

Irish Meteorological Society

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 22nd November, 2023

President's Report

Dear Members of the Irish Meteorological Society,

It has been another successful year for our society, with a great range of interesting talks and activities. We are having more of our talks as in-person events now, and I think it's nice that we can meet each other in person at these talks. We will continue to record these talks and post them on our website afterwards, to make sure that anyone who can't make it in person can still watch them. We plan to continue with a few Zoom talks every year as well, which allows people who can't make it in person to join in, and also is a useful option when inviting speakers. I think that our talks are the most important part of our society's activities, and we would love to see more and more people coming along. As always, if you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please let us know.

Our pub quiz in January was great fun! The venue was excellent, we had a brilliant crowd, and Gerry Murphy was a fantastic Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to all who helped: Aoife Murray, Sean Venn, Conor Lally and Gerry Murphy. We will hold another one next January.

Well done Conor Lally also on arranging our wonderful field trip to the Michael Davitt museum and Blacksod lighthouse in Mayo. Everyone had a great time on the trip. Thanks to the speakers: Séamus Walsh, Mary Curley, Conor Lally, Liam Newman and Stephen Burt. Séamus has posted the talks and some photos on our website. We would love to arrange more society outings, so please let us know any of your suggestions for field trips for the year ahead. At the moment, we are thinking of arranging a day-trip, local to Dublin, and an overnight trip, further afield.

Membership numbers continue to grow, which is good to see. However, we believe that ours is a society which could appeal to a wide range of people and we want to try to push those numbers higher again this year. We are trying to think of new groups to target for recruitment. Meanwhile, you can get your friends and family to join!

Our society has received a very generous bequest from the estate of Dinah Molloy, and the committee have discussed a few ideas of appropriate uses for this money. We would like the money to be used in a way which promotes the aims of our society. Our ideas so far range from public lectures with international speakers to Irish Meteorological Society umbrellas! A suggestion for the first public lecture is that it would be in the area of the history and science of the Arctic, as Dinah had done great work in this area. Please let us know your thoughts.

I would like to finish my report by thanking everyone who has helped our society in the past year. I just show up and talk, which I find very easy and enjoyable! Others do all the hard work. Our secretary Séamus has done excellent work as ever, arranging our committee meetings, the website, emails and lots of other important things. Vice President Conor Lally is always volunteering for new and old activities alike, and has great plans to grow our society. Matt Roberts has done a great job taking over as treasurer, and makes sure that our finances run smoothly. Will Lee has great enthusiasm for our society, and looks after our Facebook page, and Evelyn Cusack is absolutely brimming with great energy and ideas. We are lucky to have such a great committee.

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon at our talks and events in the year ahead.

Slán agus beannacht,



Conor Sweeney

President, Irish Meteorological Society

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