



EUROPEAN RADIATION RESEARCH SOCIETY

- Minutes of ERRS General Assembly Meeting 2015 -

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ERRS General Assembly Meeting (*Friday 29 May 2015, 9-11 am*)

**Present at ERRS 2015 GA meeting:**

**ERRS Members:**

Katalin Lumniczky (HU), George Jones (UK), Wolfgang Dörr (AU), Sarah Baatout (BE), Marek Janiak (PL), Klaas Franken (NL), Geza Safrany (HU), Maria Antonella Tabocchini (IT), Mieke Verslegers (BE), Ellina Macaeva (BE), Alessandro Campa (IT), Andrzej Wojcik (SE), Anna Lankoff (PL), Ewa M. Nowosielska (PL), Vasiliki Hatzi (GR), Gianfranco Grossi (IT), Ronja Diemer-Biehs (DE), Halina Lisowska (PL), Aneta Wegierek-Ciuk (PL).

**Apologies:**

Mats Harms-Ringdahl (SE), Marjan Moreels (BE), Marc Benderitter (FR), Kerstin Borgmann (DE), Adajapalam Natarajan (NL), Michal Hofer (CZ), Fiona Lyng (IE).

**Proxies:**

Lorenzo Manti (IT, proxy: Don Jones), Kecke Elmroth (SE, proxy: A. Wojcik); Marjan Moreels (BE, proxy S. Baatout), Gavril Pantelias (GR, proxy: Georgia Terzoudi), Nora Hocine (FR, proxy: S. Baatout), Munira Kadhim (UK, proxy: S. Baatout), Oleg Belyakov (AU, proxy: S. Baatout), An Aerts (BE, proxy: S. Baatout), Balazq Madas (HU, proxy: S. Baatout), R. Coppes (proxy: Dik van Gent)

## **1. Approval of agenda**

A copy of the agenda is distributed to the ERRS members. The agenda is presented. A list of attendance is circulated for signing by the attendees. The proxy forms are collected by the secretary-treasurer as well as cash payment for membership fees.

### **Final agenda of the ERRS General Assembly meeting 2015**

1. Approval of the agenda
2. President's welcome address
3. Minutes of the last General Assembly (Rhodes, Greece)
4. Composition of the Council (1st January 2016-1<sup>st</sup> January 2017)
5. Bacq and Alexander Award (2015)
6. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Account for 2014
7. Young Investigator Awards for 2015 (Kyoto) - YIA policy
8. ERRS Member applications : New applications - Resignations - Exclusions

9. ERRS memberships
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11. Website and newsletter
12. Forthcoming meetings 2016 and 2017
13. Relationship with Melodi (MoU), Horizon 2020 and European Joint Programming
14. ERRS representative at IARR
15. Miscellaneous

The agenda is approved.

## 2. President's address

The President welcomes the members.

## 3. Minutes of the last Council Meeting (Kyoto, 2015)

The report of the last General Assembly Meeting (Kyoto 2015) was sent to all GA members per e-mail. The final version is approved.

## 4. ERRS Composition of the Council (1<sup>st</sup> January 2016/1<sup>st</sup> January 2017)

- **Wolfgang Dörr (Austria) President 2015-2016 (2013-2016, not-re-electable)**
- **Lorenzo Manti (Italy) Vice-President 2015-2016 (2013-2016, not-re-electable)**
- **Sarah Baatout (Belgium) – Secretary/Treasurer (2013-2016, re-electable)**
- **Abdaragam Natarajan (The Netherlands) Honorary President (2015-2017)**
- **George Don Jones (UK) (2013-2016, not-re-electable) – Past President function**
- **Michal Hofer (Czech Republic) (2013-2016 re-electable)**
- **Katalin Lumniczky (Hungary) (2013-2016 not re-electable)**
- **Marek Janiak (Poland) (2013-2016 re-electable)**
- **Klaas Franken (Netherlands) (2014-2017 not re-electable)**
- **Gabriel Pantelias (Greece) (2014-2017 not re-electable)**
- **Kecke Elmroth (Sweden) (2014-2017 not re-electable)**
- **Fiona Lyng (Ireland) (2014-2017 re-electable)**
- **Marjan Moreels (Belgium) (2014-2017 re-electable)**
- **Marc Benderitter (France) (2015-2018 re-electable)**
- **Kerstin Borgmann (Germany) (2015-2018 re-electable)**

The 2 year mandate as President of Wolfgang Dörr has started on 1/1/2015 and will run until end of 2016. The actual vice-President is Lorenzo Manti (2015-2016).

The issue of the Honorary President was discussed. The position was currently held by prof. Matts Harms-Ringdhal, who had asked the Council to step down for personal reasons. Abdaragam Natarajan was elected by the council as new honorary president for 2015-2017. The GA approves this new honorary President.

It is proposed to the GA to create a new post of Past-President (mandate of 2 years running after the 2 year mandate as President) to guarantee a certain continuity in the council. This proposal is accepted by the GA.

No mandates of any council members is ending in 2015.

No resignation within the council members has been notified.

## 5. Bacq and Alexander Award.

### The laureate for 2015: Rob Coppes (Groningen, NL)

Rob Coppes was elected awardee of the B&A award for 2015 with 51 points. He was followed by George Iliakis (50 points), Philippe Voisin (48 points), Mark Dewhurst (35 points), Rolf Issels (27 points) and Shandran Guha (20 points).

Rob Coppes will present his lecture on Friday 29 May 12-1pm at 15<sup>th</sup> ICRR meeting (Room B1). A medal and a certificate will be offered to the laureate by the ERRS council.

## 6. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Each member of the GA receives a copy of the financial report.

- Accountancy year 2014 -

### Balance, Incomes and Expenses for 2014

<u>Report for 2014</u>	<u>Incomes (EUR)</u>	<u>Expenses (EUR)</u>	
Membership fees	2513.08	Fee for IARR	404
Bank interests	224.48	Bank costs	31.2
		Ogone	130.68
		Administrative costs	59.21
		YIA 2013 (1 award Dublin)	494.88
		YIA 2014 (15 awards of 475/525 EUR Rhodes)	7275
		YIA 2015 (8 awards of 700/750 EUR Kyoto)	5800
		Poster awards	250
		B&A award	557.21
		Sponsor ARR	850
		Tribunal du commerce	316.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>2737.56</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16168.63 EUR</b>

**Balance: 45396.7 + 2737.56 - 16168.63 = 31965.63 EUR**

**Balance incomes – expenses: 2737.56 – 16168.63 = -13431.07 EUR**

### Bank accounts:

**On 1/1/2014: 45396.7 EUR**

**On 1/1/2015: 31965.63 EUR**

### Provisional budget for 2015

#### Incomes (EUR)

Membership fees 2015 2500  
Bank interest 130

#### Expenses (EUR)

IARR fee 452  
Poster Awards 250  
B&A award 400  
Other costs 300  
Ogone 140  
Bank costs 50

**Total**

**2630**

**Total**

**1590**

One YIA award from 2013 (Alsu Dyukina, Russia) was paid in 2014.  
15 YIA were awarded for participation in the ERRS Rhodes 2014.  
8 YIA awards were awarded in 2014 for participation in the ERRS Kyoto 2015.

Two financial reviewers have reviewed the accountancy for 2014: Andrzej Woznik (SE) and Géza Safrany (HU). Both approved and signed the financial report.

The treasurer report for the accountancy of 2014 is accepted. The President signs the report.

## 7. Young Investigator Awards for 2015 (Kyoto) - YIA policy

As for each annual meeting, awards have been available.

For the ICRR meeting, it had been decided by the council to give 8 awards for young scientists to participate in the ICRR meeting in Kyoto, Japan (750 EUR for ERRS members or 700 EUR+ 2 year ERRS membership).

The YIA competition was advertised on the website, to all ERRS members, on Linked In and through EURADOS newsletter.

33 candidates applied.

It was proposed to take into account the fact to not give a YIA to candidates who had already received a YIA from ERRS during one of the past 3 years.

The CV as well as the wealth of the country of origin of the applicants were taken into account.

All council members of the council (except one) voted.

### List of YIA awardees:

Grainne Manning	F	PHE	Didcot	UK	30	MSc	Scientist
Mieke Verslegers	F	SCK•CEN	Mol	BE	28	PhD	Postdoc
Johanna Mirsch	F	TU	Darmstadt	DE	26	MSc	PhD student
Anne Graupner	F	Natl Inst Publ Health	Oslo	NO	30	MSc	PhD student
Ravi Narayan Diemer-	M	MCAmsterdam	Amsterdam	NL	27	MSc	PhD student
Ronja Biehs	F	TU	Darmstadt	DE	25	MSc	PhD student
Giorgio Baiocco	M	Upavia	Pavia	IT	30	PhD	Research fellow
Monika Frenzel	F	CEA	Fontenay-aux-Roses	FR	32	PhD	postdoc

6 Females/2 Males      2 postdocs/2 Scientists/4 PhDs      Mean age: 28.5 yo

Country of origin: 2DE/1UK/1BE/1NO/1NL/1IT/1FR

YIA presentations at ICRR Kyoto: YIA session (3 min presentation) and poster presentation of each awardee

### Selection procedure:

As voted during the past GA, the YIA were restricted to researchers of 35 years and younger (including MSc, PhD or postdocs) with a maximum of 3 year experience after PhD completion. A new form for the YIA application was prepared for this selection.

#### **Number of YIA for ERRS 2016 in Amsterdam:**

The number of YIA to be given for ERRS/NVRB meeting in The Netherlands in 2016 has been proposed during the past council last Tuesday:

The council proposes to give 15 awards of 450/500 EUR for the joint ERRS/NVRB meeting to be held in Amsterdam next year. This decision is approved by the GA.

#### **8. ERRS Member applications: New applications – Resignations - Exclusions**

**Applications: so far, 44 new applications in 2015 (11 spontaneous sent for approval from the council and via the YIA competition)**

Olga Martin (*Australia: new ERRS country*)  
Anne Vral (BE)  
Mieke Verslegers (BE) YIA  
Annelot Baert (BE)  
Julie Dupuyt (BE)  
Dmitry Bulgin (*Croatia, new ERRS country*)  
Zuzana Sinkozova (CZ)  
Lenka Zarybnicka (CZ)  
Udo Gaipl (DE)  
Ronja Diemer-Behs (DE) YIA  
Johanna Mirsch (DE) YIA  
Mayur Bakshi (DE)  
Daniel Heylmann (DE)  
Elke Schmitt (DE)  
Monika Frenzel (FR) YIA  
Gaetan Gruel (FR)  
Fabein Milliat (FR)  
Alain Chapel (FR)  
Laurence Roy (FR)  
Rhadia Tamarat (FR)  
Karine Tack (FR)  
Olivier Guipaud (FR)  
Gabriele Babini (IT)  
Giorgia Baiocco (IT) YIA  
Luigi Minafra (IT)  
Francesca Cammarata (IT)  
Giusi Forte (IT)  
Valentina Bravata (IT)  
Pietro Pisciotta (IT)  
Giorgio Russo (IT)  
Arjan Van Dijk (NL)  
Ravi Narayan (NL) YIA  
Anne Graupner (*Norway, new ERRS country*) YIA  
Sergei Aleksanin (RU)  
Lovisa Lundholm (SE)  
Narongchai Autsavapornporn (*Thailand, new ERRS country*)  
Ruben Pauwels (Thailand)  
Christina Ganzha (*Ukraine, new ERRS country*)  
Christophe Badie (UK)

Munira Kadhim (UK)  
Tom Verbist (UK)  
Grainne Manning (UK) YIA  
Stephen Barnatd (UK)  
Iannik Plante (USA)

**Resignations: 2**

Magro Irène (IT)  
Morand Josselin (NL)

**Retired: 9**

FEINENDEGEN	Ludwig	DE
NATARAJAN		NL
de SAINT-GEORGES	Louis	BE
JACQUET	Paul	BE
STREFFER	Christian	DE
HARMS-RINGDAHL	Mats	SE
REZVANI	Mohi	UK
HARMS-RINGDAHL	Mats	SE
SPOTHEIM-MAURIZ	Mélanie	FR

Rezvani Mohi is representing the ERRS at the IARR

**Exclusions: 17**

Deperas Marta (PL)  
Fragopoulou Adamantia (GR)  
Furlong Hayley (IE)  
Goloborodko Evgeny (RU)  
Goncharova Roza (RU)  
Hovingh Suzanne (NL)  
Kuger Sebastian (DE)  
Lindholm Carita (FI)  
Malfoy Bernard (FR)  
Nilsson Jenny (SE)  
Scampoli Paola (IT)  
Shoutko Alexi (RU)  
Somsedikova Alexandra (SK)  
Sundell Bergamnn Synnove (SE)  
Szatmari Tunde (HU)  
Van der Veen Sonja (NL)  
Vasylyev Stas (RU)

According to the council decision, the members not having regularized the membership fees for the past three years have to be contacted and noticed before their withdrawal. This will be done in December at the end of the membership year.

The actual number of ERRS members is **171** in 2015 (it was 119 in 2013 and 143 in 2014).

**113 members** are in order of membership fee by end of 2014 (versus 32 in 2007, 36 in 2008, 40 in 2009, 56 in 2010, 72 in 2011, 78 in 2012, 95 in 2013) including retired scientists from a total of **27 countries**

**58 members not** in order of payment for 2014 (versus 36 in 2013)

**Number of members by country (27 countries in 2014, 22 countries in 2013):**

Armenia	1	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>New country in 2014</b>
Austria	3	
Belgium	11 (2013) 15 (2014)	
Canada	4	
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>New country in 2014</b>
Czech Republic	10	
Finland	3	
France	9 (2013), 17 (2014)	
Germany	14 (2013), 23 (2014)	
Greece	5	
Hungary	12	
Ireland	3	
Italy	13 (2013), 17 (2014)	
Jordania	1	
Japan	3	
Netherlands	11	
<b>Norway</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>New country in 2014</b>
Poland	7	
Russia	9	
Serbia	1	
Slovakia	2	
Sweden	17 (2013), 18 (2014)	
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>New country in 2014</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>New country in 2014</b>
UK	7 (2013), 11 (2014)	
USA	3	

The ERRS welcomed 5 new countries over the past year.

**By descending order:**

Germany	23
Sweden	18
France	17
Italy	17
Belgium	15
Hungary	12
UK	11
Netherlands	11
Czech Republic	10
Russia	9
Poland	7

Greece	5
Canada	4
Austria	3
Finland	3
Ireland	3
Japan	3
USA	3
<b>Norway</b>	<b>2</b>
Slovakia	2
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>2</b>
Armenia	1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>1</b>
Serbia	1
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>1</b>
Jordania	1

A strategy is discussed in order to continue to increase the number of members.

#### **9. ERRS membership fees**

The ERRS GA approves not to change the ERRS membership fee. It will thus stay at 25 EUR/year.

#### **10. ERRS bylaws**

It is suggested to all the members to read carefully the bylaws and report their comments to the secretary if they ever wish to make any amendments.

No change in the bylaws is asked by the GA members.

#### **11. Website.**

No remark concerning the website. Andrzej Woczik is thanked for taking care of the ERRS website. The council decided to not develop a newsletter.

#### **12. Forthcoming meetings**

##### **2016**

Amsterdam: The Netherlands: The Dutch Society for Radiobiology has proposed to host the ERRS 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting in 2016 in Amsterdam (provisional dates are 4-8 September 2016). The proposal is accepted by the GA members. A presentation is given by Klaas Franken and Rob Coppes. The website is <http://err2016.nl/>.

##### **2017**

Suggestion from the council/GA is to hold the 2017 meeting in Essen, Germany.

##### **2018**

Suggestion from the council/GA is to hold the 2018 meeting in Hungary.

##### **2019**



16<sup>th</sup> ICRR - 2019- Manchester ([www.icrr2019manchester.com](http://www.icrr2019manchester.com))

**13. Relationship with MELODI (MoU), Horizon 2020 and European Joint Programming**

A MoU between Melodi (Eur platform on low doses) and ERRS has been signed. (Update from Wolfgang Doerr)

A new European medical platform is being developed.

**14. ERRS representative at IARR**

An update from IARR council and its GA and the past council is given by Don Jones.

The next ICRR will take place in Manchester in 2019 ([www.icrr2019manchester.com](http://www.icrr2019manchester.com)).


**15. Miscellaneous**

Attention given to Mats Harms-Ringhdal, Philippe Voisin and Don Jones

An overview of the status of the finances from ERRS meeting 2014 (Rhodes) (Gabriel Pantelias)

Any valuable information should be communicated to the Secretary for diffusion to the members.

The Secretary-Treasurer



Sarah Baatout

The President



Wolfgang Doerr