Minutes of the Meeting
of the Irish Mathematical Society
Ordinary Meeting
6th April 2004

The Irish Mathematical Society held an Ordinary Meeting from 16:15 to 17:15 on Tuesday 6th April 2004 at Queen's University Belfast.

Present: G. Lessells (President), M. O'Reilly (Vice-President), D. Wraith (Treasurer), A. O'Shea (Secretary), D. Armitage, S. Buckley, T. Carroll, J. Cruickshank, R. Dark, S. Dineen, D. Hurley, P. Kirwan, M. Mathieu, D. O'Donovan, B. Kreussler, A. O'Farrell, M. Ó Searcoid, N. O'Sullivan, R. Timoney, S. Tobin, J. Ward.

Apologies: E. Gath, D. Gilbert, A. Wood.

1. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of December 2003 were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising
All matters arising were discussed under the headings below.

3. Correspondence
There was a letter from the LMS concerning a joint IMS/LMS/AMS meeting. The President said that the committee will explore the possibility of running such an event. Concerns were expressed about the financial risks of such a conference. It was suggested that the society might approach SFI in order to receive some funding. A motion was proposed by D. Hurley and seconded by T. Carroll that the society continue to investigate the viability of a joint meeting. The motion was passed.

4. Membership Applications
Natalia Kopteva (UL), Denise Moore (ITT), Manuel Daniel Garrido and Vincent Timoney were approved as ordinary members.

A proposed honorary member (name withheld at present) was approved. It was decided that in future the meeting should be presented with some information about proposed recipients of honorary membership.

5. The Bulletin
M. Mathieu informed the meeting that issue 52 would be printed shortly. He said that he was not happy with the quality of some articles that have been submitted for publication. He urged members to submit survey articles and said that all invited speakers at the BMC have been asked to submit a survey article to the Bulletin.

6. Treasurer's Report
The treasurer presented his report for 2004 and it was accepted. It shows a shortfall of 3789.55 euro. This is mostly due to the fact that 2000 euro was advanced to the Joint BMC/IMS conference and we paid for an extra edition of the Bulletin.

7. Change of Constitution
The change of constitution detailed in the Winter 2002 Bulletin was passed unanimously.

8. Future meetings of the IMS
The September 2005 conference will be held in DCU. The AGM will be held in DIAS in December 2004.

9. Any Other Business
DIAS will fund 3 speakers nominated by the IMS to speak at the December DIAS symposium each year. Suggestions for speakers should be sent to the secretary.

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