

# **International Association for Radiation Research**

## **Organization and Members**

### **Aims**

The IARR is an independent organization of radiation research societies which operates at the international level. Its principal aim, since establishment in 1974, is to advance radiation research in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology and medicine by:

1. fostering and maintaining the scientific co-operation and communication between national and regional societies, groups and individual scientists concerned with any or all of the physical, chemical, biological and medical aspects of radiation research;
2. promoting the organisation of International Congresses of Radiation Research;
3. promoting and facilitating international scientific conferences and symposia;

### **Administration**

The Association is governed through a Council which is composed of Councillors and three elected Officers who serve as the executive body for the Association. Five Councillors are elected to represent each of five disciplines (physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, and epidemiology). Councillors are appointed by each of the member societies to represent the society, with the number of Councillors determined by the number of active members in that society. The officers are the President, the Vice-President (who is the President-Elect), and a Secretary-Treasurer. They carry out the decisions of the Council and run the daily operations of the Association.

### **Finances**

The IARR is supported by annual fees from the adhering organisations according to the number of their active members and by grants and donations. Its income is devoted entirely to scientific and educational purposes consistent with the aims and to financial and travel assistance for the organisation of International Congresses of Radiation Research or of other scientific meetings. The structure of the IARR is such that administration costs are kept to a minimum.

### **Scientific Meetings**

In addition to the International Congress of Radiation Research organised normally every four years at times and places decided by the Council according to the invitations received, the Association may sponsor and partially support other smaller scientific meetings. The requirements to be fulfilled in order that support may be granted to such meetings are usually that they should be of immediate relevance to the interests of the Association, that they should have a truly international character, that a liaison officer may be appointed by the IARR to work out the details of the program in conjunction with the organisers and, finally, that a preliminary budget is submitted to the Council. Financial help for such meetings is granted as an advance loan, to be partially or wholly repaid as the final balance of the meeting permits. Applications for financial assistance should be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer well in advance of the planned meeting.

## Rules Governing Affiliation

National associations or international groups may apply for membership within the IARR. Applications should be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer for transmission to the Council by the Executive Committee of the society desiring membership and shall be accompanied by a copy of the Constitution and of the Bylaws governing the society, together with such supporting information on its history, activities and membership as may be deemed relevant to the application.

In considering new applications, the Council will require to be satisfied inter alia that the scope of interest of the society applying is appropriate for membership of the Association and that it can represent adequately the majority of radiation research workers within its territory.

## Current Member Organizations (year joined)

Association for Radiation Research (ARR)	Founding member
European Radiation Research Society (ERRS) (formerly European Society for Radiation Biology)	Founding member
Japanese Association for Radiation Research (JARR) (formerly Japan Radiation Research Society, until 1977)	Founding member
Radiation Research Society (RRS)	Founding member
Dutch Society for Radiobiology (NVRB) (formerly Netherlands Radiobiological Society)	1965
Polish Radiation Research Society (PTBR) (formerly Polish Association for Radiation Research)	1970
Italian Society for Radiation Research (SIRR) (formerly the Joint Italian Groups, until 2008)	1983
China Committee for Radiation Research (CCRR)	1987
Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)	1989
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Biologische Strahlenforschung (DeGBS) Upon dissolution of formerly German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST) in 2017	2018
Deutsche Gesellschaft für DNA-Reparaturforschung (DGDR) Upon dissolution of formerly German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST) in 2017	2018
Irish Radiation Research Society (IRRS)	1993
South African Radiobiological Society (SARS)	1993
Asian Association for Radiation Research (AARR)	2010
French Society of Radiation Biology (SFBR)	2025
International Union of Radioecology (IUR)	2025

## Former Member Organizations

Swedish Radiobiological Society (SRS)	1965 - 2007
German National Association of Radiation Research Societies (GAST)	1974 - 2017
Indian Society for Radiation and Photochemical Sciences (ISRAPS)	1985 - 2011
Korean Association for Radiation Research (KARR)	2007 - 2015