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## Minutes of Meetings of the Irish Mathematical Society

### Ordinary Meeting

28 March 1991

The Irish Mathematical Society held an Ordinary Meeting at 12.45 pm on Thursday 28th March 1991 in the DIAS.

Eleven members were present. The President, R. Timoney was in the chair. The Secretary sent his apologies, and M. Newell took minutes.

1. The **minutes** of the meeting of 21st December 1990 were approved and signed.
2. **Matters arising:** The poster for the 1991 Galway September Meeting was circulated.  
Waterford RTC agreed to host the 1992 September Meeting. Brendan McCann was nominated as the contact person.  
The Bulletin is to appear shortly.  
The Committee agreed some minor changes in the rules of the Society and will circulate these.
3. There was no **correspondence**.
4. **European Mathematical Society:** Brendan Goldsmith outlined the nature of the EMS and encouraged members to become individual members at a fee of about £11. Council recommends accepting this offer. He gave details of the Eurocongress in July 1992; further information has been circulated electronically to Math. Dept. list.
5. **Points for Leaving Certificate Maths:** The President reported on press articles and ministerial comments on the issue. He informed the meeting of a formal response which he had published in the Irish Times and Evening Press. In a long discussion, in which almost all members present participated, it was suggested that the IMS should adopt a policy of encouraging pupils to take Honours Mathematics courses.

It was generally felt that the need for bonus points should be explained in the context of the centrality of the subject to science. It was suggested that the content of the course should be changed, and also that the subject should be recognized as a double subject (two papers).

6. **AOB:** D. O'Donovan circulated copies of the Survey of Trinity College graduates. The Committee recommends other institutions carry out similar surveys.

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### THE IMS SEPTEMBER 1991 MEETING

The Irish Mathematical Society held its annual mathematical meeting in University College Galway, on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September 1991. Forty two people registered for the meeting.

The opening lecture was given by Daniel Mauldin (University of North Texas) on "Deterministic and random fractals". After lunch, Paddy Barry (UCC) spoke on "Some aspects of projective and Euclidean geometry". He was followed by Pauline Mellon (Maynooth), who spoke on "Dual symmetric manifolds". The final lecture on the Thursday was given by Jean-Louis Loday (Institut de Recherche Mathématique Avancée, Strasbourg) on "Non-abelian homology of Lie algebras". A barbecue was held in the evening.

Rüdiger Göbel (Universität Essen) began the Friday session with a lecture on "Vector spaces with distinguished subspaces". This was followed by two parallel splinter sessions. The following gave splinter talks: Paul Barry (UCD), Seán Dineen (UCD), Fergus Gaines (UCD), Brendan McCann (Waterford), Richard Timoney (TCD), Michael Tuite (UCG). After lunch Seán Tobin (UCG) spoke on "Burnside revisited". The meeting ended with a lecture by Charles Nash (Maynooth) on "Topological field theories".

A book exhibition was open throughout the meeting. Several publishers contributed to this, and offered discounts of up to 20%.

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