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Dean's Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

The year 2009-2010 was again an extremely active year for the Faculty of Radiologists. The Faculty continues to proactively adapt to a rapidly changing environment in the education and clinical arenas. A number of issues have occupied the Faculty of Radiologists during the last year and I would like to give a brief overview of some of key areas as of July 2010.

Education

Education has been and continues to be the central focus of Faculty activity. As outlined in the Honorary Secretary's report the funding of postgraduate education has altered significantly in the last year. Current arrangements have necessitated the signing of a formal agreement between the Faculty of Radiologists and the Medical Education and Training (MET) Office. A satisfactory structure for this agreement has been achieved through the Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies. It was agreed that the training bodies would adopt a common approach and no training body would sign an agreement until all were happy with the terms suggested by the MET Office. The agreements proposed include reference to mechanisms of funding, scope of education provision and the monitoring mechanisms for both. Training bodies and the training programmes they provide are accredited by the Medical Council and operate within standards overseen by the Council. The MET Office therefore, has no role in the development of curriculum, duration of training, content and structure of examinations and accreditation of the programmes. The Board of the Faculty of Radiologists after significant debate and discussion in common with other training bodies, agreed to sign a one-year agreement with the MET Office on the basis outlined above.

The Faculty continues to work in the area of curriculum development with a view to developing competency based training rather than the traditional apprenticeship model. Reviewing the content of the radiology training programme involves benchmarking its content with best practice in both the USA and Europe. It is hoped that proposals for an updated curriculum will be available for review at the Education Committee and the Board in autumn 2010.

Faculty Governance

The Faculty is currently engaged in discussions with the President and Senior Executives in RCSI on the issue of Faculty governance. Significant limitations with respect to finance and HR decision-making have led the Board of the Faculty to evaluate the current governance and administrative model. The RCSI is currently involved in assessing and developing modern governance structures. The Faculty have been afforded the opportunity to input these discussions and hopes to help deliver a new governance structure best suited to modern practice. The Board of the Faculty of Radiologists has also decided that the current financial and administrative limitations will be best addressed by forming a company limited by guarantee, to facilitate the administrative and financial activities of the Faculty. This was agreed unanimously at a Board meeting of the Faculty of Radiologists on 29th June 2010. It is intended that the company will benefit from charitable status and it will obviously be subject to reporting requirements in terms of its financial accounts. This issue will be tabled for full discussion at the AGM on Friday 24th September 2010. The Board has also decided to augment the administrative support within the Faculty office by creating a new post of Operations Administrator. It is hoped this post will be filled by autumn 2010.

National Radiology Programme

Restructuring of the HSE in 2009 led to the establishment of the Office of the Director of Quality and Clinical Care (DQCC). Dr. Barry Whyte has been appointed Director of Clinical Care & Quality to lead this office. Since taking up his position Dr. Whyte has established a significant number of national programmes in an attempt to deliver standardised high quality care to patients. These programmes include acute medicine, stroke, elective surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, diabetes, etc.

Radiology is integral to the successful delivery of many of the programmes. Dr. Whyte wrote to the Faculty of Radiologists earlier this year outlining the structure of the programmes and seeking a nominee from the Faculty to lead the development of a national radiology programme. The Board of the Faculty proposed me as an initial lead for this programme. The nomination was accepted by the DQCC.

The structure of the radiology programme is in evolution, however an initial working group constituting willing administrative leads in radiology from a number of departments has been established. This working group is likely to be enlarged and be multidisciplinary based on a template proposed by the DQCC. The Board of the Faculty of Radiologists has agreed to act as a high level advisory group to the national radiology programme. This ensures significant Faculty input into any decisions made by the national radiology programme.

Quality Assurance

Recent well-publicised incidents have brought the issue of radiology quality assurance centre stage. It is undoubtedly the case that radiology practice throughout Ireland is typically of the very highest standard. In the current environment however, the public, patients and radiologists need a process whereby quality is demonstrated, and improved upon where necessary. To this end, the Faculty has engaged with a number of bodies including the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), the HSE, the Department of Health & Children and HIQA to develop a national quality assurance programme. The programme will be formally launched in the autumn which will hopefully give an opportunity to educate the public and the media on the inherent risks associated with radiology practice. The Faculty recognises that there are significant resource issues related to some of the elements in

the quality assurance programme. These will need to be addressed before there is a complete roll out. I am extremely grateful for the significant work done by Dr Max Ryan as Chairman of the Quality Assurance Committee in this area.

Scientific Meetings

The organisation of scientific meetings has been an intrinsic part of Faculty activities for many years. The feedback from Fellows has informed the format of these meetings. It is the policy of the Faculty to continue to organise three meetings a year on the island of Ireland. This will allow Fellows to meet the mandated requirements of the Medical Council with respect to CME within Ireland. The success of the scientific meetings is due in large part to the considerable work done by Drs PK Ellis and Clare Faul.

Validation

The Faculty of Radiologists advises the Medical Council on the validation of training for candidates seeking to be placed on the Specialist Register in Radiology. This has become an extremely onerous and complex duty for the Faculty. We have had fruitful discussions with the Medical Council such that the procedures that are now in place will be much more transparent and streamlined for the applicant, the Medical Council, and the Faculty of Radiologists. The Faculty is grateful to Professor Dermot Malone for his considerable efforts in area of validation.

International Affairs

The Faculty's association with the Kuwait radiology training programme continues to be an important part of Faculty affairs. The Faculty has been mandated by the Board to review its arrangement with the authorities in Kuwait this year. I would like to thank Drs David McInerney, Denis O'Connell and James Masterson for their great work in organising and accrediting the Kuwait programme.

Radiation Protection

The increasing regulatory framework around radiation exposure calls for constant vigilance from the Faculty. The mandated involvement of nurse practitioners in requesting radiology investigation necessitated Faculty involvement in framing the appropriate safe structures in this area. The Faculty is indebted to Drs Ronan Ryan and Stephanie Ryan for their considerable efforts in this area.

Finance & General Purposes

The development of sub committees related to Finance and General Purposes Committee has been an excellent innovation in the last number of years. These include Breast (Chair, Dr Ann O'Doherty), Cardiac (Chair, Dr Jonathan Dodd and Dr Leo Lawlor), Nuclear Medicine (Chair, Dr Martin O'Connell and Dr James Clarke), Interventional Sub Group (Chair, Professor Mick Lee). The Faculty is happy to facilitate the setting up of other sub groups as required. These groups are a tremendous resource for the Faculty on sub specialty issues and I am grateful for the chairs of the various groups for the time and expertise freely given. Dr Ian Kelly continues to keep the Faculty on track in its financial affairs despite the stormy economic climate. He has also been significantly involved in the reorganisation of the Faculty's financial and administrative structures and for this the Faculty is very grateful.

Faculty Workload Study

The Faculty of Radiologists is currently engaged in a national radiology workload study. The rationale for the workload study is outlined in the Honorary Secretary's report. I would like to thank Dr Brady for his considerable efforts in this area. It is hoped that the data acquired in this study will help develop a national benchmark for workload and help instigate future radiology workforce planning.

External Reviews

The Faculty of Radiologists is now requested on an increasingly frequent basis for the names of radiologists who can act as experts in various clinical reviews. The Board of the Faculty of Radiologists has discussed this issue and it has been agreed that engagement by Irish radiologists in this arena, though difficult, is extremely important. Lack of engagement necessitates various organisations searching internationally, particularly in the UK, for expert opinion. The Board also agreed that the Faculty should establish a structured framework for engagement by a radiologist in such a review. The Faculty has therefore begun the process of developing such a framework in conjunction with the Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies. Issues to be addressed in this framework include indemnity, specific responsibilities of the expert reviewer and the specific responsibilities of the organisation requesting the review.

Medical Council

Dr. Éamann Breatnach retired from the Medical Council during the year. I would like to thank Dr Breatnach for his contribution during his period on the Council. I would also like to thank Dr David O'Keeffe who has taken on this onerous position representing pathology and radiology on the Medical Council.

Acknowledgements

I am extremely indebted to all my colleagues on the Board whose outstanding support and enthusiasm for Faculty projects has been of great assistance during the past year. I would particularly like to thank Dr Adrian Brady for his invaluable support and advice during the past year. I would like to wish him every success during his tenure as Dean, and I know he will be a great ambassador for radiology during the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Faculty in 2011.

This year we welcomed Drs Max Ryan and Maeve Pomeroy to the Board, both of whom have made significant contributions in their first year. Professor Dermot Malone joined the Board for his second term and agreed to serve as Vice Dean and Chairman of the Validation Committee during the year.

I would like to pay tribute to Dr Ronan McDermott who steps down from the Board this year. During his short time on the Board Ronan contributed magnificently and hopefully he will be in a position to rejoin the Board at some stage in the future.

Finally I would like to thank most sincerely Ms. Jennifer O'Brien and Ms. Karen Milling for their invaluable and dedicated work in the Faculty office during the past year. Their support and professionalism, despite significantly increasing pressures, has been outstanding throughout the year.

Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide
Dean
Faculty of Radiologists



Radiation Oncology Committee

There were a number of changes to the membership of the radiation oncology committee in 2009-2010. Dr. O'Sullivan completed her term on the Board of the Faculty and as such resigned from the Chair of the radiation oncology committee in November 2009. The Dean congratulated Dr O'Sullivan on her sojourn as committee chair and on her work in ensuring the successful accreditation of St Luke's hospital for specialist training in 2008. Dr. Clare Faul, a current board member, was nominated by the Dean in her place and accepted the position as Chair of the Radiation Oncology Committee in November 2009. Dr Jerome Coffey resigned as St Luke's Hospital training coordinator to take up a role with the NPRO and was replaced by Dr Brian O'Neill. The Faculty welcomed the fact that a number of current and past members of the radiation oncology committee have taken up roles with the NPRO/NCCP in advising on the future development of radiation oncology services in Ireland. Dr Jerome Coffey is appointed as lead clinician for the Dublin Radiation Oncology network, Professor Donal Hollywood and Dr Clare Faul have been appointed to oversee the integration between the host hospitals and the new radiation oncology centres, while Professor Hollywood also advises the NPRO on academic issues. The phase one of the planned expansion of radiation facilities is due to open in December 2010 with the opening of two new radiation centres on the grounds of Beaumont and St James's Hospital. These two new centres along with St Luke's will function as a single network under the auspices of the NPRO. A number of new radiation oncologists have been appointed to facilitate this development. It is expected that radiation oncology SpR's will rotate through the network, which will facilitate more optimum exposure to sub-speciality oncology training.

The radiation oncology Specialist Registrar (SpR) Training programme (post full accreditation in 2008) successfully rotated SpR's between St. Luke's Hospital in Dublin and Galway University Hospital in 2009/2010. Twelve SpR's are currently participating in the training scheme with two (from year 2-5) rotating through the department of radiation oncology GUH for one year. The training programme continues to succeed with a 100% pass rate for the part two examination in November 2008. Two of five year 1-2 SpR's passed all 4 components of the part one examination with a further three passing some components of the examination 2009/2010. The part one lecture programme continues to be provided through St Luke's Hospital pending the roll out of the national programme.

A successful Annual meeting 2009 honoured Professor Alan Horwich, Royal Marsden Hospital, with an honorary fellowship of the Faculty. He undertook a rigorous visiting professor schedule interacting and lecturing to the SpR's at St Luke's Hospital prior to the Annual meeting. He delivered the keynote lecture on The Role Of Radiotherapy in Early Hodgkin's lymphoma on Friday morning. He subsequently chaired the judge's panel for the registrar's prize. The senior award was awarded to Dr Lorraine Walsh for her research entitled Rectal Cancer Target Definition - As Technology Improves, Has Our Conformity Improved? Laura Mullaney (Therapist) won the Astra Zeneca Junior Prize.

Dr Beate Timmermann who has relocated from Villigen in Switzerland to Essen in Germany spoke on Proton Therapy funded by the St. Luke's Education Fund on Saturday morning. An interesting lecture entitled Principles of Imaging for Radiotherapy by Professor Rodney Reznick St. Bartholomew's Hospital; London was included in the diagnostic radiology lecture schedule.

Ipsen pharmaceutical have kindly sponsored a travelling fellowship, which is governed by the Faculty of Radiologists and St Luke's hospital Radiation Oncology educational committee. The fellowship is awarded on an annual basis with the first recipient awarded in 2009. The applicant must undergo a period of clinical or research experience at a recognised international training institution and give a summary presentation at the radiation oncology annual meeting in the year following the award.

The first IPSEN travelling Fellowship was awarded to Dr. Sinead Brennan She has undertaken an IMRT Travelling Fellowship in the Royal Marsden Hospital and presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting in September 2009. Recently Dr Jennifer Gilmore was awarded the 2010 Ipsen travelling fellowship and will travel to The Institute Gustav Roussey to further her experience in gynaecological brachytherapy.

In summary: 2010-2011 will be an exciting year for the radiation oncology community with the anticipated opening of two new radiation oncology centres in Dublin. Improved access for patients to the most up to date technology as well as more seamless integration of radiation oncology into the broader medical hospital system will be the benefit for patients.

Dr Clare Faul MRCPI FFR RCSI
Chairperson, Radiation Oncology Committee



Quality Assurance Committee

This year has seen many important and innovative changes to the Faculty Continuing Medical Education and Quality Assurance Committees. Despite high media profile issues involving poor patient outcomes and unreported Radiology examinations the Faculty of Radiologists has however chosen to take the initiative and lead in responding to these challenges. The Faculty are actively working with the HSE, HIQA, NCCP and the Medical Council at several levels.

National Quality Assurance Programme in Radiology

The Faculty of Radiologists Continuing Medical Education committee have entered into a HSE approved partnership with the HSE, NCCP and RCPI to develop and implement a Quality Assurance (QA) Framework in Radiology. The Faculty of Radiologists QA committee is preparing a QA guideline document. This highly motivated QA committee discuss details of the programme by teleconferencing every fortnight. The development and setting of Radiology QA guidelines, and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) are now at an advanced stage. This is a 2-year project. A special thanks to Ms Aine Cadden, our project manager for all she has done so far.

It is anticipated national implementation of the QA programme will start Q4 this year. The KPI's include: peer review, MDT meetings, discrepancy meetings, communication of unexpected significant findings, audit and turn around time. The key quality guidelines being developed include; double reporting and peer review, multidisciplinary meetings, discrepancy meetings and communication of clinically significant and unexpected findings.

The fundamental aim of this QA Programme is to assure enhancement of patient care with timely, accurate and complete Radiology diagnoses and reports. This National QA programme is intended to complement existing Radiology Department's practices. The Faculty of Radiologists does however accept that this QA Programme is an evolving process and that this guideline document will require regular review.

Professional Competence Scheme

Under the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 all Registered Medical Practitioners are now required to maintain their professional competence by participating in recognised Professional Competence Schemes.

The Professional Competence Steering Committee (PCSC) has recommended the schemes consist of three elements:

- **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**
- **Audit**
- **Multi-Source Feedback** (to be confirmed following review of the on-going Medical Council pilot)

The Faculty of Radiologists' Professional Competence Scheme document has been developed in accordance with the national framework. This scheme has been submitted to the Medical Council for approval.

Consultation between the Faculty of Radiologists CME Committee and Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) & Hospitals Office of the HSE

The Faculty of Radiologists is acutely aware that there is a public perception that perfection is achievable, and that any error or discrepancy in reporting radiological studies represents a wrong that must be punished. In response to this, the Faculty has produced a discussion paper entitled, “Errors and discrepancies in radiology: frequency, causes, prevention and management.” The document has served as the basis for discussions between the Faculty and the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) and the Hospitals Office of the HSE. This paper has a number of goals;

1. To define error or discrepancy in Radiology and acknowledge its inevitability in clinical practice.
2. To outline both individual and systemic factors that contribute to underperformance.
3. To establish the components of an integrated quality assurance program for radiologists.
4. To agree a means of assessing risk and establish a hierarchy of appropriate responses to discrepancies when they arise.

CME/CPD credits

The Committee continues its work with regard to recording of CME/CPD credits and assessing medical meetings with respect to CME/CPD credit allocation.

I would like to thank all the members of the CME Committee for their input and support over the year.

Dr. Max Ryan
Chairperson, QA Committee

Education Committee



The Education Committee continues its work in overseeing the core educational remit of the Faculty. I would like to thank all members of the Education Committee, in particular the local coordinators for their valuable input during the last academic year. I would also like to thank Dr David Brophy, the National Coordinator, who has done sterling work to ensure the high standards of the programme were maintained throughout the last two years. His endurance and patience ensured a flawless operation of the training programme. I would also like to wish his successor Dr Ronan Brown, who takes over as National Coordinator, every good wish during his tenure. I would like to thank Dr Mark Knox who has acted as trainee representative on the Committee for the last year. His wise and sensible input is extremely valuable. I would like to thank most sincerely all the teachers and lecturers who have given freely of their time to ensure a comprehensive educational programme. In addition to the organised weekly lectures, a number of focused training courses have been organised for the benefit of the registrars. These include the Emergency Medicine Radiology Course, the IR Skills Course, the Career Guidance Seminar, and the Practice Based Learning programme. These courses have proved extremely beneficial to the registrars.

European Affairs

Dr. Éamann Breatnach continues as Chairman of the Educational Committee of the European Society of Radiology. The Faculty would like to acknowledge his excellent work in this area and is grateful for his continued liaison with the Faculty on a wide variety of issues.

Examinations

The Faculty would like to thank all the examiners including our external examiners: Dr. Michael Collins, Dr. Sheila Rankin, Dr Anton Collins, Dr. Hugh Roach and Dr. Jim Virjee.

Part I FFR RCSI (Diagnosis):

Dr. William Torreggiani (Chief Part I Examiner)
Dr. Ronan McDermott
Dr. Max Ryan
Mr. Colin Walsh
Dr. Hugh Roach (Extern)
Dr. Anton Collins (Extern)
Dr. Jim Virjee (Extern)
Dr. John Buckley
Dr. Neil O'Donovan
Dr. John Feeney
Dr. Ciaran Johnston

Part II FFR RCSI (Diagnosis):

Dr. Stephen Skehan (Chief Part II Examiner)
Dr. Clare Roche
Dr. Mark Logan
Dr. Edward Fitzgerald
Dr. John Buckley
Dr. Michael Collins (Extern)
Dr. Sheila Rankin (Extern)
Dr. David O'Keeffe (Observer)

The Faculty would like to pay particular tribute to the retiring examiners:

Part I Examiner: Dr. John Upton
Part II Examiners: Dr. Clare Faul
(Chief Part II Examiner)

Examination Results

The following candidates were successful in the 2009/2010 Examinations:

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - September 2009

Dr. Noof Ahmad
Dr. Buthaina Mohd Ahmed Al Kandari
Dr. Olivia Carney

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Dublin - May 2010

Dr. Micheál Breen
Dr. Fergus Cafferty
Dr. Gabrielle Colleran
Dr. Collette English
Dr. Paul Foran
Dr. Ciaran Healy
Dr. Siobhan Hoare
Dr. Julia Howard
Dr. Aoife Kilcoyne
Dr. Karen Lyons
Dr. Eoghan McCarthy
Dr. Colin McCarthy
Dr. Mark McCusker
Dr. Sinead McEvoy
Dr. Doireann McWeeney
Dr. Brian Daragh Murphy
Dr. Kevin Murphy
Dr. Niamh O'Mahony
Dr. John Ward

Primary Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis, Kuwait - May 2010

Dr. Maryam Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Shatti
Dr. Eman Zayed Saad Bin Zayed Al Daithan
Dr. Hia Al Rohaif
Dr. Hussain Taleb Jaraq Esmaeel

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Dublin - Nov. 2009

Dr. Ian Brennan
Dr. Ann Michelle Browne
Dr. Michael Burns
Dr. Catherine Dewhurst
Dr. Lorna Hanlon
Dr. Chris Hegarty
Dr. Peter MacMahon
Dr. Shaunagh McDermott
Dr. Darra Murphy
Dr. Gillian Murphy
Dr. Jennifer Ni Mhuircheartaigh
Dr. Carole Ridge
Dr. Yusra Sheikh
Dr. Joanna Pearly Ti

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Kuwait - Nov 2009

Dr. Reefa Hamad Abdullah Al Ajmi
Dr. Sarah Faisal Al Mutawa
Dr. Mashael Essa Bandar
Dr. Farah Jassem Sadeq

Final Fellowship Examination in Radiodiagnosis (FFRRC SI), Dublin - March 2010

Dr. Victoria Chan
Dr. Huma Khosa
Dr. Colm Murphy
Dr. Helen Stunnell

Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide
Dean
Faculty of Radiologists

Postgraduate Conferring - December 2009



Practice Based Learning Presentations 2010



Faculty of Radiologist, RCSI Practice-Based Learning Course 2009/2010: SpR Presentations

Front Row:- Dr Deirdre O'Mahony, Ms Mary Morrissey (HSE), Dr. Eve O'Toole, (NCCP), Judge, Prof. Dermot Malone (SVUH), Convenor, Dr. David Brophy Training Programme Coordinator, Judge, Dr. Adrian Brady Consultant Radiologist, Dr Olivia Carney,

Middle Row:- Dr Leo Galvin, Dr Lee Crush, Dr Sum Leong, Dr Cressida Brennan, Dr Kevin Pennycooke, Dr Oisín Flanagan, Dr Jan Gerstenmaier,

Back Row:- Dr Sarah Barrett, Dr Dearbhail O'Driscoll (Winner), Dr Patrick McLaughlin, Dr Sarah Hayes, Dr Joe Coyle, Dr Breege Gilmartin, Dr Niamh Long, Dr Triona Walsh.

Research Committee



This year, the Faculty has supported a new initiative that is designed to inspire and encourage new talent. We hope to introduce two undergraduate prizes to acknowledge the best and brightest undergraduate contributions to Radiology. We would envisage that entry criteria would be broad –not everyone can do original research or a BSc – but that enthusiasm, passion and industry should bring their own rewards.

The intellect, drive and quality of entrants into radiology have never been higher, but I would contend that there is always capacity to seek out new formative talent. To choose our apples, as it were, not just from the barrel, but also from the orchard.

My grateful appreciation goes, as ever, to the Dean, Board and committee members. Finally, I would like to thank the incomparable Jennifer O'Brien and Karen Milling for their tireless support.

Dr. Barry Kelly

Chairperson, Research Committee



International Affairs Committee

The International Affairs Committee has met on five occasions over the previous year to advise on the radiology training programme in Kuwait, in coordination with KIMS (the Kuwaiti Institute of Medical Specialisation) and in addition to deal with any other international matters involving the Faculty.

The Chairman and the Coordinator, Dr. James Masterson, interviewed candidates for the part I programme in Kuwait in May 2009 and a full part I programme was commenced throughout the 2009/2010 academic year. A part II programme was also continued throughout the year.

Part II examinations were conducted in Kuwait in November 2009, the Faculty party being led by the Chief Examiner, Dr. Clare Roche. The number of candidates who sat this exam was 11.

The successful candidates who passed the exam were as follows:

Dr. Reffa Hamad Abdullah Al Ajmi
Dr. Sarah Faisal Al Mutawa
Dr. Mashaal Essa Bandar
Dr. Farah Jassem Sadeq

At the request of KIMS, an accreditation of the Kuwaiti teaching hospitals was conducted in January 2010. The visit was led by the Dean, Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide and accompanied by Dr. D. McInerney and Dr. J. Masterson. A comprehensive report on the five major hospitals in Kuwait was prepared and dispatched. The visitors were pleased to see the substantial advances that have been made in radiology training and in provision of medical facilities since the previous visit in 2002.

The part I examinations will have taken place in Kuwait in May 2010.

The successful candidates were as follows:

Dr. Maryam Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Shatti
Dr. Eman Zayed Saad Bin Zayed Al Daithan
Dr. Hia Al Rohaif
Dr. Hussain Taleb Jaraq Esmaeel

Thanks in particular are due to the Programme Coordinator, Dr. Denis O'Connell, for his stalwart efforts in continuing our teaching programme despite a set back due to illness from which the Faculty wishes him a speedy recovery.

I would like also to thank my committee members for their work throughout the year. In Kuwait, thanks are due to Dr. Abdelmohsen Ben Nakhi, Director FFRRCSI Training Programme KIMS, Dr. Tariq Sinan, Chairman, Faculty of Radiology KIMS and Professor Mehraj Sheikh, Head of University Department of Radiology, University of Kuwait.

During the year, the International Affairs Committee advised on other overseas teaching enquiries. The Faculty recognises that an international teaching programme provides teaching opportunities for many fellows throughout the country and is a platform on which to develop further overseas teaching should the opportunity arise.

Dr. David McInerney
Chairperson, International Affairs Committee



Radiation Protection Committee

www.radiology.ie/radiation/index.htm

The National Radiation Safety Committee, advisory to the CEO of the HSE on matters pertaining to medical exposure of patients to ionizing radiation continues to be the focal point for developments in this area.

The volume of material passing through the NRSC increases exponentially – there is ongoing work pertaining to clinical audit, modality-based population radiation dose, incident reporting and overseeing compliance with SI 478 and SI 303 in the Diagnostic Radiology, Radiation Therapy and Dental areas. The NRSC is supported by the full time Medical Exposure Unit based in Stewarts Hospital, Palmerstown, Dublin.

Contacts continue between the Department of Health and the MER unit to draft updated Radiation Protection legislation which will, inter alia, make the **Health Information and Quality Authority** the competent authority for Radiation Protection (heretofore The Minister for Health held that role).

In December 2009 the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland, in collaboration with other interested parties, published a very useful document entitled “ Guidelines on the protection of the unborn child during diagnostic medical exposures”, which is available on the Faculty website.

Dr. Ronan S. Ryan
Chairman, Radiation Protection Committee



Scientific Committee

The Annual Scientific Meeting was held on Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th of September 2009. The theme was Cancer Imaging in Ireland. The meeting was very well attended and presentations were of a high quality throughout. The Honorary Fellows were Professor Rodney Reznick from Hammersmith, London, Professor Elliot Fishman from Baltimore and Prof. Alan Horwich from the Institute of Cancer Research, London. Each of the honorary fellows presented a lecture on at least one occasion during the scientific meeting.

The MR Imaging group meeting (combined with the professional practice and continued medical education meeting) took place in Malahide on Saturday 30th January 2010. There was again a very high quality of presentation at this meeting and attendance was high, representing a considerable improvement on last year. My thanks go to Dr. Leo Lawlor, Dr. Declan Sheppard and Dr. Mark Elliott who put together the programme for this highly successful meeting.

The combined Spring Meeting of the Faculty took place at Carton House, Maynooth on the 16th

& 17th of April 2010. The guest lecturer was Mr John Maxwell, Barrister at Law. Mr Maxwell gave an extremely interesting dissertation on medico-legal aspects of radiology. He also gave some useful legal scenarios, advice on appearing as a professional witness and the duties of a professional witness to the court. Much discussion ensued on this highly relevant and useful topic. There were several presentations from nationally recognised speakers on a variety of general topics, which were of a very high quality and were well received by the large audience. Again the recent purchase of the Turning Point Interactive Handsets provided a useful additional component to the meeting.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the Scientific Committee for their continuing hard work. I would also like to thank Jennifer O'Brien and Karen Milling for their unrelenting hard work in the Faculty office.

Dr. P. K. Ellis
Chairman, Scientific Committee

Honorary Conferring 2009



Left to right: Professor Alan Horwich (Honorary Fellow); Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide (Dean 2008-2010); Professor Rodney Reznick (Honorary Fellow); Professor Frank Keane (President, RCSI); Professor Elliott Fishman (Honorary Fellow)



Honorary Secretary's Annual Report 2009/2010

Changes to the Faculty Board

Dr. Ronan McDermott is leaving the Board after a short period as a member, for personal reasons. His wise counsel and hard work as Chairman of the Quality Assurance Committee from 2008 to 2009 have been of great benefit, and we hope he will be in a position to contribute to Faculty and Board activities again in the future.

The Board welcomed Drs. Maeve Pomeroy and Max Ryan as new members.

The following Board Members agreed to take the following positions:

Vice Dean and Chair of Validation Committee:
Prof. Dermot Malone

Honorary Secretary & Dean-Elect:
Dr. Adrian Brady*

Honorary Treasurer & Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee:
Dr. Ian Kelly*

Chair of Quality Assurance Committee:
Dr. Max Ryan

Chair of Scientific Committee:
Dr. P.K.Ellis *

Chair of Radiation Oncology Committee:
Dr. Clare Faul

Chair of Radiation Protection Committee:
Dr. Ronan Ryan *

Chair of Research Committee
Dr. Barry Kelly

Chair of International Affairs Committee:
Dr. David McInerney *

Representative on Steering Committee for Nurse Prescribing in Radiology:
Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide

National Advisor Committee of Medical Education and Training:
Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide*

Forum of Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies:
Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide*, Dr. Adrian Brady*, Dr. Max Ryan

National Integrated Medical Information System (NIMIS):
Dr. Leo Lawler (Faculty representative, reporting to the Board),
Dr. Niall Sheehy

** Continuing in post from previous year*

Dr. David O'Keeffe serves as the representative for pathology and radiology on the Medical Council.

Egypt

On November 7-9th, 2009, the Dean (Dr. Risteárd Ó Laoide) and the Honorary Secretary (Dr. Adrian Brady) visited Cairo at the invitation of the High Committee of Medical Specialties (HCMS) of the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population. The purpose of the visit was to observe the examination for the Fellowship in Diagnostic Radiology of the Egyptian Fellowship Boards, to meet with relevant officers of the Higher Committee, and to begin discussions with respect to a possible future relationship between the Higher Committee and the Faculty.

Drs. Ó Laoide and Brady had a number of meetings with senior academics in Egyptian radiology and the HCMS, who outlined their hopes for standardisation of training and examination standards in Ministry of Health hospitals, and their vision that international accreditation of the Fellowship examination will be a vital part of harmonisation of standards.

Drs. Ó Laoide and Brady attended and observed the conduct of the Radiology Fellowship examination and reviewed candidates' answers in the written components. They also had an opportunity to meet with a number of trainees in radiology in Cairo, for a discussion regarding the structure of their training programme. In January 2010, they completed a written report for the Egyptian authorities on their observations of the exam, making a number of recommendations. They also extended an invitation to the Egyptian Chief Examiner, Prof. Mohamed El Toukhy, to visit Dublin at the time of the next sitting of the Faculty Part 2 exam in November 2010, should he wish to observe how our exams are prepared and conducted.

Faculty 50th. Anniversary

The Faculty of Radiologists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) was founded in 1961, with a view to establishing a body, which could provide formal training in Diagnostic Radiology and Radiation Oncology in Ireland. Its first academic activity was the introduction of lectures in radiology to undergraduates in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Medical School. In 1966, the Faculty held its first examinations for the Fellowship of the Faculty, establishing formal Irish postgraduate qualifications in Diagnostic Radiology and Radiation Oncology. In 1967, the Faculty initiated

a 4-year postgraduate training programme in Diagnostic Radiology, with its first graduates completing the programme in 1972. This was the first structured medical postgraduate training programme in Ireland, and it continues successfully to the present day. Subsequent additions to the Faculty's educational endeavours have been the development of an overseas training programme in Diagnostic Radiology in Kuwait (initiated in 1984), and a training programme in Radiation Oncology.

Since the inception of our training programmes, the Faculty of Radiologists has developed linkages with academic bodies outside Ireland. In 1976, reciprocal recognition of the Part 1 FFRRCSI and the Part 1 FRCR exam was agreed with the Royal College of Radiologists, with the two Part 2 exams remaining separate, but being considered ex-aequo. Because of changes in the Part 1 FRCR exam, that reciprocity has lapsed, but we retain a strong relationship with the RCR, with many shared activities and goals.

In 2011, the Faculty will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding. We plan to centre our celebration around the Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held in Dublin from Wednesday September 21st to Saturday September 24th 2011. Invitations have been sent to the leaders of a number of international diagnostic radiology and radiation oncology organisations and societies to accept Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty at this ASM, and further eminent international speakers are also expected to attend and contribute to this celebration of the Faculty's achievements during the first 50 years of its existence. We hope there will be an unprecedentedly large attendance of our Fellows, members and friends at this very special event for the Faculty.

Consultants Appointment Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Since November 2009, Dr. Brady has sat on the CAAC, as a nominee of The Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies. The purpose of the CAAC is to provide independent and objective advice to the HSE (to whom the statutory functions relating to regulation of posts and qualifications were transferred under S57 Health Act 2004, with the dissolution of Comhairle na nOspidéal). The membership of CAAC comprises an independent chair, senior HSE officials, consultant representatives covering the nine relevant medical specialties, representatives of patient advocacy groups and voluntary hospital

CEOs, and two representatives each of the IHCA and the IMO. CAAC meets monthly, and in its first 6 meetings from December 2009 to April 2010, it considered applications for 100 posts. 14 Consultant Radiologist posts have been considered; approval has been recommended for all 14 (6 new, 8 replacement), with minor clarifications being required before issuing approval letters for 5 of these (3 replacement, 2 new) [information correct as of May 25, 2010].

Faculty workload survey

Data with respect to radiology workload has been collected in the past from a variety of sources, and utilised by, among others, the HSE, without appropriate reference to the validity of the data or the collection method used. In early 2010, Faculty officers met with representatives of the Business Intelligence Unit and Healthstat office of the HSE to discuss this matter, and to propose that we would conduct a survey of radiology department workload across the country, utilising published, verified methods of counting activity. The HSE has agreed to support this venture. The method being used is derived from an Australian relative value unit (RVU) system, which includes provision for counting the time spent by consultant radiologists engaged in activity that cannot easily be counted as numbers of studies (e.g. interventional and procedural work, administrative activity, preparation of and conduct of multi-disciplinary meetings). Collection of data began in May 2010. The Faculty will retain ownership of the data collected. We hope to persuade the HSE to accept a national benchmark of an appropriate radiologist workload, derived from this data, and thus to incorporate the methodology of the Faculty survey into workload and workforce planning in radiology in the future.

Medical Education, Training and Research (METR), HSE

In the past, some financial support for Faculty training activities was provided by the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board (PGMDB). This Board has been disbanded, and its functions have been taken on by the METR office of the HSE. METR's brief is much broader than that of the old PGMDB; they have responsibility for all interaction between the HSE and postgraduate medical training bodies with respect to doctors in training. Arising from

this, the Faculty officers have engaged in a number of useful meetings with METR staff in the past year, explaining the activities of the Faculty and advancing our relationship with METR for the future. In 2009, METR made available structural funding to the support the Faculty, at the same level as that provided by the PGMDB in 2008.

In 2010, METR have engaged with all the postgraduate training bodies, with a view to arriving at formal, signed agreements with all postgraduate training bodies, committing the bodies to providing postgraduate training to an agreed level, and committing METR to providing funding for that training. Agreements are for a one-year period, from July 2010 to June 2011, with mutually agreed performance indicators to be measured and forwarded to METR during the operation of the agreement. All of the training bodies have acted together through the Forum of Postgraduate Training Bodies in arriving at their specific agreements with METR, with no training body signing an agreement with METR until all are satisfied with the arrangements. It has been made explicitly clear to METR by the training bodies that their relationship with METR relates to matters of funding, and that METR has no role in assessing or determining the duration, content, standards or accreditation of training programmes. These functions are a matter of agreement between the training bodies and the Medical Council, and will be addressed through the method of accreditation of training programmes.

Faculty Office Staff

The business of the Faculty continues to increase inexorably, but, as always, it has been dealt with by Ms. Jennifer O'Brien and Ms. Karen Milling with unceasing good humour, and laudable efficiency. Faculty officers come and go. Jennifer and Karen provide the glue that keeps the enterprise steady, guiding us, ensuring work is done (often before we realise it needs to be done), and often serving as the corporate memory and archivists of activities going back many years before the terms of current officers. Without Jennifer and Karen, the Faculty could not function as well as it does; their contribution to our continuance deserves the appreciation of all our trainees and Fellows.

Meetings of the Board of the Faculty of Radiologists

Since the last AGM, in September 2009, there have been five Board Meetings, in November 2009, January, April, May and June 2010.

The Board of the Faculty for the year 2009/2010 was constituted as follows:

DEAN	TERM OF OFFICE	MEETINGS ATTENDED
RISTEÁRD Ó LAOIDE	2003 – 2008 (Elected Dean 2008-2010)	5
VICE-DEAN		
DERMOT MALONE	2009 – 2014	4
HONORARY SECRETARY		
ADRIAN BRADY (Dean Elect)	2007 – 2012	5
HONORARY TREASURER		
IAN KELLY	2006 – 2011	5
BOARD MEMBERS		
BARRY KELLY	2008 – 2013	2
RONAN MCDERMOTT	2008 – 2013	0
WILLIAM TORREGGIANI	2006 – 2011	4
RONAN S. RYAN	2006 – 2011	2
PETER ELLIS	2007 – 2012	3
PETER KAVANAGH	2007 – 2012	5
CLARE FAUL	2007 – 2012	4
JOHN STACK	2006 – 2011	3
MAEVE POMEROY	2009 – 2014	2
MAX RYAN	2009 – 2014	4
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:	Mr. Freddie Wood	
EX-OFFICIO:	Prof. Frank Keane to June 2010 Ms. Eilis McGovern from June 2010 (President, RCSI)	

Dr. Adrian Brady
Honorary Secretary



Finance and General Purposes Committee Annual Report 2009/2010

The Faculty accounts for the year ended 30th September 2009 were prepared with the assistance of the Finance Department, RCSI and audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Over the last ten years or so, the Faculty has managed to operate within its budgets, with modest year on year surpluses whilst expanding its roles and increasing its activities. During the year, through meetings with the executive of the RCSI, the question of accessibility and liquidity of the Faculty's accumulated budget surpluses arose. At the time of writing this is currently under review but it is the understanding of the Board that these funds, though secure remain relatively inaccessible. This and other purely practical considerations, has lead the Board to assert its financial independence by seeking to administer its own financial affairs in their entirety whilst cooperating and collaborating with College. The Board has ratified an independent approach to its financial affairs and has taken the initial steps to formally establish its status and put in place appropriate financial arrangements. This has necessitated the appointment of solicitors and accountants to the Faculty. We are putting in place interim transitional arrangements for this financial year with a view to being an independent financial entity for the coming financial year beginning 1st October 2010.

The establishment of MET (Medical Education and Training) division of the HSE and recent industrial relations agreements with NCHDs have substantially changed the way the Faculty obtains its funding for postgraduate training from government. Faculty is no longer able to raise funds by charging training fees to trainees. From the 1st of July 2010 Met will fund the Faculty directly through a combination of structural grants and training programme funding based on SpR numbers. Formal arrangements will be agreed which will necessitate full accountability on behalf of

Faculty for a number of key performance indicators. This will not dilute the independence of Faculty but acknowledge and bolster its independent position in training, continuing professional development and quality issues. Through the Forum of Post Graduate Training Bodies and in conjunction with those bodies, Faculty has asserted its independent role. Its mandate to train comes not from the HSE but from the Medical Council.

Unfortunately this administratively upscaled approach to funding will necessitate new arrangements and will place a new and significant administrative burden on Faculty. As this appears unavoidable, it is hoped to appoint additional personnel to assist in these processes. A new administrative post in Faculty is envisaged to provide management, administrative and operational support to the Office of the Dean.

The interventional radiology subcommittee has been reconvened under the chairmanship of Dr. PK Ellis and a new cardiac and vascular imaging subcommittee has been formed under the stewardship Dr Jonathan Dodd.

The last year has been a very eventful one for the FGPC with many changes afoot. Although the meeting schedule has been heavy, it has been a privilege to participate in these significant times for the Faculty. It would not have been possible to do so without the fantastic assistance of Ms Jennifer O'Brien and Ms Karen Milling of the Faculty Office. I would like to express my deep appreciation and thanks for their hard work and effort.

Dr. Ian Kelly
Honorary Treasurer
Chairperson,
Finance & General Purposes Committee

O'Halpin Linders Faculty of Radiologists Scholarship Report 2009/2010

The O'Halpin Linders Faculty of Radiologists Scholarship was inaugurated in 2005 to commemorate Dr Dara O'Halpin, consultant paediatric Radiologist, The Children's Hospital, Temple Street, Dublin. Dara will be remembered by many Faculty members as an active dynamic, and enthusiastic Board Member and educator. The Scholarship programme has been generously supported by Joe, her husband, and many Faculty members and private sponsors. Under the unique programme medical graduates were sponsored to train for a four-year period within the Faculty structures, having undertaken to return to their home communities for a five-year period.

Dr Rowland Okello returned to Nairobi Kenya in July 2009, having gained his Fellowship in May of that year and having been based at St. Vincent's University Hospital. Since his return he has enthusiastically committed himself to his community, based at the Mater Hospital, Nairobi. He has a sessional commitment to Kenyatta University Hospital, and is now an active teacher in the academic radiology training scheme based in Nairobi University, Kenya.

I am delighted to report that Dr Yusra Sheikh passed her final Fellowship examination in May 2010, and is planning her return to Nairobi for August/September 2010.

I wish to extend thanks to all the sponsors of this scholarship programme, and to all teachers who have supported the candidates through their studies.

Maintenance of this scholarship programme has not been plain sailing, but it represents a very worthwhile project, instituted through the altruistic and pro bone spirit, which has always been so characteristic of the Faculty. I believe Faculty should feel very proud to have undertaken and seen through this unique outreach programme.



European Affairs

The European Society of Radiology has now completed its second full year following its constitution arising as a merger of the ECR (European Congress of Radiology) and EAR (European Association of Radiology). During this short period the Society has gone from strength to strength, and can presently boast 45,870 individual members from 127 countries. Approximately 66% of members are from Europe, with 26% from Asia and the remainder from North, Central and South America, Oceania and Africa. This distribution shows that the Society is now a worldwide community.

Structure of ESR

Within the ESR there are presently 9 statutory committees. These include Congress, Communication and International Relations, Professional Organisation, Publications, National Societies and Subspecialty Committees. The committees report to the executive through their chairperson. Through these committees all areas of professional interest to radiologists are focussed. The society is based on individual membership and the implications of this for smaller countries such as Ireland are major in the context of elections to important office, executive.

Meetings and Congresses

In addition to the European Congress of Radiology, the Society coordinates 13 Congresses in 19 countries worldwide and publishes 12 issues of the journal "European Radiology" per year. This year a new journal entitled "Insights in Imaging" has been launched, and 6 issues of this electronic journal will be produced per annum.

ECR

There has been increasing participation and enthusiasm from Faculty members to attend the annual ECR congress in Vienna each year. It is true to say that the congress is now regarded as a more convenient, more social and educationally as fruitful an experience as RSNA. At ECR 2009 there were more than 19,000 participants from 96 countries. There were over 3000 scientific and educational exhibits with over 800 scientific papers, 500 invited lecturers, 89 satellite symposia lectures and 7 hands-on workshops. It is gratifying to note the high participation rate by Faculty members at all levels.

Selected Activities of the ESR Education Committee

Curriculum Developments

Harmonisation of training curricula remains central to the ambition of ESR. The training curriculum has been fully revised and a new edition is now at editorial level. There is no change in the concept of training fundamentals to include a 3 + 2 year structure. The move in radiology to subspecialty interest training, and subspecialist Fellowship training is now incorporated within the charter. Emphasizing the clinical nature of radiology as a specialty the new edition incorporates a specific module on communication skills, and newer areas within radiology including oncologic radiology, emergency radiology and developments in molecular imaging.

Relations between ESR and EANM E-learning Tools

An important Agenda item for the Education Committee in the past 12 months was the elaboration of a Curriculum on Multimodality Training. Ireland is extremely fortunate, but almost unique in Europe in that PET scanning is based within radiology departments. A multimodality imaging curriculum has been elaborated in association with the European Association of Nuclear Medicine. This is the culmination of initiatives including a White Paper published by both societies in May 2007, a survey of PET CT practice throughout Europe published in 2010; the purpose of all initiatives in this area on behalf of the ESR is to increase accessibility of radiologists to PET CT installations which in very many cases are exclusively manned by Nuclear Medicine physicians.

European Diploma

In the past number of months there has been renewed interest at Executive level in the elaboration of a European Diploma in Radiology. At present European legislation allows for mutual recognition of specialist registers between all European community nations. In introducing this legislation there was no formal reference to the hugely varying educational standards in radiology that exist throughout Europe. This situation has represented a significant difficulty for registration bodies e.g. Medical Council, in making any reasonable evaluation of educational standards from the various nations. In this context, the ESR is in discussion regarding the institution of a European Diploma. The ESR is also involved in developing criteria for endorsement of diplomas being developed by the subspecialty societies. Faculty's long established experience in running the Fellowship examination could have significance potential benefit for ESR in this regard.

European Training Assessment Programme

This year has also seen the reinvigoration of the European Training Assessment Programme. This facility is available to all member states, and can provide a very useful objective evaluation of the content and quality of training programmes within Europe. In addition to countries with less developed educational structures it is planned that this programme will also be made available to countries with long established tradition in education.

The e-learning tools accessible free to all ESR members will be of interest to all Faculty members. These include **EuroRad**, the largest peer reviewed online teaching database of radiology, which provides a very useful indexed publication facility for trainees and consultants. Other electronic learning tools include **EPOS (Electronic Presentation Online System)** and **EDIPS** which provides an online facility for powerpoint presentation of ECR lectures. In the context of manpower recruitment, Faculty members will be interested in the **ESR job forum**. Through this mechanism posts can be advertised and applied for throughout Europe free of charge to all members.

The European School of Radiology reports to the Education Committee. The goals of the ESOR include assistance to the Education Committee in harmonising radiologic education in Europe, the support of the implementation of the European Training Curricula and the development of interest in subspecialty training within radiology.

The school provides professional development by continuing radiological education and presently runs 11 courses in Europe, 3 courses worldwide including tutorial scholarship and exchange programmes for Fellowship training.

Other new agenda items for the Education Committee include the creation of working groups dealing with **Undergraduate Education, E-Education**, and the supervision of a **Radiology Trainee Forum**.

Relations between the Faculty and European bodies are hugely important. For a small country such as ours maintenance of a high profile on the European stage will be increasingly difficult with the evolution of individual membership within ESR. Many Faculty members participate actively in Europe.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage such participation. I congratulate the Dean, Dr Ó Laoide and Dean Elect Dr Adrian Brady for representing Faculty so ably at the major European Leadership meetings throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate the Dean and Board on the Board decision to sponsor all Faculty members as individual members of ESR.

Dr. Éamann Breatnach
Chairman, Education Committee, ESR



Breast Radiology Sub-Group Annual Report 2009/2010

The breast sub group of the faculty has expanded significantly over the last year with a large number of new breast radiology appointments resulting in the centralisation of breast services by the National Control Programme.

The sub group met during the October meeting and agreed there should be a network of breast radiologists from each of the eight breast cancer centres who could liaise on important policy or implementation changes proposed. It was agreed that each centre would nominate a representative.

During that meeting agreement was also reached on a standardised coding system for reports. There has been ongoing discussion -amongst the group on GP access mammography.

The breast sub-group of the Royal College of Radiologists held their Annual Scientific Meeting in Belfast in November. It was a lively and interesting meeting which was well attended by faculty members.

Dr. Ann O'Doherty

Chairman of the Breast Radiology Subgroup



Validation Committee Annual Report 2009/2010

Chair: Prof. D. Malone
St. Vincent's University Hospital

Dr. W. Torreggiani
Adelaide & Meath National Children's Hospital

Prof. P. McCarthy
University College Hospital Galway

Dr. B. Kelly
Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast

Dr. C. Faul
St. Luke's Hospital (Radiation Oncology representative)

Ex-Officio

Dr. R. Ó Laoide	Dean
Dr. A. Brady	Honorary Secretary

This year the Validation Committee has reviewed the process of assessment and made significant modifications to assist candidates applying from unaccredited training programmes. These are based on the principle that the knowledge, skill and experience required to practice as a Consultant can be assessed in a fair, transparent way.

Automatic parity of accreditation is now given to candidates who have completed two clinical years, five years training in an accredited Radiology programme and who have also passed either the examinations of the Faculty, the Royal College of Radiologists, the American Boards of Radiology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Accredited Radiology programmes are those with which the Faculty has had significant interchange over the years, namely those of the U.K., the U.S.A. and Canada.

To prove an appropriate level of knowledge, it is intended that candidates who have trained in other jurisdictions and / or passed other examinations will shortly be eligible to receive an 'enabling certificate' providing exemption from Part I of the Faculty's Fellowship and enabling application for the Part II examination. Mechanisms to prove an appropriate level of skill and experience are being developed.

Requirements in the non-interpretative competencies (Practice-Based Learning, BCLS etc.) will parallel the development of such requirements for the Faculty's own trainees.

A similar programme is being implemented within Radiation Oncology, with the assistance of Dr. Clare Faul who is liaising effectively between the Validation Committee and the Radiation Oncology sub-committee.

The entire process will be subject to legal review before its final implementation.

A great deal of work has been required to get the process this far. I am especially indebted to Dr. W. Torreggiani (past Chairperson of the Validation Committee), Dr. Clare Faul (Radiation Oncology), Mr. Eoin Keehan (Medical Council) and the Faculty office staff for their assistance.

**Professor Dermot Malone,
Chairman of the Validation Committee.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

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7th January 2010

Radiation Oncology SpR Interviews

14th January 2010

Higher Training Programme Interviews

18th January 2010

SpR Assessments
Faculty Office

29th January 2010

Training Programme Interviews

30th January 2010

IMRIM Meeting, The Grand Hotel, Malahide

2nd & 3rd March 2010

Part I Mock Exam

4th to 8th March 2010

ECR, Vienna

22nd & 23rd March 2010

Final FFR Radiodiagnosis

16th April 2010

SpR Assessments
Carton House Hotel, Co. Kildare

16th & 17th April 2010

Combined Spring Meeting
Carton House Hotel, Co. Kildare

13th & 14th May 2010

Final FFR Radiotherapy

17th to 19th May 2010

Primary FFR Radiodiagnosis

2nd to 5th June 2010

ESGAR, Dresden

11th June 2010

SpR Assessments
Cork University Hospital
&
Radiation Oncology Annual Assessments

12th July 2010

Postgraduate Conferring

6th to 8th September 2010

Primary FFR Radiodiagnosis

Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th September 2010

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

Friday 15th October 2010

Colonography Training Course, UCD

8th to 10th November 2010

Final FFR Radiodiagnosis

18th & 19th November 2010

Final FFR Radiotherapy

28th November to 3rd December 2010

RSNA

13th December 2010

Postgraduate Conferring

Membership of Committees

2009 / 2010

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Chairperson:	Dr. C. Faul Prof. D Hollywood Dr. M. Pomeroy Dr. P. Thirion Dr. Brian O'Neill Dr. C. McGibney Dr. J. Coffey	St. Luke's Hospital St. Luke's Hospital University College Hospital, Galway National Training Co-Ordinator St. Luke's Hospital Cork University Hospital, Cork St. Luke's Hospital
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Ex-Officio	Dr. R. Ó Laoide Dr. A. Brady	Dean, Faculty of Radiologists Honorary Secretary, Faculty of Radiologist

Education Committee

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Radiation Protection Committee

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Imaging Members

Dr. P. Kenny	Mater Misericordiae Hospital
Dr. G. O'Reilly	St. James's Hospital
Dr. L. Malone	Beaumont Hospital
Dr. D. Lohan	University College Hospital, Galway
Dr. M. Casey	St. Vincent's University Hospital

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	Dr. M. Ryan	Cork University Hospital
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	Prof. S. Eustace	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

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1970 - 1973	Dr. William McHugh
1967 - 1970	Dr. Oliver Chance
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