



# Faculty of Radiologists Annual Faculty Newsletter 2005/2006

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## Dean's Introduction



Dear Colleagues,

It is again my privilege to report to you on highlights of Faculty activity which have taken place over the past year. Many are on going and represent the fruition of work inspired by previous Deans and Boards, and I wish to acknowledge this and extend Faculty's thanks to them.

The extent, variety, complexity and magnitude of Faculty work continues to increase; the scope of these functions mirrors completely those of any larger postgraduate teaching body, including postgraduate training, professional certification, the organisation and running of Continuing Medical Education meetings, steering relationships with Medical Council, Health Services Executive, Department of Health & Children, Postgraduate Medical & Dental Board and Joint Postgraduate Education Committees. Responsibilities also include the organisation and execution of international training programme accreditation for diagnostic radiology and radiation oncology, supervision of a well developed CME programme and interaction and representation with European and North American academic societies and very importantly, the conduct of a fully autonomous Fellowship Examination.

Faculty runs an active Overseas Programme including the unique O'Halpin / Linders Faculty of Radiologists Outreach Scholarship Programme, and a full Part I and Part II Fellowship teaching programme in Kuwait.

Faculty also incorporates a fully matching range of services and activities for Radiation Oncology, including responsibility for the national training scheme in that subject.

Our present Board includes representatives from virtually all demographic areas in the country including Northern Ireland, representing a high degree of educational and political experience. This diversity is one of the great strengths of Board and their advice has been of enormous assistance to me in allowing the cautious incorporation of innovation and change.

### Changes in Board Personnel

This year four positions are renewed on Board. I would like to pay a special tribute to Dr. Stephanie Ryan who retires from Board this year. Dr. Ryan has been Honorary Secretary throughout my Deanship and I wish to warmly pay tribute to her and to thank her for her assistance, commitment, and availability. On behalf of the Faculty I thank her for her sterling work in the area of radiation protection: Faculty will undoubtedly look forward to her return to Board in the near future.

Dr. Adrian Brady also retires from Board having served as Honorary Treasurer and Vice Dean. His meticulous supervision of the Faculty finance has resulted in maintaining finances in a healthy state. He played a leading role in the development of the Faculty teleconferencing project which was launched in April of this year, and has already proven to be a great success. Dr. Brady has taken up the position as Chief Part II Examiner from October 2006 and I wish him well in this very important role.

I wish to thank and congratulate Dr. Dermot Malone who served as chairman of the Scientific Committee from 2002 to 2004. Dr. Malone brought many innovations to this position, and Faculty members owe him a major debt for the calibre of meetings he organised. Dr. Malone has since worked as Chairman of the Research Committee moving that committee ahead with new ideas and cooperative ventures. He has helped me actively negotiate Faculty's relationship with the ABR, and his close association with European bodies will be hugely important for the Faculty in the future.

Dr. Donal Ormonde served as Chairman of Radiation Protection Committee in 2002. He was a strong supporter of many Faculty activities, and his political experience was evident in many of his contributions at Board level.

### Continuing Board Members

Dr. Barry Kelly has served as Chairman of the Scientific Committee since 2005. He has unobtrusively organised meetings of an exceptionally high quality, and each meeting was special and unique both in quality and subject matter. His northern background has ensured that the Faculty's all Ireland structures are gaining vibrant usage. Dr. Barry Kelly also serves as Regional Advisor for Northern Ireland, Royal College of Radiologists. This bridge thus created between Faculty and the Royal College of Radiologists will have advantages for both bodies into the future.

I would like to thank Dr. John Buckley who has served as Chairman of the CME committee. The Faculty has been to the fore in the development of our CME programme, and he and his predecessors have developed a pro-active programme which ensures that Faculty will greet matters of Competence Assurance and CPD expected in the forthcoming Medical Practitioner's Act in a state of solid preparedness. I am delighted to report that Dr. Buckley has agreed to become Chief Part I Examiner in September 2006.

Dr. Caitriona O'Sullivan has worked tirelessly as Chairman of the Radiation Oncology Committee throughout 2005 & 2006. She has brought enthusiasm and commitment to this post which is reflected in the increasing profile of all matters of radiation oncology within Faculty.

Prof. Peter McCarthy has served as Hon. Treasurer since his return to Board in November 2005. He has in addition continued to Chair the new Credential Validation Committee which deals with increasingly important and highly complex issues pertaining to Certificate of Specialist Training and Register of Medical Specialists. This work has assumed enormous importance in the context of free movement and free exchange throughout an expanded Europe. I am particularly delighted to report that Prof. McCarthy has been voted Dean-Elect, and will take up his Deanship in November 2006. I wish him well in this role, and have no doubt that he will be eminently successful.

I would like to thank all my officers, committee chairmen, and the entire Faculty Board for their commitment throughout the year.

### **O'Haplin / Linders Faculty of Radiologists Outreach Scholarship**

The scholarship programme named to commemorate Dr. Dara O'Halpin past Board member and Treasurer continues. Dr. Rowland Okello Okumu was appointed to join St. Vincent's Hospital in September 2005. Dr. Okumu has recently passed his Part I FFR RCSI on his first attempt and the calibre of our scholars has been further validated by the award of International Visiting Scholar of the RSNA to Dr. Irene Mwangi. I wish again to thank Mr. Joe Linders in individually sponsoring Dr. Mwangi. I wish to thank all benefactors, large and small, to this unique project.

Each scholar is appointed for a four year period of training up to final fellowship level after which there is a binding commitment to return home, and commit approx 50% of clinical time to teaching and outreach work. Scholars are provided with free accommodation, free tuition, book and travel allowance for four years, and each scholarship is worth in the region of €150,000 per scholar. All candidates thus far have been from Nairobi Kenya, and on their return are committed to a formal rotation which will include the Mater Hospital, Nairobi with outreach facility, Kenyatta State Hospital and a teaching commitment to Nairobi University and Faculty of Radiology. Such a caucus of highly trained graduates can be expected have a significant and long term impact on standards and services in their native Kenya.

I wish to thank the Radiology Department in Cork University Hospital for accepting the third scholar for which post interviews were held in May 2006 with the appointment of Dr. Yursa Sheikh. Our thanks go to Dr. Michael Hurley for travelling to Kenya, representing Faculty at these interviews, and to Dr. Max Ryan (CUH) for his enthusiastic assistance.



*From left to right: Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon. Secretary), Dr. Rowland Okello Okumu (Scholarship student 2005), Dr. Irene Mwangi (Scholarship student 2004), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologist)*

### Combined Spring Meeting 2006

The Spring Meeting 2006 was held in Killarney and reflecting the times we are in, the subject matter was entirely devoted to medico legal matters: a fascinating and broad faculty including a number of eminent legal figures were present. The meeting was also addressed by Dr. John Hillery, President of the Medical Council. Our principle guest was Dr. Leonard Berlin, an internationally recognised expert and author on Radiology and the Law.

### Faculty Speciality Sub Groups

I am pleased to announce the incorporation of a sub-speciality group in Nuclear Medicine as part of the programme of sub-speciality groups within the Faculty. There now exists Faculty sub-speciality groups in

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| a) Breast Radiology         | Chairperson, Dr. Patricia Fitzsimons |
| b) Paediatric Radiology     | Chairperson, Dr. Stephanie Ryan      |
| c) Interventional Radiology | Chairperson, Dr. Niall McEniff       |
| d) Nuclear Medicine.        | Chairperson, Dr. Martin O'Connell    |

### Medical Council & the Faculty of Radiologists

Dr. Michael Hurley continues to represent the Faculty on the Medical Council, where he also represents the interests of Anaesthetists. His deep knowledge of Faculty matters and his willingness to represent Faculty at this important arena are greatly appreciated.

### RCSI Overseas Meeting

The Honorary Secretary and I represented the faculty at the RCSI 9th Overseas Meeting which was held in Bahrain in March 2006. Dr. Ryan organised the radiology component of the meeting with a series of lectures on general radiology topics as well as a symposium on paediatric radiology. The meeting was very successful with a very large attendance. It was a pleasure to meet with Bahraini radiologists, many of whom had spent some time working or training in Ireland.

### Faculty of the Royal College of Surgeons International Meeting 2006



*From left to right:*

*Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon. Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Hakima Al-Hashimi (Training Coordinator, Salmaniya Medical Complex, Bahrain), Dr. A. Hameed Al-Awadhi (Chairman of Dept. of Radiology, Salmaniya Medical Complex, Bahrain).*

*From left to right:*

*Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon. Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. A. Hameed Al-Awadhi (Chairman of Dept. of Radiology, Salmaniya Medical Complex, Bahrain).*



### **Tele-Conferencing**

Dr. Adrian Brady, Dr. Barry Kelly, and Dr. Ian Kelly (Waterford) together formulated this major initiative. We are grateful to the HSE for specific grant funding. The tele-conferencing facility will allow multi-location interaction, and full high definition image transfer, facilitating tutorial type interactive teaching through a "bridge" within Faculty Offices. Faculty videoconferencing equipment is presently in place in Waterford Regional Hospital, Cork University Hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital (Belfast), University College Hospital Galway, Mater Hospital Dublin, Beaumont Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Temple Street Hospital, Tallaght Hospital, and St. James's Hospital. This facility will also be made available for post-graduate training in non-radiology disciplines. The videoconferencing facility represents a major step forward in the administration of the National Training Programme.

### **Video Conferencing Launch 26th May 2006**



*From left to right: Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon. Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Ian Kelly, Dr. Adrian Brady (Vice-Dean, Faculty of Radiologists)*

### **Accreditation**

This year saw the accreditation of the National Training Programme by a team of international academic radiologists of renown, representing the highest levels of academic radiology in Canada, in United States of America, and Europe. The process of accreditation commenced with a meeting of an Ad Hoc Accreditation Committee on 25th April 2005. At that meeting proposals to roll out the national training programme to incorporate a number of regional centres within the overall training scheme were agreed. Interested institutions were asked to apply as either core or regional training centres. Faculty looks forward to incorporation of these centres in the context of the accreditation team recommendations as soon as possible.

The accreditation team for diagnostic radiology included

- a) Prof. Robert Stanley, Professor of Radiology, University of Alabama Birmingham, Editor in Chief of the American Journal of Roentgenology, Past Trustee of the American Board of Radiology and Past President, American Roentgenology Society
- b) Prof. Giles Stevenson, Professor of Radiology in Vancouver University
- c) Dr. Lynn Johnson, Former Dean and Chairman of the Accreditation committee of the European Society of Radiology, Member of Accreditation Committee, Royal College of Radiologists, UK
- d) Dr. David McNerney, Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Radiologists, member of previous Faculty accreditation team
- e) Dr. Éamann Breatnach, Dean, Faculty of Radiologists

Faculty is indeed indebted to this team who worked tirelessly and voluntarily over a period of one week visiting all radiology teaching hospitals in

- a) St. James's Hospital
- b) St. Vincent's University Hospital
- c) Adelaide / Meath Hospital
- d) Beaumont Hospital
- e) Mater Misericordiae Hospital
- f) Children's University Hospital, Temple Street

- g) Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin
- h) Waterford Regional Hospital
- i) Cork University Hospital
- j) Mercy University Hospital, Cork
- k) Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda
- l) University College Hospital Galway
- m) Sligo Regional Hospital

On behalf of the Faculty I wish to thank all accredited hospitals and training coordinators for their assistance and courtesy. The standard of applications received from the teaching hospitals was superb, and external accreditors noted that in many institutions the programmes provided were on a par with the highest they experience both in North America, UK or Europe.

### **Radiation Oncology**

An accreditation inspection of the Radiation Oncology Programme currently based in St. Luke's Hospital was also undertaken. A prestigious international accreditation team included:

- (a) Professor Michael Baumann, President, European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO)
- (b) Professor Tom Keane, Professor Radiation Oncology, University of British Columbia, Canada
- (c) Dr. Seamus McAleer, Clinical Oncologist, Belfast City Hospital, Member of Education Committee, Royal College of Radiologists, UK
- (d) Professor Donal Hollywood, Professor of Clinical Oncology, Trinity College Dublin
- (e) Dr. David McNerney, Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland
- (f) Dr. Éamann Breatnach, Dean, Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland

The report of this accreditation is not yet finalised at time of going to press, but it is hoped that the template formed will also extend to include early incorporation of radiation oncology centres in both Cork and Galway.

### **International & European Affairs**

The Faculty has maintained its close relationship with the European bodies, and has given full support through its representatives to the formation of the new single house of European Radiology, **European Society of Radiology**. This single body incorporates both European Congress of Radiology and the European Association of radiology under one roof.

### **Overseas Training Programme**

Dr. David McNerney, Former Dean continues to chair the Overseas Committee which continues to organise a full Part I and Part II FFR RCSI training programme in Kuwait. I am grateful to Dr. Denis O'Connell as Overseas Coordinator and to the Kuwait authorities including Dr. Tariq Sinan and Dr. Abdelmohsen BenNakhi.

### **Former Dean's**

In an acknowledgement of their commitment and ongoing interest in Faculty matters past Deans are were as always guests of honour at the annual Board dinner. This year a group of Former Deans also enjoyed a social weekend together in April. It is hoped that such a gathering will be repeated as an annual event.

### **Dr. Desmond Riordan Faculty of Radiologists Gold Medal**

The Faculty Gold Medal is named to commemorate Dr. Desmond Riordan, the first Dean of the Faculty, and Consultant Radiation Oncologist, St. Luke's Hospital. The medal is awarded not more frequently than once every three years to a Radiologist / Radiation Oncologist who has

- i) Given distinguished service to Irish Radiology and the Faculty
- or
- ii) has received international acclaim for outstanding Academic achievement in the field of Radiology
- or
- iii) given exceptional public service in Ireland or to a lay person who has given exceptional help/benefaction to the Faculty or to the development of Radiology in Ireland.

This year the award was made to Dr. Gerry Hurley in recognition of his major contribution to radiology both at a national and international level. Dr. Hurley was Dean 1992-1994 and after a dedicated history of involvement he served as President of the European Association of Radiology from 2003-2004.

## **Future**

From this overview it can be seen that Faculty activity is diverse and comprehensive. A continued reliance on voluntary commitment to maintain this range of service will prove more and more difficult, and the assumption that this voluntarism will be maintained to the same extent in the future cannot be made. In this regard I wish to warmly acknowledge the support given me by my consultant colleagues in the Mater throughout my Deanship. Faculty's present singular role in relation to Register of Medical Specialists, exit examinations etc are pivotal to the continuance of radiology as a robust independent profession. Such rights carry responsibilities and require consultant personnel to come forward and serve on Faculty Board and Committees. Otherwise threats to these roles will become realities, a situation which has actually taken place in nearby jurisdictions. The takeover of postgraduate education by state organisations would result in major tension between service commitment and maintenance of educational standards. This danger is real in the context of media reports of utterances from the new Health Services Executive, and in the context of the long awaited Medical Practitioners Act which will incorporate restructuring of the Medical Council, the legal requirement for CME and CPD etc. The quality and independence of the professional life of consultant radiologists in this country owes a huge amount to the generous commitment of our predecessors to Faculty. It is time for the warning signals listed above to be recognised and for younger consultants to acknowledge their debt and come forward to serve the body to which they owe so much.

I wish to pay a very special tribute to Ms. Jennifer O'Brien, Faculty Secretary and her temporary assistant Ms. Lorna Murphy. To describe Ms. O'Brien's role as Faculty Secretary grossly belies her input at all levels of Faculty activity. I thank her enormously on behalf of Faculty and on my own personal behalf.



### **Annual Board Photo September 2005**

*From left to right:*

*Back Row: Dr. Barry Kelly , Dr. Sean Darby, Dr. David McInerney, Dr. John Buckley, Dr. Caitriona O'Sullivan, Prof. Donal Hollywood, Dr. Dermot Malone,*

*Front Row: Dr. Stephanie Ryan, Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean), Prof. Peter McCarthy (Dean Elect), and Dr. Adrian Brady.*

**Dr. Éamann Breatnach**  
**Dean**  
**Faculty of Radiologists**



## ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 2005/2006

### (i) Radiation Oncology Committee



In June 2005 An Tanaiste and Minister for Health & Children Ms. Mary Harney, T.D. announced the National Network for Radiation Oncology services in Ireland. The Network consists of Four large centres, two in Dublin at St James's Hospital (13 Linear Accelerators) and Beaumont Hospital (7 Linear Accelerators); Cork University Hospital (CUH -7 up from 4 LinAcs), University College Hospital Galway (UCHG - 5 up from 3 LinAcs). The Minister incorporated the transfer of the present services at St. Luke's Hospital to St James's Hospital by 2010 as part of the overall plan, and agreed to increase the treatment capacity at St Luke's by the addition of 2 new "Rad Tech" (aka quick installation) Linear Accelerators which will be operational by Spring 2007, and the replacement of two older Linacs, to improve capacity in the HSEEA, pending the development of the New Departments at St James's Hospital, and Beaumont Hospital.

The new Radiotherapy Department in UCHG opened in April 2005, and successfully extended its service to include Galway from Spring 2005, Mayo from Summer 2005, and Sligo from Autumn 2005. The team led by Clinical Director Dr Frank Sullivan, and Dr Maeve Pomeroy, (who represents UCHG on the Radiation Oncology committee) have been joined by a 3rd Consultant, Dr Joseph Martin in May 2006. This will allow further clinical expansion of services in the West of Ireland, particularly in the Midwestern Health Board in Limerick.

The Cork University Hospital Radiotherapy Department is presently undergoing a major expansion of its Facilities, Equipment, and Manpower. It has already been joined by Dr Carol McGibney, who completed her training in The Netherlands, and Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto. Dr McGibney represents the CUH Department at the Radiation Oncology committee. A fourth Consultant Radiation Oncologist has been offered a post.

Both Departments are actively developing training programs and will apply for SpR training accreditation in Spring 2007.

Professor Donal Hollywood has undertaken the role of National Training Co-ordinator in the Faculty. As well as Dr Pomeroy, and Dr McGibney, Dr Pierre Thirion has joined the Radiation Oncology Committee representing St Luke's Hospital as its Hospital Training Co-ordinator, and prepared St. Luke's Hospital for accreditation of its SpR Training Program by the Faculty of Radiologists RCSI in April 2006. Professor Michael Baumann, Dresden, Germany, the President of ESTRO (the European Society of Therapeutic Radiation Oncology), Professor Tom Keane, Director of Radiation Oncology at Vancouver, B.C. Canada, and Dr Seamus McAleer, Belvoir Park, Belfast were the External Assessors. The Faculty awaits the Accreditation Report arising out of that visit.

September 2005 saw the first St Luke's Visiting Professor of Radiation Oncology, Professor Michael Baumann, President of ESTRO, come to Dublin. Professor Baumann delivered the Keynote Address at the Radiation Oncology Section of the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the Faculty of Radiologists RCSI. The Faculty of Radiologists RCSI awarded Professor Baumann an Honorary Fellowship at the Annual Faculty Dinner after his Keynote Presentation.

Professor Tom Keane from Vancouver will be the Visiting St. Luke's Professor in September 2006 and will deliver the Keynote address at the Annual Scientific meeting on Friday. Later that evening he will be conferred with an Honorary Fellowship by the Faculty.

The Visiting Professorship is sponsored and generously funded by The St Luke's Hospital Gift Fund, which also sponsors the newly inaugurated St. Luke's Registrars' Prize at the annual ASM. The inaugural 1st prize was awarded to Dr Sinead Brennan, who is an SpR in training at St Luke's Hospital. The prize was adjudicated and presented by Professor Baumann. The level of interest from SpR's / Registrars both in Dublin, and in Belvoir Park, Belfast was gratifying. The plan to have a Registrars' Prize again this year has already been flagged to these Departments to encourage registrars to start their preparation.

2006 continues to be an exciting and challenging time for the discipline of Radiation Oncology in Ireland which is on the "Cusp" of great change. Many partnerships with Key Hospitals and the HSE have already been forged and are operational. The expertise of the Faculty of Radiologists RCSI, and its members will be integral to the successful implementation of the National Development of a "State of the Art" Radiotherapy Service for Ireland, which will rank with the finest. The immediate goal of the Consultant Radiation Oncologists already "in post" is to further develop Consultant posts to lead the clinical development of services in their own Departments, and prepare the country for the changes announced by An Tanaiste and Minister for Health & Children, Ms. Mary Harney in July 2005

**Dr. Catriona O'Sullivan FFRCSI**

**Chairperson, Radiation Oncology Committee**  
**(ii) Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee**



The committee continues to assess conferences and meetings for CME credits.

The chairman of the CME committee also sits on the Competence Assurance Committee of the Medical Council. A significant issue in this regard is resourcing of the Faculty to deal with future competence assurance requirements that maybe included in the new Medical Practitioners Act. This Act is still awaited.

Earlier this year the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada deemed the continuing professional development (CPD) programme of the Faculty to be substantively equivalent to their maintenance of certification (MOC) programme. Hence, fellows of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada will be able to maintain their fellowship with the RCPSC through their participation in the Faculty of Radiologists CME/CPD programme.

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 points by accessing CPD Online on the Faculty website homepage.

Further details of the Medical Council Competence Assurance proposals can be obtained from the Medical Council website ([www.medicalcouncil.ie](http://www.medicalcouncil.ie)).

**Dr. John Buckley**  
**Chairperson, CME Committee**

**(iii) Education Committee**



The core activity of Faculty is postgraduate medical training in diagnostic radiology and radiation oncology. The maintenance of its high national and international reputation is the remit of the Education Committee reporting to Board. I am pleased to relate that the high standards previously established have been maintained and that the training scheme in diagnostic radiology continues to be regarded as pre-eminent. This has been achieved through the efforts of many committed teachers, and by the maintenance of uniformly high standards of teaching and experience within the radiology training centres. The international accreditation which was carried out this year is a further step in the maintenance of this standard. It is Faculty's wish to extend this training in a structured and defined way to regional centres as per the accreditation recommendation. Such regional access should be an educational opportunity available to all trainees, and should be structured without impacting negatively on the present rotations. Much open discussion thorough special committees, through the Education Committee and at Board level have taken place to outline the best mechanisms for this roll out. There is more work to be done, but I have no doubt that this can be achieved, and will result in further strengthening of the educational experience presently offered. Applications for the national training scheme remain highly competitive, and examination results continue to improve.

**Training Programme Coordinator**

Dr. Ronan McDermott has served as Faculty National Training Coordinator since 2003. He has brought many innovations to this post including a very valuable methodology to the short listing and performance of interviews of the National Training Scheme. The objective criteria he set out allow an entirely fair and transparent system to operate. This has been particularly useful in the context of the highly competitive nature of successful application to the Faculty training scheme. He also served as a supporting mentor, taking an individual interest in the progress of all SpR's.

**Communication Skills Module**

Reflecting Faculty's recognition of the hugely changed role of the modern diagnostic radiologist in terms of direct clinical patient management, a communications module has been incorporated this year for the first time in the training

curriculum. Faculty is to the fore amongst the postgraduate training bodies in making this formal and mandatory addition to training, by so doing highlighting the importance of appropriate communication skills within our profession. I am grateful to the Dr. Margaret O'Riordan, Chairperson of the Quality in Practice Committee of the ICGP who is coordinating this within our curriculum.

### **5th Year Group**

The concept of a formal accreditation of the year five SpR training was originally proposed by Dr. Risteard ÓLaoide, Past Coordinator. I am delighted to say Prof. Michael Lee, Beaumont Hospital has agreed to chair this group. The group will also consider matters specific to academic radiology, the place of radiology in the undergraduate curriculum and its potential place as part of a revised internship year. The body will comprise of academic leaders of radiology in Ireland, and I am pleased to see this group will have a mechanism for interacting with Faculty Board reporting through the Education Committee.

### **Bracco Visiting Professor**



*Bracco Visiting Professor 22nd to 26th May 2006.*

*From left to right: Dr. Dermot Malone (Chairman of Research Committee), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Dennis Balfe (Bracco Visiting Professor), Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon. Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Ronan McDermott (National Training Coordinator).*

## Examinations 2005/2006

The satisfactory administration of examinations is essential 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, Chief Part II FFR RCSI Therapy together with the entire examining team. I wish to pay tribute to both Dr. Frank McGrath and Dr. Robin Gibney who retires are Part I and Part II Chief Examiners this year. I am delighted to welcome Dr.'s Buckley and Brady to these respective positions. Our externs this year included Dr. Jim Virjee and Dr. Richard Johnson. 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  
Prof. Peter McCarthy  
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 2005/2006 Examinations:

### **Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - August 2005**

Dr. Amin Al Zahrani  
Dr. Julie O'Brien

### **Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - May 2006**

Dr. Hani Ibrahim Ahmed Al Fadhel  
Dr. Peter Beddy  
Dr. Jennifer Bracken  
Dr. Fiona Carthy  
Dr. Joy Belinda Chami  
Dr. Holly Delaney  
Dr. Eithne DeLappe  
Dr. Orla Doody  
Dr. Emma Kelliher  
Dr. John Moriarty  
Dr. Gráinne Murphy  
Dr. Owen O'Connor

Dr. Rolland Okello Okumu  
Dr. Edmund Ronan Ryan  
Dr. Colette Marie Shaw  
Dr. Eavan Thornton  
Dr. Simon Walsh  
Dr. Emily Ward

**Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Kuwait - May 2006**

Dr. Thamer Abdulwahab Abass Abdullah  
Dr. Marwan Al Kandari  
Dr. Sarah Fasal Abdullah Al Mutawa  
Dr. Shatha Al Najdey  
Dr. Lamyah Ahmed Al Sarraf  
Dr. Masha'el Bandar

**Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRCSI), Dublin - Nov. 2005**

Dr. Abdunasser Al Hajeri  
Dr. Khaled Abdulla Saeed Al-Naqbi  
Dr. Cornelius Bogue  
Dr. Lorna Browne  
Dr. Brian Hogan  
Dr. Aoife Keeling  
Dr. Derek Gerard Lohan  
Dr. Grainne McAuley  
Dr. Colm McMahon  
Dr. Niall Sheehy  
Dr. Conor Shortt

**Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRCSI), Kuwait - Nov. 2005**

Dr. Salwa Al Lawati  
Dr. Fatima Dashti,  
Dr. Husain Hasen Mohamed Naser

**Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRCSI), Dublin - Nov. 2005**

Dr. David Fitzpatrick  
Dr. Boon Seang Tan

**Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRCSI), Dublin April 2006**

Dr. David Rea

**Final Fellowship Examination in Radiotherapy (FFRCSI), Dublin - May 2006**

Dr. Yasser Faraj Abdulredha Haba  
Dr. Asim Kamran

**Other Faculty Awards**

The Radiological Society of Ireland Medal for the best poster presentation at the Combined Spring Meeting May 2006 was presented by the President of the Radiological Society of Ireland, Dr. David O'Keeffe to Dr. Michael Moore for his poster entitled: "Post-Pneumectomy: Imaging Findings".

The winner of the Edward Malone Medal for the best paper presentation at the Combined Spring Meeting May 2006 was Dr. Seamus Looby's paper entitled: "Gunther Tulip (GT) retrievable inferior vena cava (IVC) filters: indications, complications, efficacy and retrieval".

**Dr. Éamann Breatnach**  
**Chairperson, Education Committee**

#### (iv) Research Committee



The Research Committee continued its activities of grant awarding and 'horizon scanning' throughout 2005 and 2006 and expanded into the field of education in research skills.

##### **Faculty Grants:**

2006 grant research applications round  
One grant has been awarded.

##### **Dr. Julie O'Brien:**

"MRI Evaluation of Asymptomatic Bipartite Patella"

Supervisor: Dr. W. Torregiani

Adelaide & Meath Hospitals, Tallaght

The Irish members of the panel were Prof. P. McCarthy, Prof. S. Eustace and Dr. J. Meaney. Prof. L. Thabane (Biostatistics & Epidemiology, McMaster University) provided statistical review and advice. Many thanks to all the panel members for their hard work and sound advice during the grant review process. The financial support of Amersham and Siemens is gratefully acknowledged.

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

The studies funded by the second 2003-2005 grants are in various stages of completion.

##### **New Initiatives**

**Amersham Research Visiting Professor:** Prof. L. Thabane (Biostatistics & Epidemiology, McMaster University) taught the inaugural programme to our specialist registrars from June 6th-9th, 2006. This covered research question formulation; study design & data analysis in diagnostic radiology as well as scientific writing skills. A lecture 'Does this research project need to go through the Ethics Committee?' and meetings with Faculty officers and research committee members also took place during his visit. Prof. J. Jarvik (U. of Washington) has accepted an invitation to teach next year's programme. The financial support of Amersham is gratefully acknowledged.

Statistical Support for Faculty Trainees: Prof. Thabane has agreed to negotiate an arrangement whereby his department will provide research support for Irish Radiology trainees through the Faculty, funded by the Amersham research grant.

**Imaging Centre:** Dr. J. Meaney (St. James's Hospital and Trinity College, Dublin) was the principal investigator for an Imaging Centre award in 2005. This centre, which will open in 2007, will provide 3T MRI facilities for funded research teams from all around Ireland. The research committee congratulates Dr. Meaney and hopes that Irish radiologists will take advantage of this facility in due course.

Health Services Research: The committee has agreed to assist recruitment for multi-centre Technology Assessment trials, if grant funding can be obtained for such work.

**Molecular and Genetic Imaging:** The committee has explored the potential for Faculty Involvement in Molecular and Genetic Imaging as well as grant-funded Health Services Research. Regrettably, the adversarial university-based grant competition structure is not receptive to central, collaborative efforts.

**Extended Grant Programme:** The committee is exploring the extension of the grant award process to facilitate the participation of Irish radiologists in multi-centre trial work or as 'seed money' to allow departments develop a focused research track record to support applications for larger grants from national/ international organisations.

Prof. M. Maher (UCC) has joined the Research Committee.

Finally, many thanks to Drs. M. Logan, H. Fenlon and W. Torregiani (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.

**GE Healthcare / Amersham Visiting Research Professor 6th – 9th June 2006**

**Dr. Lehana Thabane**



*From left to right:  
Back row: Dr. Conor Meehan, Dr. Andrew McGrath, Dr. Irene Mwangi  
Front row: Dr. Niamh Hambly, Dr. Lehana Thabane (Visiting Research Professor), Dr. Susannah Harte*

**Dr. Dermot Malone**  
**Chairperson, Research Committee.**

**vi) Overseas Committee**



This academic year has been a much more positive one for the affairs of the Overseas Committee, following a difficult period during which the overseas programme was suspended in part or wholly.

Following the new teaching agreement in Kuwait in 2004, a further contingent of 12 Part I trainees commenced in Kuwait in Autumn 2005. A full course of training has been organised and many were successful in the Part I examination in May 2006. Interest in Radiology in young doctors in Kuwait has increased substantially in recent years, as young doctors recognise the potential of radiology and in response to the advocacy of Drs. Abdelmohsen Ben-Nakhi and Dr. Tariq Sinan.

At present, the Kuwaiti authorities wish to conduct a Part II Training course for 2006/2007 but a final decision on a new Part I course has not been reached.

Part II examination took place in Kuwait in November 2005 and the results were as follows: 3 passed out of 7 candidates who sat the examination.

The Overseas Coordinator, Dr. Denis O'Connell, has put great effort into securing a succession of teachers for the programme and this has been very successful. We are very grateful for their efforts and also thank Dr. Abdelmohsen Ben-Nakhi and Dr. Tariq Sinan for their support.

The Faculty teachers incorporate into the overseas teaching programme the enhancements which occur each year in the Irish Programme. The Kuwaiti authorities seem interested in continuing their association with the Faculty over the long term.

I would like to thank the committee members, the coordinator, and our teachers for their hard work throughout the year.

**Dr. David McInerney**  
**Chairperson, Overseas Committee**

**vii) Radiation Protection Committee**



The radiation protection committee met four times this year. Much of the work of the committee continues to arise out of issues raised by the implementation of the SI 478, the 2002 law relating to the health protection of individuals against the danger of ionising radiation in relation to medical exposures.

The Faculty had advised the Medical Council in the drawing up of criteria for clinical audit as described in the SI 478. The Medical Council adopted these criteria in 2004. These clinical audits of medical installations by Health Boards are due to begin, according to the SI478 in October 2007. The committee reviewed and commented on a document drawn up by the HSE on how these and other duties ascribed to Health Boards would be executed by the new structures of the HSE.

The committee with the help of physicist colleagues especially Mr. P. Gilligan of the Association of Physicists, addressed the issue of radiation protection training required of non-radiologists, such as cardiologists, who perform interventional radiological procedures. The syllabus for a focused one-day course was recommended to the Medical Council.

The committee and the Faculty are indebted to Dr. Michael Hurley our representative on the Medical Council and the chairperson of the Medical Ionising Radiation Committee of the Medical Council for his help and support with these matters.

The committee expressed concern again about the ongoing situation of chiropractors using ionising radiation although they are not practitioners under the regulations. This practice is in breach of current Irish legislation and not felt to be in the interest of patients.

The committee accepted guidelines proposed by Dr. Dermot Malone on assessment of radiological components of research projects under SI 478. This would supplement the European document RP 99 as adopted by the Medical council's MIRC for this purpose.

Several radiation protection courses for non-radiologists were approved over the year and attendances at these were confirmed for the Medical council.

**Dr. Stephanie Ryan**  
**Honorary Secretary of Faculty of Radiologists**



### **(viii) Scientific Committee**



#### **1. The Annual Scientific Meeting Faculty of Radiologists 2005**

The meeting took place between Thursday 29th September and Saturday 1st October. On the Thursday evening, the Nuclear Medicine Committee held their inaugural session.

The theme of the Annual Scientific meeting was, "Oncoradiology: Pearls and Pitfalls." There were four categorical sessions sponsored by Siemens;

- a) PET CT: role in Oncology
- b) Neuro MSK and Paediatrics
- c) Oncoradiology and
- d) Body Imaging Sessions I and II.

The speakers delivered excellent talks and all rose excellently to the task of describing pearls and pitfalls in their areas of expertise. Dr Robert Stanley, the Editor of the American Journal of Roentgenology and Professor Janet Husband, the President of the Royal College of Radiologists were conferred as Honorary Fellows of the Faculty of Radiology. Also Professor Michael Baumann, Professor of Radiation Oncology at the University of Dresden, Germany received honorary Fellowship.

Dr Stanley gave the Schering distinguished guest lecture entitled "The Inherent Dangers of Radiological Screening" and Professor Husband gave two lectures

- a) Haughton lecture "Multi-modality Imaging of Testicular Cancer"
- b) Honorary Fellow lecturer "Lymphatic Metastases"

In recognition for distinguished service to the Faculty, a gold medal was presented by Dr Breatnach to Dr Gerard Hurley.

The very popular and successful "case of the day" session was organised admirably by Dr Ronan McDermott of St James Hospital.

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

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

#### **2. The Professional Practice and Continuing Education (PPCE) meetings**

The Professional Practice and Continuing Education (PPCE) meetings took place on Friday 10th February and Saturday 11th February 2006, respectively. The theme of the PPCE meeting was "E Learning: Principles, Tools and Practical Experience". An excellent series of presentations were given describing the many facets of distance learning and the tools available. Dr Philip Cook from the Royal Cornwall Hospital gave a comprehensive review on the future of E-Learning in UK radiology.

On Saturday 11th February, the Imaging meeting began with a scientific session, followed by a categorical session on Advanced and Molecular Imaging. Superb talks were given on a variety of subjects including nanotechnology, cardiovascular function, CNS diffusion and perfusion imaging and research opportunities in Irish radiology. The final lecture was given by Professor Anthony Gallagher of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland entitled "From virtual reality to the operating room and cath lab".

The Friday evening PPCE meeting was followed by a wine and cheese reception. The sponsorship of Schering AG is gratefully acknowledged.

#### **3. The Combined Spring Meeting**

The combined meeting took place at the Hotel Europe, Killarney, Co Kerry between 12th and 14th May 2006. A most stimulating series of talks were given by our distinguish panel of medico legal experts who included Ms Geraldine Hickey, Mr Roddy Bourke, Mr John Maxwell, Dr John Hillery and Dr Iain Barclay. Our guest speaker Professor Leonard Berlin of Rush North Shore Medical Centre United States delivered three state of the art presentations on medical negligence.

The Schering Symposium comprised several medical legal scenarios which proved extremely stimulating and thought provoking. An excellent social programme also took place, the informal dinner on Friday at the Old Presbytery Restaurant, Killarney, and the Gala dinner on the Saturday evening at the Hotel Europe.

As ever, the delivery of these meetings is the result of the hard work and effort of the committee members. On behalf of them, I would like to thank Ms Jennifer O'Brien, and Mrs Lorna Murphy for their unflagging professionalism, good humour and courtesy over the last year.

**Dr. Barry Kelly**  
**Chairman**  
**Science Committee**

## **Honorary Conferring 2005**



*From left to right: Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon. Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Robert Stanley (Honorary Fellow 2005), Prof. Janet Husband (Honorary Fellow 2005), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists), Prof. Niall O'Higgins (President, RCSI) Prof. Michael Baumann (Honorary Fellow 2005). Prof Donal Hollywood (Board Member of Faculty of Radiologists), Prof. Peter McCarthy (Dean Elect, Faculty of Radiologists).*

## HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2005/2006



### Meetings of the Board of the Faculty of Radiologists

Since the last AGM, October 2005, there have been four Board Meetings,  
 Friday 11th November 2005  
 Friday 27th January 2006  
 Friday 10th March 2006  
 Friday 26th May 2006

The Board of the Faculty for the years 2005/2006 was constituted as follows:

DEAN	TERM OF OFFICE	MEETINGS ATTENDED (TOTAL 4)
ÉAMANN BREATNACH	2000 – 2005 (Elected Dean 2004 – 2006)	4
VICE-DEAN ADRIAN BRADY	2001 – 2005	3
HONORARY TREASURER PETER MCCARTHY	2004 – 2009	4
HONORARY SECRETARY STEPHANIE RYAN	2001 – 2006	4
BOARD MEMBERS		
CAITRIONA O'SULLIVAN	2004 – 2009	4
RISTEARD Ó LAOIDE	2003 – 2008	3
NIALL MCENIFF	2003 – 2008	1
DONAL ORMONDE	2001 – 2006	1
BARRY KELLY	2002 – 2007	3
DONAL HOLLYWOOD	2002 – 2007	2
JOHN BUCKLEY	2003 – 2008	4
SEAN DARBY	2003 – 2008	3
DERMOT MALONE	2001 – 2006	4
PATRICIA FITZSIMONS	2005 – 2010	2
<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	Mr. Freddie Wood	0
<b>EX-OFFICIO:</b>	Professor. Niall O'Higgins (President, RCSI) Prof Gerard C. O'Sullivan (Vice-President, RCSI)	

## **Changes to Faculty Board**

The following changes to officers of the Faculty were made:

- Dr. Adrian Brady – Vice-Dean replacing Prof. McCarthy
- Prof. Peter McCarthy – Honorary Treasurer replacing Dr. Adrian Brady

The following officers and committee chairmen remain in office:

- Dr. Stephanie Ryan – Honorary Secretary
- Dr. Barry Kelly – Scientific Committee Chairman
- Dr. John Buckley – CME Committee Chairman
- Dr. Sean Darby – Radiation Protection Chairman
- Dr. Dermot Malone – Research Committee Chairman
- Dr. Caitriona O’Sullivan – Radiation Oncology Committee Chairman
- Dr. David McNerney – Overseas Committee Chairman
- Dr. Niall McEniff – Interventional Radiology, reporting through Finance and general purposes Committee.

The Dean thanked Dr. McNerney on behalf of the board for his contribution to the Faculty particularly as Dean 2002 to 2004. Dr. McNerney has stayed on as chairman of the overseas committee. The Dean welcomed Dr. Patricia Fitzsimmons back onto the Board and thanked her for accepting the position of chairperson of the Breast Imaging subgroup of the Faculty

The Dean paid tribute to Dr. Masterson on his recent retirement and commended him for all the important work he has done on behalf of the Faculty.

## **Accreditation Process**

According to a five-year cycle, the faculty training programme underwent accreditation in October 2005.

The accreditation team for diagnostic radiology included

- f) Prof. Robert Stanley, Professor of Radiology, University of Alabama Birmingham, Editor in Chief of the American Journal of Roentgenology, Past Trustee of the American Board of Radiology and Past President, American Roentgenology Society
- g) Prof. Giles Stevenson, Professor of Radiology in Vancouver University
- h) Dr. Lynn Johnson, Former Dean and Chairman of the Accreditation committee of the European Society of Radiology, Member of Accreditation Committee, Royal College of Radiologists, UK
- i) Dr. David McNerney, Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Radiologists, member of previous Faculty accreditation team
- j) Dr. Éamann Breatnach, Dean, Faculty of Radiologists

This year accreditation visits were made to core training hospitals in Dublin, Cork and Galway as well as to Waterford Regional Hospital. Submissions for accreditation for postgraduate Radiology training were invited from all hospitals and three new applicant hospitals were included in the arduous schedule of the accreditation team. These were Mid-Western Regional Hospital, Limerick, Sligo Regional Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda.

The quality of all the submissions was extremely high. Dr. Ronan Mc Dermott did tremendous work collating all the submissions, organising the accreditation schedule and representing the Faculty training programme to the international team. The accreditation was very successful and the quality of the training programme was found to be very high. All core hospitals and the paediatric hospitals were accredited for a further five years. All regional hospitals visited were accredited for training as regional hospitals with rotations for three months in the second year. The reports of the individual hospitals were sent to each hospital. The logistics of incorporating the additional training rotations into the programme have yet to be finalised.

## **Radiation Oncology Accreditation**

The accreditation visit to St. Luke’s Hospital took place in April 2006 with external accreditors Professor Michael Baumann, President, European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO) and Professor Tom Keane Professor Radiation Oncology, University of British Columbia, Canada as well as clinical Oncologists, Dr. Seamus McAleer, Belfast and Prof. D. Hollywood, Dr. Mc Inerney and the Dean, Dr Éamann Breatnach. The quality of the training in radiation oncology was highly commended. The Faculty will undertake an accreditation visit to Cork and Galway in 2007.

## **Bracco Visiting Professor Programme**

The training program was enhanced as always by two distinguished visiting Professors this year.

The Bracco Visiting Professor 17th to 21st October 2005 Dr. Susan Kealey, of Division of Neuroradiology, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, USA, presented neuroradiology topics to the registrars with an interesting and informative lecture to the Faculty entitled **"CT fluoroscopy guided spinal interventions"**.

The Bracco Visiting Professor – 22nd -26th May 2006, Dr. Denis Balfe of Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, USA, presented general radiology with an emphasis on gastrointestinal radiology. He gave a wonderful lecture on retroperitoneal spaces in disease entitled **"Cross-sectional Imaging of the Retroperitoneum: the Layered Look"**

## **Faculty Interviews:**

First year SpR interviews took place in Feb 6th 2006. Fifty-five applications were received and sixteen 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 programme and especially the training coordinator Dr. Ronan McDermott that the Radiology training programme continues to attract the brightest and the best medical graduates.

International Government Sponsored SpR post interviews also took place at that time and two appointments were made.

In January 19th 2006, twelve Higher Training (fifth year) SpRs were appointed. These SpRs have chosen to do a fifth year of training within the programme in one or two subspecialties of their choice.

## **Faculty appointments in Europe and North America**

Dr. Govender, a SpR in the Adelaide and Meath Hospital who is the current trainee representative to the Education committee, has been elected chairman of the European Junior Radiologist Forum.

Dr. Éamann Breathnach, Dean, has been appointed by election as Chairperson of the Education Committee of the European Society of Radiology and also appointed to the International Committee of the Radiological Society of North America.

## **RCSI College Committee meeting**

The Faculty of Radiologists values its representation on the RCSI college committee and Dr. Ryan or Dr. Breatnach attended these meetings during the year. It is of value to us have this insight into the ongoing affairs of the college and to represent the views and aspirations of the Faculty of Radiologist to the Committee to the College Council where appropriate.

## **Freedom of Information Act**

The RCSI will come under the Freedom of Information Acts of 1997 and 2003 under the aegis of the Dept. of Education and Science on 31st May 2006. The importance of abiding by these laws and yet preserving the confidentiality of Faculty business is understood.

## **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, short news bulletins are sent periodically by email to fellows of the Faculty of Radiologists to keep fellows informed of issues that arise since many of these issues have direct relevance to daily practice.

## **Faculty Office Staff**

The workload of the Faculty increases all the time. The entire Faculty remains 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. We are grateful too to Lorna Murphy, Jennifer's much needed assistant.

**Dr. Stephanie Ryan**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**Faculty of Radiologists**

# Finance and General Purposes Committee Annual Report 2005/2006



## FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual accounts for year ending September 30th 2005 show that a significant increase in income occurred on that from 2004, with a total income of €526,518. The increase over the 2004 figures is largely based on revenue received both from the Irish and overseas training programmes. However as there was a commensurate and significant increase in expenditure, the total surplus on this occasion was €127,551, a moderate reduction by comparison with 2004. Most of the increased expenditure arose in relation to meeting expenses, external lecturers' fees, and website design. While the website design issue is a one-off payment, I will address methods of attempting to reduce the expenditure later in this report as detailed below. I would like to pay a great debt of gratitude to my predecessor Dr. Adrian Brady whose outstanding diligence over the previous two years made it easy for me to step in to this post in November 2005. Dr. Brady's stewardship of the Faculty's finances for the previous two years has placed the Faculty in a sound financial setting.

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

The Faculty currently has 3 investment accounts, and all 3 show a healthy growth over the previous year. At present the current accumulated values of the 3 accounts at Morgan Stanley Quilter, Irish Life Property Portfolio Bond, and Anglo Irish Investment, total €565,919 as of 31st January 2006. The Morgan Stanley Quilter account in particular has been extremely profitable with a growth of 15.2% over the previous year. In addition to this, the Faculty carries a significant surplus both in the deposit and checking accounts, and a sizeable sum could be removed from these accounts and placed on investment. The Chairman is currently seeking external financial advice regarding the appropriate method of ensuring continued health and growth of these investments.

## SPONSORSHIP

The Faculty has continued to receive sponsorship from the main equipment manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies and distributors, and others during 2005 and early 2006, and would like to sincerely thank all of those companies for their generous donations particularly in relation to the Spring Meeting in Killarney.

In particular the Faculty would like to acknowledge the Bracco Visiting Professor for May 2006, Dr. Denis Balfe. The Faculty is pleased to announce the first Amersham Research Professor Dr. Lehana Thebane, from McMaster University who visited in June and gave a series of workshops and lectures. The Faculty would also like to acknowledge the generous and continued sponsorship of Schering and Siemens.

## TELECONFERENCING

As fellows and members are aware, Dr. Ian Kelly from Waterford Regional Hospital was instrumental in instigating the teleconferencing project. On this basis a grant from the Department of Health for teleconferencing facilities to be used in the training departments was applied for, and under Dr. Brady's direction, the tendering process resulted in the awarding of the contract for supply of this equipment to Planet 21, a company based in Cork. To date the equipment has been placed in almost all of the training hospitals and at the time of writing is currently being installed. It is hoped that a formal rollout of the teleconferencing process should be possible in the coming weeks.

It is clear that major savings in terms of lecturers' and trainees' time will accrue from this, and it is also hoped that the current level of expenses for committee members attending meetings will be reduced somewhat by the provision of this service. Both of our colleagues are to be congratulated for their enormous work in securing this very generous grant.



*Video Conferencing Facility installed in Radiology Tutorial room in RCSI.*

## **KUWAIT PROGRAMME**

A full Part 1 and Part 2 training programme is now in place in Kuwait, and 11 local trainees have been recruited into the programme. An invoice for the running of the programme was given to the Kuwaiti authorities in April 2006 and payment is awaited. Trainers on the training programme have had the usual difficulties in confirming flight plans and journey details, but it is important that we continue to recruit recently returned Consultants to maintain the high standard of this programme.

## **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL AND DENTAL BOARD**

In February 2006 the Minister for Health reconstituted the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board, with the continuation of Mr. John Gloster as the Chief Executive Officer. The Dean, Dr. Eamann Breatnach has been appointed by the Minister to be the Radiology Representative and is to be congratulated on this appointment. The Faculty receives a grant of €90,000 currently from the Board, but this figure will need to be substantially increased over the coming years in order to maintain the level of training commitment by the Faculty.

## **EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**

At the recent European Congress of Radiology in Vienna in March 2005, the Dean Dr. Breatnach was elected as Chairman of the Education Group of the European Society of Radiology. The Dean is to be sincerely congratulated in his significant victory in this vote which reflects very well both on the Dean personally, and of the standing of the Irish radiology community in Europe in general.

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

The Faculty is delighted to announce that Dr. Roland Okello is the second recipient of the O'Halpin Linders Scholarship, named for our late departed colleague, one of my predecessors in this post, Dr. Dara O'Halpin. Dr. O'Halpin's husband, Mr. Joe Linders and his family, continue to generate income to fund this scholarship to aid radiology training in the developing continent in Africa. Negotiations are ongoing with Surgeon Sr. Dolan regarding the recruitment of a third recipient of this scholarship. The Faculty's experience in general with the recipients of these scholarships has been very positive, we are really seeing the cream of the crop in this respect.

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

Second Scholarship Student 2005



*From left to right: Dr. Stephanie Ryan (Hon, Secretary, Faculty of Radiologists), Dr. Roland Okello Okumu (Scholarship Student 2005), Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologists)*

## **SPECIALTY GROUPS**

The Faculty now counts 4 subgroups with reporting relationships direct to the Finance & General Purposes Committee: Breast Imaging (Chairman Dr. Patricia Fitzsimons), Paediatric Imaging (Chairman Dr. Stephanie Ryan), Interventional Radiology (Chairman Dr. Niall McEniff) and the newly constituted Nuclear Medicine Group (Chairman Dr. Martin O'Connell). These groups all contributed very positively to the overall affairs of Faculty, and the Faculty is delighted to facilitate such subgroups under the general umbrella. The Breast Group met in Galway in November 2005, and was addressed by members of the Radiology and Information Technology Community in this respect. The most recent meeting of the Paediatric Group held in March 2006 concentrated on Imaging in Non-Accidental Injury in Childhood.

## **THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL IMAGING RESEARCH**

This group under the Chairmanship of Professor Gabriel Krestin from the Netherlands is an affiliation of research facilities under a single umbrella to promote the use of imaging in Molecular Biological Research. This burgeoning area of research is a major area of development, and one in which the Faculty strongly encourages membership. Four Irish Institutions are linked to the EIBIR, it is strongly encouraged that all of us in the research community should foster close links with this Institute to enhance scholarship and research in this developing area.

## **NEW BLOOD**

The Faculty Committee's as always are seeking to recruit new members to promote teaching, research and other Faculty aims and to promote the diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology communities in Ireland. Committee Chairmen listed in the last pages of this newsletter, are always very happy to hear from colleagues interested in serving on these Committees, and is particularly keen to encourage the recruitment of recently appointed Consultant colleagues all of whom have a huge amount to offer in the development of our disciplines in Ireland.

## **ACCREDITATION PROCESS 2005**

In October 2005 the Accreditation Group, chaired by the Dean and served by previous Deans Dr. David McNerney, Dr. Lynn Johnston and Professor Donal MacErlaine. In addition to external assessors, Dr. Bob Stanley from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Dr. Giles Stephenson from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario were appointed and provided enormous help and guidance to the Accreditation Group. Formal details of the proceedings of the Group will be reported elsewhere in this report. On this occasion, the exercise was revenue neutral for the Faculty.

The Faculty will also be engaged in the accreditation process in Radiation Oncology, which in 2006 will visit St. Luke's Hospital in Dublin, and later visits will occur to Cork University Hospital which has recently expanded its Department, and University College Hospital Galway where a new service has opened.

## **LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The Liaison Committee has existed since 2002, and was initially instituted to discuss affairs of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland as they impacted on the Faculty, and areas of other mutual interest. While this group had not met for some time, it was recently reconstituted and the Faculty will continue to discuss matters of mutual interest through this forum.

## **FACULTY ADMINISTRATION**

Over the years it has become clear that with the increase in numbers and complexity in the training programme in Ireland, a single full-time Faculty administrator was insufficient to serve the entire needs of the Faculty. Ms Jennifer O'Brien has as you know performed sterling work in this role over the last number of years. Recently a colleague initially on a part-time basis, Ms. Lorna Murphy, has joined Jennifer in the Faculty Offices. The hopes of the Faculty to appoint a permanent second member of staff, however, have been stymied by virtue of the continuing impasse in the RCSI with re-grading of secretarial staff. As soon as the impasse is resolved, the Faculty undertakes to recruit as soon as possible.

I would like to express extreme gratitude to Ms Jennifer O'Brien for her unfailing professionalism and courtesy and her help throughout all the affairs of the Faculty, and also that of Ms. Lorna Murphy. The particular support of the Human Resources and Finance Offices of the College, and in particular Mr. Finbarr O'Connor from Finance is also generously acknowledged.

*Photo at launch of Video Conferencing Facility:  
Dr. Éamann Breatnach (Dean, Faculty of Radiologist),  
Ms. Jennifer O'Brien (Faculty Administrator)*



**Professor Peter McCarthy**  
**Honorary Treasurer**  
**Chairperson, Finance & General Purposes Committee**



## Breast Radiology Sub-Group Annual Report 2005/2006



The Breast Radiology Group met on three occasions in 2005, in order to discuss matters of interest within the Breast Imaging community. Major issues of concern are the national rollout of Breastcheck to the west and south, application of standards in Breast Imaging, and the establishment of a national database on a unified information technology platform for recording of data. The Group met on three occasions, once in the Faculty offices, once by teleconference and the formal educational and social meeting was held in the Radisson Hotel Galway in November 2005. This meeting was addressed by Dr. Claire Smith, Attending Radiologist at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, New York who addressed the Group on current developments in Breast MR. The meeting was also addressed by Ms. Bernie O'Loughlin, IT Manager for Breastcheck on Database Management. The next main issue on the Agenda of the Breast Imaging Group is the implementation of Quality Assurance via the National Quality Assurance Group and the meeting was held in this regard in Dublin in April 2006. The Chairman has been replaced by Dr. Patricia Fitzsimons and I wish her well in this role over the coming years.

**Professor Peter McCarthy,  
Chairman of the Breast Radiology Subgroup of  
the Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

## Validation Committee Annual Report 2005/2006

The Validation Committee was 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 reporting directly to it and consists of the Dean, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Vice-Dean and Chairman of the Radiation Oncology Committee.

Over the past two years, the Group has evaluated the credentials of over thirty applicants to the Specialist Register, whose applications are directed for advice from the Medical Council. The process in general tends to be extraordinarily time consuming in seeking full documentation in relation to an applicant's training and experience. More recently, the Medical Council has directed that applicants be assessed not just on the basis of training and qualifications, but also on experience since their formal qualification date.

Two new issues arise. Firstly this process has highlighted differences between the regulations for entry into the Specialist Register, from an applicant's suitability for appointment as a Consultant Radiologist and Radiation Oncologist in Ireland. Secondly recent challenges based on EU directives have increased the complexity of this work. In future candidates from overseas having their training assessed by the Faculty will have a sizeable fee levied for this service in light of the work involved.

**Professor Peter McCarthy,  
Chairman of the Validation Committee.**

## Paediatric Radiology Sub-Group Annual Report 2005/2006



Two meetings of the paediatric radiology subgroup were held this year.

In Oct '05 as a parallel session at Annual Scientific Meeting of the Faculty of Radiologists a most informative meeting was held with the theme of The role of Imaging in Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip. Dr. Veronica Donoghue, Children's University Hospital, Temple Street gave an overview of her experience with wetting up and running a screening ultrasound programme for DDH. Dr. Bryan Kenny gave a lecture on the practical approach to screening for DDH in a regional hospital. Dr. Emma Gordon, Paediatrician, Drogheda discussed the management of DDH by a Paediatrician and finally, Mr. Mc Manus orthopaedic surgeon gave a lecture on his experience of many years of management of DDH.

A second very successful meeting of the Irish Paediatric Radiology Group was held in RCSI on the afternoon of 31 March 2006. The topic was Non-accidental Injury in Children –Imaging Interpretation and Legal Implications. Dr Róisín Hayes, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin spoke on Bone and soft tissue injuries. Dr Eilish Twomey, Children's University Hospital, Temple Street gave a very comprehensive lecture on Neuroimaging in NAI. We were very pleased to welcome our invited speaker Sinéad Kearney, Solicitor, BCM Hanby Wallace, Dublin, who works solely in the legal aspect of child protection cases. She gave a lecture entitled 'What the solicitor needs to know'. Ms. Kearney's immense experience in this area was evident as she outlined to us the stages and legal processes through which child protection cases go.

**Dr. Stephanie Ryan,  
Chairperson of the Paediatric Radiology Subgroup**

## Dr. James Carr



In January of this year, Ireland lost one of its best known diagnostic clinical radiologists: Dr. Jim Carr, Consultant Radiologist, Beaumont Hospital passed away peacefully on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2006.

Jim Carr was born 6<sup>th</sup> April 1933 and was a true Dub! He matriculated from Belvedere College in 1951 and trained in medicine in University College Dublin, graduating in 1957.

He did his House jobs at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. Before commencing his radiology training, he spent a year and half in Korea on missionary work, where he made lifetime connections with a number of Columban Fathers.

His radiological training was in Glasgow followed by London, and he returned to Ireland as consultant radiologist to Bons Secour Hospital, Glasnevin in 1966 and then onto St. Laurence's Hospital in 1969. During his time there he oversaw installation of the first Irish CAT scanner which was commissioned in 1977. This period coincided with an enormous expansion in the scope of diagnostic radiology to incorporate ultrasound, CT scanning and the development of the entirely new specialty of interventional radiology. He undertook the tremendous task of transferring diagnostic radiology services from St. Laurence's (Richmond) Hospital to Beaumont Hospital where he served as administrator of the new combined radiology services from both Jervis St. and St. Laurence's Hospital. He attained this fusion of two very different departments with great skill, showing unique ability as an administrator and negotiator. During his active clinical life Dr. Carr was a gifted diagnostic radiologist and made many contributions to the radiologic investigation and diagnosis of gastrointestinal, respiratory and vascular disease. He was a pioneer in interventional radiology in Ireland where he undertook courageous new techniques in the treatment of vascular and biliary diseases. He was a renowned teacher and was a senior lecturer in radiology and examiner in radiology for the Fellowship examination of the Faculty of Radiologists, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

He served on the Board of the Faculty of Radiologists for ten years, and was Dean of the Faculty 1985-1987. The Faculty is the national coordinating body for radiology training within Ireland, and oversees all matters of standards of care and accreditation for diagnostic radiology within Ireland. During his active Deanship he set up the overseas training programme of the Faculty in Kuwait. Jim edited and organised publication of "A Century of Medical Radiation - An Anthology" in 1995. This learned, very accessible multi authored volume is a hugely useful and unique record of the early days and development of radiologic services in Ireland. He maintained close contacts with international developments, and was an active participant in the European Society of Radiology. He also served as President of the Radiological Society of Ireland between 1979-1982.

He was President of the Biological Society in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and served on the Medical Council.

Along with these outstanding achievements, Jim will always be remembered as an honest and sincere "gentleman of radiology". His greatest enjoyment was as a family man with his wife Imelda, daughters and sons with whom he enjoyed a happy but too short retirement in Carraroe Connemara.

Jim Carr will long be remembered for his major place in the development of diagnostic clinical radiology in Ireland, from its early days to its present pivotal position in patient care and treatment. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm.

**É. B.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006-2007



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### Tuesday 30th January 2007

5th Year Interviews

### Wednesday 31st January 2007

Trainee Assessments - Dublin

### Friday 23rd February 2007

Professional Practice and Continuing Education & Imaging Meeting  
(Venue: RCSI, Dublin)

### Wednesday 28th February 2007

1st Year Interviews 2007

### 9th to 13th March 2007

ECR

### Tuesday 20th March 2007

Trainee Assessments - Galway

### Wednesday 21st March 2007

Trainee Assessments - Dublin

### Thursday 22nd March 2007

Trainee Assessments - Cork

### Friday & Saturday April, 2007

Combined Spring Meeting

### April 2007

Bracco Visiting Professor

### Spring 2007

Part II FFR Radiodiagnosis

**Spring 2007**

Part I FFR Radiodiagnosis

**Spring 2007**

Part II FFR Radiotherapy

**July 2007**

Postgraduate Conferring

**Spring 2007**

Part I FFR Radiodiagnosis

**September 2007**

Annual General Meeting - RCR

**Friday 28th & Saturday 29th September 2007**

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

**October 2007**

Bracco Professor

**25th November to 30th November 2007**

RSNA

**Autumn 2007 Dates**

Part II FFR Radiodiagnosis

**Autumn 2007**

Part II FFR Radiotherapy

**December 2007**

Postgraduate Conferring

**Board Meetings of the Faculty for the year 2007**

(2pm to 8pm)

3rd November 2006 (Robert Smith Room)

26th January 2007 (Colles Room)

2nd March 2007 (Colles Room)

25th May 2007 (Colles Room)

21st September 2007 (Robert Smith Room)

**Faculty Committee Meetings for the year 2007**

(2nd Floor & Faculty Boardrooms - 12pm to 7pm)

11th & 12th October 2006

16th & 17th January 2007

20th & 21st February 2007

15th & 16th May 2007

4th & 5th September 2007

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