

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Irish Mathematical Society**
Annual General Meeting
2nd September 2005

The Irish Mathematical Society held its Annual General Meeting from 11:30 to 12:38 on Friday 2 September at DCU. There were 22 members present at the meeting.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 2004 were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

- 3(vi). A. O'Shea is the Society's representative on the RIA Committee for the Mathematical Sciences.
- 3(vii). There is a possibility that the BMC could be held in Ireland in 2009 or 2010.
- 8. J. Cruickshank was the Irish Team Leader at the 2005 IMO. He reported that Fiachra Knox won the Republic of Ireland's first silver medal at the event. It was agreed to send letters of congratulation to Fiachra Knox and to Martin Orr, a student from Northern Ireland who won a gold medal. The committee will approach the Government to look for support for hosting the 2011 IMO.

3. Correspondence

There were 2 items of correspondence:

- (i) A request from the ICM2006 for support to help mathematicians from developing countries to attend the ICM. The Society has pledged 400 euro.
- (ii) T. Murphy has relocated the Fergus Gaines Cup.

4. Membership Applications

David Malone, Prithwijit De, Rebecca Hammaker, Martina O'Gorman, Ethyl Mythen, Christoph List, Neil O'Connell and Joan Cleary were approved as ordinary members.

5. President's Report

The President reported on issues that have arisen this year. The full text of his report can be found on

<http://www.spd.dcu.ie/moreilly/ims.htm>.

There was some discussion of the media coverage of the Leaving Certificate Mathematics results.

6. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented his report for 2004. It shows a surplus of 1485.46 €. The report was approved and the treasurer was thanked.

7. The Bulletin

The Editor reported that there was a shortage of articles from people based in Ireland. He urged members to submit articles and to solicit survey articles from colleagues. The Editor was thanked for his work.

8. Election of Officers

The following were elected unopposed to the committee:

Committee Member	Proposer	Seconder
A. O'Shea (Secretary)	M. O Reilly	D. Armitage
D. Wraith (Treasurer)	M. O Reilly	D. Armitage
N. O'Sullivan	M. O Reilly	D. Armitage
T. Carroll	M. O Reilly	D. Armitage
B. Guilfoyle	M. O Reilly	A. O'Farrell
N. Kopteva	G. Lessells	M. O Reilly

As editor, M. Mathieu will be invited to committee meetings. The total number of years each existing member will have been on the committee as of 31 December 2005 will be: M. O Reilly (4), D. Wraith (4), A. O'Shea (4), D. Armitage (3), D. Gilbert (5), S. Dineen (5), P. Kirwan (5), T. Carroll (2), J. Cruickshank (3), N. O'Sullivan (2), R. Timoney (1), R. Higgs (1).

The following will then have one more year of office: M. O Reilly (President), R. Higgs (Vice-President), D. Armitage, D. Gilbert, S. Dineen, P. Kirwan, J. Cruickshank, R. Timoney.

9. SFI Mathematics Initiative

The president informed the meeting that Dr Gary Crawley of SFI had given a short speech at the conference dinner the previous night. There was broad support for the SFI initiative and the extra funding for Mathematics was welcomed. However, some members feared that mathematicians were being asked to move away from their core areas of interest.

10. Future Conferences and Meetings.

The 2006 meeting will be held in IT Tralee and the 2007 meeting will be held in UCD. The DIAS Winter Symposium will take place on the 14th and 15th of December. The next general meeting will be held in Tralee in 2006.

11. Any Other Business

S. Dineen called for the society to appoint someone to speak publicly on the society's behalf, A. O'Farrell proposed that M. O Reilly should do this and this was agreed.

R. Timoney spoke about the restructuring of universities and the possible dangers to mathematics departments if service teaching was assigned to non-mathematicians. J. Cleary highlighted the fact that this was already happening in the IT sector and suggested that the IMS should produce a position paper on why mathematicians should teach mathematics courses. The committee will work on these issues.

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These minutes still need to be approved by the next AGM