Minutes of the Meeting
of the Irish Mathematical Society

Ordinary Meeting
9th April 1998

The Irish Mathematical Society held an Ordinary Meeting at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday 9th April 1998 in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 10 Burlington Road. Nine members present. The President, C. Nash was in the chair. Apologies were received from D. Armitage, J. Golden, D. Hurley, B. Goldsmith.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 1997 were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

An IMS Mathematics Olympiad cup has been obtained for £200. Funds for Basic Research Grants have been allocated to the Department of Education instead of the Department of Industry, which may cause problems in the coming year. In the future there may be Research Councils set up within the H. E. A. to deal with Basic Research Grants and Postdoctoral Fellowships.

3. Correspondence/Membership Applications

The following were approved as new members of the I. M. S.: Professor John Henry Ursell, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada; and Mr Horacio Hernandez Andrade, Mexico City.

4. The Bulletin

The current issue of the Bulletin is now printed and ready for distribution. Ideas for a special edition in the year 2000 would be welcomed.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the report for 1997. The surplus for the year ending 31 December 1997 was £730.03.

6. September Meetings

The September 1998 meeting is already organized and advertised in the Bulletin. It will be held at the University of Ulster, Coleraine on 7th and 8th September. In 1999, Trinity College Dublin will host the meeting.

7. Joint I.M.S./L.M.S. meeting

This meeting took place in Burlington House, London on 22nd and 23rd May 1998, with the title *Complex Analysis and Dynamical Systems.* Professor Armitage as Vice-President of the I.M.S. represented the Society, and Professor O' Farrell (Maynooth) was a speaker.

8. Any other business

The Society has given financial support to the Groups in Galway Conference (1998). It was suggested that cards giving details of the IMS be given to research students. It was pointed out that our local representatives are supposed to encourage people to join the Society, but that these representatives had not been updated for three to four years.

The meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.

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