientific presentations, a poster exhibition also took place. This was held in close proximity to the technical exhibition, which was well supported and very successful. For the second year, submission to the scientific programme was entirely digital.

Once again the fork supper was held in the Fitzwilliam Tennis Club and the black tie dinner in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

**2. The Professional Practice and Continuing Education (PPCE) / Imaging Meetings**

These took place on Friday, February 11th and Saturday February 12th at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. The PPCE meeting was entitled 'The Irish Hospital at Night-2005'. The aim of the meeting was to stimulate thought and discussion about the appropriate role of the radiology department and the radiologist in 'out of hours' care in the Irish Health Service as it stands in 2005.

Following a lecture from Dr J. Ryan entitled 'what the Emergency Room Physician wants from Radiology;' lectures were delivered by radiologists entitled, 'where we are now and where we are going'. These were given by colleagues who discussed the implications for those working in University, Regional, County hospital departments in Ireland and the UK.

This was followed by a wine and cheese reception. The sponsorship of Schering AG is gratefully acknowledged

The Imaging meeting featured 5 scientific presentations and a lecture session entitled "Radiation Protection and your Practice: A refresher course for Radiologists". The program was, as ever, designed with considerable input from the medical physicists and was very well received.

The guest lecture was given by Dr G.D. Hurley and was entitled "Irish Radiology 2005: Looking Forward; Looking Back."

### 3. The Combined Spring Meeting:

This year's meeting was held on the 15th and 16th of April at the Hayfield Manor Hotel in Cork. I am pleased to record that this year's Combined Spring Meeting had the highest ever attendance of delegates to both the scientific and social functions. Once again, Abbey Conference Services assisted the Faculty secretariat with many aspects of conference organisation.

There were 3 scientific sessions: Vascular and Interventional Radiology; Neuroradiology and musculoskeletal radiology; and Imaging. Forty-five registrar presentations were given. In addition, 31 posters were received from Ireland, the UK, and North America. Dr Adrian Brady and Dr Michelle McNicholas adroitly organised the judging of the poster and oral presentations respectively.

The Schering Lecture symposium, chaired by Prof. Peter McCarthy, was on Breast Imaging and following the previous year's template, a multi disciplinary symposium was organised. This was followed by a lively and informative discussion centring round case scenarios.

The winner of the Radiological Society of Ireland medal for the best poster presentation was Dr. John Sheehan , for the poster entitled "Double Contrast MRI (DCMRI) of Focal Lesions in the Cirrhotic and Non Cirrhotic Liver: A problem solving technique".

The winner of the Edward Malone medal for the best paper presentation was Dr. Colin Cantwell for the paper entitled "Radio Frequency Ablation with Cooled Radiofrequency Probe and Impedance Control Energy Delivery in a Pig Bone Model"

Several other papers and posters received an honourable mention.

### Annual Scientific Meeting 2005

The theme for this meeting will be "Oncoradiology: Pearls and Pitfalls". This year's Honorary Fellows will be Professor Janet Husband, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, and Dr Robert Stanley, editor of the American Journal of Roentgenology, and Prof. Micheal Baumann, Professor of Radiation Oncology at the University of Dresden, Germany

Without the support of our colleagues in the industry, we would not be able to bring so many excellent speakers to meetings and run such a state of the art programme. In addition, the contributions of our close colleagues in medical physics are much appreciated both in the planning and execution of the imaging meetings.

My thanks too, to all the members of the scientific committee for their time, input and support during the past year. Particularly, I must give great thanks to my predecessor Dr Dermot Malone for the unstinting support and encouragement he has given me as his successor.

Finally, as always, a huge debt of gratitude is owed to Jennifer O'Brien, Lorna Murphy and Ann McInerney from the Faculty office for their efficiency, professionalism and unflappable good humour throughout the year.

### Honorary Conferring 2004



From left to right: *Dr. David McInerney (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists), Prof. Sat Somer (Honorary Fellow), Dr. Dermot Malone (Chairperson of Research Committee), Prof. Gerard O'Sullivan (Vice President, RCSI),*

### **Dr. Barry Kelly**

Chairperson, Scientific Committee.

## European Affairs Report 2004/2005

The past year has seen many fundamental changes in the structures of European Radiology. The European Association of Radiology (EAR) was re-established under Austrian law. Following the acceptance of new statutes for the EAR electoral arrangements were in place which allowed a balance between the varying size of National and Sub-speciality Societies. A very successful European Congress was held in Vienna under the Presidency of Professor Antonio Chiesa (Italy). During the Congress the Annual General Meetings of EAR and ECR voted to progress the formation of a European Society of Radiology (ESR) which would encompass the activities of the present EAR and ECR. New Statutes for EAR were drawn up and accepted. These included an electoral mechanism which endeavoured to balance the influence of the varying sizes of the constituent National and Sub-speciality societies.



Elections were held for the positions of the officers of EAR during the EAR AGM. Professor Nick Gourtsoyiannis (Greece) was continued as EAR President and Professor Iain Mc Call (UK) as Vice President. Professor Peter Vock (Switzerland) who had served the Association well for two terms as Secretary General retired and was replaced by Prof Guy Frija who had expanded the French Society as their Secretary General over recent years. Professor Lorenzo Bonomo from Italy was appointed Honorary Treasurer replacing his illustrious compatriot Professor Roberto Passariello who had done much to improve the finances of EAR and had served European Radiology selflessly over many years. He was also responsible for setting up EURORAD the on-line radiology teaching tool which has now been based in Vienna with a new and improved website. Professor Albert Baert continues as EURORAD Editor in Chief as well as his continuing his onerous role as Editor in Chief of European Radiology. He is supported by Professor Davide Caramella as Scientific Director. Birgit Gull is publication Co-ordinator and can be reached at [epc@eurorad.org](mailto:epc@eurorad.org).

On the research front Prof Gabriel Krestin has been elected Chairman of the EAR research Committee and has been given the task of developing a European Institute of Biomedical Imaging Research (EIBIR). This initiative deserves our full support to ensure that Europe stays at the forefront of imaging development in the future. A proposal has been submitted to the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission. This should be supported by lobbying EC officials, National Research Boards and Government agencies. The Faculty might consider a co-ordinating role in support of EIBIR from an Irish perspective.

Professor Jose Bilbao –Spain is the new Chairman of the Sub-speciality Committee taking over from Prof Andy Adam and Prof Andras Palko –Hungary replaces Prof Vladimir Jevtic –Slovenia as Representative of the National Members. EAR has set up a professional secretariat in the ECR offices in Vienna with a view to harmonising the activities of European radiology and improving communications with the members. This continued a trend whereby the majority of the European radiological Sub-speciality societies were also accommodated within the ECR facility under the supervision of Peter Baeirl and his excellent staff.

During the AGMs of EAR and ECR both bodies agreed to move forward with the formation of a European Society of Radiology. This will, in time, encompass the present activities of both EAR and ECR. Plans for the transition are apparently well advanced and will be discussed at a meeting of the member societies in December. Meanwhile UEMS Radiology Section continues its activities on professional and educational matters under the Presidency of Dr Bruno Silbermann (France) who has been particularly active on the problems surrounding Teleradiology. Dr James Masterson is stepping down as one of our UEMS representatives after many years of dedicated work on behalf of European Radiology. He is replaced by Dr Éamann Breatnach, Dean of the Faculty. Our other UEMS Representative, former Dean, Dr Lynn Johnston continues in his role as Honorary Treasurer of UEMS Radiology Section.

It is essential that the traditional linkage between UEMS representing the professional and educational aspects of Radiology and the emerging ESR representing academic radiology are maintained in the future. Furthermore it is important that the National and Sub-speciality Societies continue to be satisfactorily represented in the new body via a vis individual membership in order to protect the unity of European Radiology.

ECR 2006 will be held in Vienna March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2006 under the Presidency of Professor Andy Adam UK. A broadly based scientific and educational programme is planned as well as presentations indicating future trends in Radiology.

### **Dr G.D. Hurley**

Former President EAR & UEMS Radiology Section

# HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

## Changes to Faculty Board.

The Dean Dr. Breatnach took up office in November 2004.

The following changes to the board were made:

- Prof. Peter McCarthy – Vice-Dean
- Dr. Stephanie Ryan – Honorary Secretary
- Dr. Adrian Brady – Honorary Treasurer
- Dr. Barry Kelly – Scientific Committee Chairperson
- Dr. John Buckley – CME Committee Chairperson
- Dr. Niall McEniff – Interventional Radiology, reporting through Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- Dr. Sean Darby – Radiation Protection Chairperson
- Dr. Dermot Malone – Research Committee Chairperson
- Dr. Caitriona O'Sullivan – Radiation Oncology Committee Chairperson
- Dr David McNerney - Overseas Committee Chairperson



The Dean welcomed Dr. Caitriona O'Sullivan to the Board and thanked Dr. Masterson on behalf of the board for his huge contribution to the Overseas Committee.

Since the last AGM, September 2004, there have been four Board Meetings, dated

Friday 12th November 2004

Friday 21st January 2005

Friday 11th March 2005

Friday 13th May 2005

## Validation Committee of the Faculty

The Dean proposed the setting up of a new Validation Committee of the Faculty under the chairmanship of Professor Peter McCarthy as Vice Dean, to address issues relating to validation and particularly to deal with individual requests from doctors from within and outside the EU for validation of training for the purposes of CCST certification. This committee has had several meetings and is serving a very useful function within the Faculty.

## Faculty Interviews:

First year SpR interviews took place on 10th February 2005. Fifty-nine applications were received and seventeen substantive trainee posts were filled. The standard of the applicants was extremely high with very many having received Gold Medals in their undergraduate careers and very many achievements already in their clinical careers to date. It is a credit to the training program and especially the training coordinator Dr. Ronan McDermott that the Radiology training program continues to attract the brightest and the best medical graduates.

International Government sponsored SpR post interviews also took place on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005, and two appointments were made.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005, twelve Higher Training (fifth year) posts were appointed from within the Training Scheme. These SpRs have chosen to do a fifth year of training within the program in one or two subspecialties of their choice.

Interviews for the overseas Kuwait programme took place on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2005 in the KIMS office Kuwait. The interview board consisted of Dr. Tariq Sinan (Chairman of the Faculty of Radiologists Kuwait), Dr. Abdulmohsen Ben Nakhi (Faculty of Radiologists, Kuwait), Dr. Denis O'Connell (Programme Coordinator), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean). Twenty-one candidates were interviewed for this programme and thirteen were appointed.

### **Fifth Year Review**

A team headed by Dr. Ó Laoide presented a proposal for formalisation of the post fellowship educational programme. A flexible modular programme with an element of choice has been proposed that will focus on the non-interpretive skills.

Post fellowship trainees will need to complete Compulsory Core Modules and can choose three subspecialty training modules. It will be up to the candidate himself to decide on how to fulfil the requirements of a module. This may be within an MSc, M Med Sc or other course. The Faculty will set up a curriculum subcommittee who will evaluate submissions and determine if they satisfy these requirements. The process can begin in the last six months of the fourth year to facilitate trainees who would like to do these modules before going abroad for a Radiology Fellowship to complete their CCST.

Dr. Ó Laoide proposed that consideration be given to having a formal CCST ceremony to mark successful completion of training.

It is hoped that the concept will be in place by Oct '05 for Accreditation and that the 4th year registrars will begin this process in Jan '06

The board commended Dr. Ó Laoide and his team for this proposal.

### **Accreditation process**

According to a five-year cycle, Faculty Training accreditation is due for renewal in 2005. An Ad-hoc Committee of the Faculty composed mostly of members of the education committee met and undertook a root and branch type examination of the National Faculty Training programme in advance of the forthcoming of training accreditation. Discussion would included:

1. An update of accreditation procedures.
2. Discussion of the national curriculum and training strategies to include changes which have occurred in diagnostic radiology in the five years since previous accreditation.
3. An address of future directions and requirements anticipated in the national training scheme for the forthcoming five-year period commencing 2005.

A report of these proceedings was made and submitted to the board meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

### **American Board of Radiology**

There was some concern this year about the possibility that the American Board of Radiology may cease to recognise training on our program towards US Board certification. The Dean and others had met with and later written to Dr. Robert Hattery, Director of the American Board of Radiology about our concerns. Dr. Hattery has responded with a request for a proposal from us on this issue. Dr. Dermot Malone and selected fellows of the Faculty are addressing this issue and intend to respond to Dr. Hattery with details that describe the strengths of our training programme and how our programme compares favourably with a US training programme.

### **Launch of the O'Halpin Linder's Scholarship**

The official Launch of the O'Halpin Linder's Scholarship took place on the evening of the 21 Jan 05. The Minister of Health and Children, Táiniste, Ms Mary Harney, officiated at the launch as did Sr. Surgeon Marian Dolan, Director of the Mater Hospital Kenya and a key player in the interview process for the current scholar. The Current scholar, Dr. Irene Mwangi was present as were the Dean, past Deans, members of the Board of the Faculty, Mr Joe Linders, benefactor, with members of his family, and friends of the late Dr. O'Halpin. The launch was very successful and all were agreed that this was a very worthwhile project.

The Dean informed the Board in January 2005 that Mr. Linders and his associates are keen to keep up the momentum of the scholarship and have arranged funding to have a second scholar join the training scheme this year following selection in Kenya. This scholar will train at St. Vincent's Hospital.

### **E-Mail**

The Board and committees of the Faculty have agreed to distribute agendas, minutes and other notices as far as is practicable, by email reducing both workload and expense for the faculty office.

**Newsletter**

The Board of the Faculty has been asked to keep non-Board members informed of proceedings of the Faculty Board and committee meetings between annual reports. In response to this, we have decided that, for a trial period at least, we shall send short news bulletins by email to Fellows of the Faculty of Radiologist to keep fellows informed of issues that arise since many of these issues have direct relevance to daily practice. It is envisaged that these bulletins will be issued a few times a year, corresponding to the dates of the Board meetings. The first news bulletin was issued in August 05. Bulletins will also be posted on the Faculty Website.

**Faculty Office Staff**

Reflecting the major increase in Faculty business, the Board has appointed Miss Lorna Murphy as temporary secretary. We wished Ms. Ann McInerney success as she resumed her studies full time but are happy to welcome her back now and then to help out when the workload is particularly onerous.

The entire Faculty remain indebted to our full time secretary Ms Jennifer O'Brien, whose cheerful, willing and efficient help is pivotal to all the work and achievements of the Faculty of Radiologists.

**Dr. Stephanie Ryan**

Honorary Secretary  
Faculty of Radiologists

# Finance and General Purposes Committee Annual Report 2004/2005



## FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual accounts for year ending 30.09.04 again showed a successful year for the Faculty, with an increase of 8.3% in Faculty income over the previous year, while expenditure decreased by 17.5% over the previous year. This resulted in a healthy surplus of €162,000 for the year to September 2004. This surplus allowed the Faculty retain the annual retention fee and the costs of registering for and attending Faculty meetings at the same level as the previous year. Preliminary accounts at the midway point of the financial year ending 30.09.05 indicate that our financial position at the end of this year will not be as strong as last year, but should still show a surplus of income over expenditure. It is likely that the annual subscription to the Faculty will increase by a very modest amount at the end of 2005.

## SPONSORSHIP

Total sponsorship of Faculty activity by pharmaceutical, equipment and device manufacturers and distributors in 2004 showed a small increase over the previous year's sponsorship with the percentage of total Faculty income being obtained from this source remaining approximately stable. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of companies in the industries for our activity. We would like to particularly highlight sponsorship for specific purposes from a number of sources:

1. The Bracco Visiting Professor. This year's visiting professor was Dr. Richard McWilliams (Nov. 2004). Dr Denis Balfe had planned to be the Visiting Professor in May 2005, but was forced to postpone his visit. We hope he will be able to visit in the near future..
2. The Schering lecture session at the spring meeting on breast cancer. The guest speakers at this session were Dr Frank Sullivan, Professor Cecily Quinn, Dr Seamus O'Reilly and Professor Michael Kerins.
3. The Amersham Research Grant of €20,000 which greatly enhanced the resources available to the research committee to support research by radiology trainees.
4. The Siemens sponsorship grant, which represents a very significant increase on sponsorship previously provided by Siemens and which will be used to support a specific session at the annual scientific meeting in September 2005.

## INVESTMENTS

As in previous years, day to day income and expenditure on behalf of the Faculty is managed on the Faculty's behalf by the Finance Office of the RCSI through the Faculty's accounts, subject to control by the Faculty's officers. We retain investments separate from these accounts as follows:

1. AIB deposit account, balance on 10.03.05 of €211,215.
2. Investment with Morgan Stanley Quilter, with €150,000 placed on 01.09.04. This investment has performed well with a 3.4% rise in value to the end of December 2004 and a further 5.5% rise in value in the first 5 months of 2005.
3. An investment of €150,000 placed with Irish Life in a property portfolio bond, investment commencing in mid April 2005. This replaced our previously held investment in Anglo Irish Bank preference shares which were redeemed by the bank in January 2005.

## SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Very significant savings have been achieved in the cost of holding Faculty meetings in the RCSI, arising from negotiations with college officers in 2004. As a result, the cost of room rental and media services support for the annual scientific meeting, the PPCE meeting and the Imaging meeting have decreased very significantly relative to previous years and the agreement that has led to this decrease will remain in place for at least 3 years. Abbey Tours have once again provided organisational support for the Spring meeting which was held very successfully this year in Hayfield Manor Hotel in Cork and University College Cork. A very high number of delegates registered for and attended the meeting and the associated social events. The cost of holding the meeting was higher than in previous years, resulting in a loss to the Faculty, but this has been offset by commercial sponsorship made available from our sponsors to support the meeting.

## KUWAIT PROGRAM

A very successful Part 1 teaching program has been running in Kuwait since last year and later in 2005 a Part 2 teaching program will recommence. The new agreement reached between the Dean, the chairman of the Overseas Committee and the overseas co-ordinator and the Kuwaiti authorities last year has worked well. Payment for running the course was received in May 2005 from the Kuwaiti authorities.

### **INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY, BREAST & PAEDIATRIC SUBGROUPS**

These three sub-speciality groups have met regularly under the auspices of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The Breast subgroup (chaired by Prof. Peter McCarthy) contributed a very successful session on breast cancer to the Spring meeting in Cork in April 2005. The Paediatric subgroup (chaired by Dr. Stephanie Ryan) held their first scientific meeting in association with the PPCE meeting in February 2005, on the subject of urinary tract infection in children. The Paediatric subgroup will meet again at the time of the Annual Scientific meeting in September 2005, on the subject of developmental dysplasia of the hip. The Interventional subgroup (chaired by Dr. Niall McEniff) continues to explore the possibility of assisting the Faculty of Nursing of the RCSI in setting up formal training for radiology nurses and it is hoped that such a course may commence later this year. Efforts are also being made by the IR subgroup to collate data on interventional radiology practice in Ireland.

### **PGMDB**

The PGMDB continues to be a major source of funds for the Faculty's educational activities, and the total allocation of funds for 2005 has increased to €84,000, an increase of €10,000 over last year's support. We are grateful for the continued assistance of Mr John Gloster, Chief Officer of the PGMDB, in our activities.

### **FACULTY OFFICE STAFF**

The workload of the office staff continues to increase. Ms Jennifer O'Brien continues to be the lynchpin of Faculty activity and I am very grateful to her for all her efforts on our behalf in the past year. She was assisted by Ms Ann McNerney to the end of 2004 and the Faculty would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Ann for all her work over the past few years. Ms Lorna Murphy is presently working on a flexible part-time basis in the office and has been of great help to us since taking up her post early in 2005.

### **O'HALPIN/LINDERS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Faculty is extremely grateful to the Linders family for their support in setting up this scholarship fund in memory of the late Dr Dara O'Halpin. The first recipient of the scholarship, Dr Irene Mwangi, is currently pursuing her training very successfully, based in the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Once further funding has been secured, it is hoped to recruit another candidate to this scholarship program.

### **TELECONFERENCING**

A proposal to establish teleconferencing facilities, drawn up by Dr Ian Kelly of Waterford Regional Hospital, has been considered by the Board. We plan to seek sponsorship for this initiative later in 2005.

### **PURCHASE OF TEACHING MATERIALS**

In late 2004, Dr. David McNerney negotiated a grant of €20,000 from the Dept. of Health & Children for the purchase of teaching materials by the Faculty. We have used this money to provide CD copies of the ACR teaching files to all Hospital Radiology Depts. engaged in the training programme; these have already been purchased and distributed. The remainder of the funds are being used to purchase textbooks requested by the training departments, up to the value of approximately €1000 per department. It is hoped to have these books delivered to training departments by summer 2005. This is a significant event, as it is the first time the Faculty has been in a position to purchase teaching materials to be placed directly in training departments, as opposed to being retained in the central Faculty tutorial room. We hope that this initiative will help training departments in their preparation for accreditation inspections.

I would like to express my deep appreciation of the help given to me in the past year by Finbarr O'Connor of the Finance Office of the RCSI and by Jennifer O'Brien, Ann McNerney and Lorna Murphy in the Faculty offices. Without the continued dedication of these individuals, Faculty activity could not continue. I would also like to thank Louise Loughran, Mary Alexander and Bernie Cahill of the RCSI for their help with financial, recruitment and conference matters.

### **Dr. Adrian Brady**

Honorary Treasurer

Chairperson, Finance & General Purposes Committee.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006



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**Monday 16th January 2006**  
**5th Year Interviews**

**Friday 10th & Saturday 11th February 2006**  
"Professional Practice and Continuing Education". (10th Feb) & Imaging Meeting  
(11th Feb) (Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

**Thursday 16th February 2006**  
1st Year Interviews 2006

**Monday 27th February 2006**  
Trainee Assessments

**3rd to 7th March 2006**  
ECR

**13th to 17th March 2006**  
RCSI visit to Bahrain

**Monday 20th March 2006**  
Trainee Assessments

**Friday & Saturday 12th & 13th May, 2006**  
Combined Spring Meeting

**April 2006 TBC**  
Bracco Visiting Professor

**3rd to 5th April 2006**  
Part II FFR Radiodiagnosis

**15th to 17th May 2006**  
Part I FFR Radiodiagnosis

**17th to 19th May 2006**  
Part II FFR Radiotherapy

**10th July 2006**

Postgraduate Conferring

**11th – 13th September 2006**

Part I FFR Radiodiagnosis

**11th – 13th September 2006**

Annual General Meeting - RCR

**Friday 29th & Saturday 30th September 2006**

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

**October 2006**

Bracco Professor

**13th to 15th November 2006**

Part II FFR Radiodiagnosis

**15th to 17th November 2006**

Part II FFR Radiotherapy

**26th November to 30th November 2006**

RSNA

**11th December 2006**

Postgraduate Conferring

**Board Meetings of the Faculty for the year 2006**

11th November 2005

27th January 2006

10th March 2006

26th May 2006

22nd September 2006

**Faculty Committee Meetings for the year 2006**

26th & 27th October 2005

11th & 12th January 2006

22nd & 23rd February 2006

10th & 11th May 2006

13th & 14th September 2006

**The Board of the Faculty for the years 2004/2005 was constituted as follows:**

	<b>TERM OF OFFICE</b>	<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED (TOTAL 4)</b>
<b>DEAN</b> ÉAMANN BREATNACH	2000 – 2005 (Elected Dean 2004 – 2006)	4
<b>VICE-DEAN</b> PETER MCCARTHY	2004 – 2009 (Elected Vice-Dean 2004-2005)	3
<b>HONORARY SECRETARY</b> STEPHANIE RYAN	2001 – 2006 (Elected Hon Sec 2004-2005)	4
HONORARY TREASURER ADRIAN BRADY	2001 – 2005 (Elected Hon. Treasurer 2003-2005)	3
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		
CAITRIONA O’SULLIVAN	2004 – 2009	4
RISTEARD Ó LAOIDE	2003 – 2008	3
NIALL MCENIFF	2003 – 2008	3
DONAL ORMONDE	2001 – 2006	3
BARRY KELLY	2002 – 2007	3
DONAL HOLLYWOOD	2002 – 2007	0
JOHN BUCKLEY	2003 – 2008	4
SEAN DARBY	2003 – 2008	2
DERMOT MALONE	2001 – 2006	4
DAVID MCINERNEY	2000 – 2005 (Elected Dean 2002-2004)	4
<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	Mr. Freddie Wood	
<b>EX-OFFICIO:</b>	Professor. Niall O’Higgins (President, RCSI) Prof Gerard C. O’Sullivan (Vice-President, RCSI)	

## MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2004 / 2005

### Radiation Oncology Committee

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Dr. C. O'Sullivan Prof. D. Hollywood Dr. M. Moriarty Dr. I. Fraser Dr. M. Pomeroy Dr. F. Sullivan Dr. P. Thirion Dr. S. McAleer Dr. J. O'Sullivan Dr. J. Harney Dr. S. O'Cathail Dr. C. Faul Prof. P. McCarthy	St. Luke's Hospital St. Luke's Hospital St. Luke's Hospital St. Luke's Hospital St. Luke's Hospital St. Luke's Hospital St. Luke's Hospital Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast Belvoir Park Hospital, Belfast University College Hospital, Cork St. Luke's Hospital University College Hospital, Galway
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	Dr. É. Breatnach Dr. S. Ryan	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

### Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Dr. J. Buckley Dr. A. P. Brady Dr. C. Collum Dr. G. Hurley Dr. D. Malone Dr. M. Maher Dr. D. McNerney Dr. D. O'Driscoll Dr. J. Morris Dr. K. Carroll	Cork University Hospital Mercy University Hospital, Cork Naas General Hospital Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght St. Vincent's University Hospital Mater Misericordiae Hospital Adelaide & Meath Hospital, Tallaght Letterkenny General, Donegal Mullingar Regional Hospital St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	Dr. É. Breatnach Dr. S. Ryan	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologist

### Education Committee

<b>Chairperson</b>	Dr. É. Breatnach Dr. D. McNerney Dr. M. Ryan Dr. P. MacEaney Dr. E. Phelan Dr. W. Torreggiani Prof. M. Lee Dr. J. Thornton Dr. R. Ó Laoide Prof. P. McCarthy Dr. H. Fenlon Dr. N. McEniff Dr. F. McGrath Dr. I. Kelly Dr. B. Kelly Dr. C. Collins Dr. R. McDermott Dr. J. Masterson	Mater Misericordiae Hospital Adelaide / Meath Hospital, Tallaght Regional Hospital, Cork Mercy University Hospital, Cork Our Lady's Hospital Adelaide / Meath Hospital, Tallaght Beaumont Hospital Beaumont Hospital St. Vincent's University Hospital University College Hospital, Galway Mater Misericordiae Hospital St. James's Hospital Beaumont Hospital Waterford Regional Hospital Royal Victoria Hospital St. Vincent's University Hospital Co-ordinator Irish Training Programme St. Vincent's University Hospital
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Dr. C. Faul  
Prof. S. Eustace  
Dr. A. Brady  
Dr. P. Govender

St. Luke's Hospital  
Mater Misericordiae Hospital  
Mercy University Hospital, Cork  
Trainee Representative

**Ex-Officio:** Dr. É. Breatnach  
Dr. S. Ryan

Dean, Faculty of Radiologists  
Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists

### Finance & General Purposes Committee

**Chairperson** Dr. A. Brady  
Dr. A.J. O'Dwyer  
Dr. P. Brennan  
Dr. C O'Sullivan  
Dr. R. Deignan  
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