Minutes of the Meeting
of the Irish Mathematical Society
Ordinary Meeting
19th December 2002

The Irish Mathematical Society held an Ordinary Meeting at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday 19th December 2002 in DIAS.

Present: E. Gath (President), G. Lessells (Vice-President), S. Dineen, K. Hutchinson, A. Solomon, T. Dorlas.
Apologies: R. Higgs, M. Mathieu, R. Timoney, A. O'Shea, D. Wraith, A O'Farrell.

1. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of 7 September 2002 were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising
None.

3. Correspondence/Membership Applications
A membership application had been received from Olanrewaju Soniran who attended the September meeting in Cork, which was approved.

Correspondence had been received re the creation of a Digital Mathematical Library being undertaken by the EMS. David Wilkins (TCD) was to be asked to be involved with this venture.

A report had been received from James Ward (NUIG) who had represented the Society at the meeting of the Council of the European Mathematics Society held at the Abel Conference in Oslo, Norway in June, 2002.

4. The Bulletin
The Bulletin would be available after Christmas. Arrangements would be put in place to distribute copies as early as possible. £1,000 had been received from the Department of Pure Mathematics at Queen's University, Belfast; this is the contribution for the special volume of the Bulletin containing the Proceedings of the *All Ireland Algebra Days 2001*. (This is going to appear in 2003; the IMS had previously agreed to cover the remaining costs.)

5. Treasurer's Report

The interim Treasurer's report was circulated showing a surplus for the year of Euro 641.20.

A request for funding by the organisers of a planned Geometry Conference had been approved by the Committee. A sum of Euro 400 was to be contributed. The idea of the IMS organising specialist conferences was raised.

6. President's Report

Eugene stated that he had been on the Committee for 10 of the last 11 years. In that time the IMS September Meeting had always been the highlight of the year. He was glad that the Bulletin now came out on a regular basis.

7. Future Meetings of the IMS

The date of the September Meeting was set for Friday 5-Saturday 6 September in NUIG. The date of the British Mathematical Colloquium/IMS meeting in Belfast was 5-8 April 2004. Sean Dineen was to liaise with Tony Dorlas (DIAS) on the organisation of future Colloquia at DIAS. Members were encouraged to send suggestions to Sean Dineen.

7. Any Other Business

Fergus Gaines Cup. It was suggested that an attempt be made to get more publicity for the presentation of the Fergus Gaines Cup to the leading student in the Irish Mathematical Olympiad. It was suggested that it might be awarded at the Young Scientist Competition. Photographs of winners should appear on the IMS website.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

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