

Irish Meteorological Society

Annual General Meeting, Thursday 27th October, 2022

President's Report

Dear Members of the Irish Meteorological Society,

Another year has passed, and thankfully we have been able to emerge from the restrictions of Covid and start to host in-person talks again. I love the in-person talks. It is great to have the chats with people before and after the talk, and maybe even to retire to a nearby watering hole to let these discussions continue. We have had 5 Zoom talks and 3 in-person talks over the past year, and we intend to continue to offer both Zoom and in-person talks in the future. The Zoom talks are a great opportunity for people who cannot make it to The Custom House to join in on our live talks, and even if you can't make it to an in-person talks, we always strive to make recordings of the talks available on our website soon after each talk.

We have only recently been able to return to in-person talks, and we have noticed that attendance is a bit lower than we thought it would be. Your committee would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions around this issue. We are also looking forward to the return of activities beyond talks. Great plans are afoot around the pub quiz, day trips, and longer ventures out West! Can you think of anything else which you'd like to do? Let us know and we'll organise it.

To gather your ideas, we will send a short survey to your registered email address, and it would be a great help to us if you could take the time to respond to this survey, and help the committee to focus our work on making sure that the society does what its members want it to.

I'm delighted to see that we now have over 100 paid up and active members. We don't want to stop there, though. We believe that the weather is a fascinating topic which people all over Ireland talk about every day, and we hope to further increase our membership numbers over the next year. Please help us spread the word.

As President, I probably have the easiest job on the committee - I just need to stand up and waffle on at occasions like these! I am, as ever, very grateful to all of the work which the committee members have put in over the year to help make sure that our society runs smoothly. I'd particularly like to thank Séamus, without whom I would be utterly lost. As well as keeping the committee running efficiently, he also manages our excellent new website, and looks after the society emails, so many thanks for all of that. I'd also like to thank our

outgoing committee members, Simon Noone, Aoife Murray and Nicole Beisiegel. Simon has done a wonderful job promoting the society in Maynooth University, and arranging a supply of excellent speakers on a range of research activities. Nicole, helped by Aoife, has done a wonderful job in looking after our finances, and I'd like to thank them both. Now that the society is officially registered with the Charities Regulator (Registered Charity Number: 20206203), Nicole has also been working on applying for charity tax status, which will be great.

Now is the time for new committee members! We have space on the committee, we have members with great ideas and skills, and I would ask you to please consider joining the committee, bring your ideas to us, and help us to build a better Irish Meteorological Society over the time ahead.

Conor Sweeney

President, Irish Meteorological Society

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