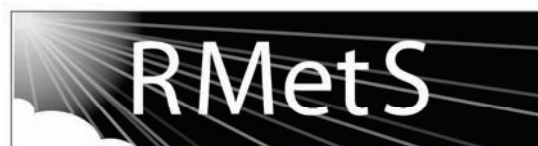


# Annual General Meeting



Royal Meteorological Society

## Programme for the Royal Meteorological Society's Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Faraday Lecture Theatre, Royal Institution of Great Britain,  
21 Albemarle Street, London W1S 4BS

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2.00 pm	Presidential Address: 'The Indian Summer Monsoon', Prof Julia Slingo, OBE
3.00 pm	Tea and Coffee
3.30 pm	The Annual General Meeting and presentation of awards for 2009
4.30 pm	Mason Gold Medal Talk: 'The Golden Age of Radar: The best is yet to come', Professor Anthony Illingworth, University of Reading
5.15 pm	Drinks Reception and opportunity to visit the Royal Institution Museum
6.30 pm	Close

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## AGM AGENDA

### 1 2009 MINUTES AND ACTIONS

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 can be obtained from the Society on request. They will also be available at the reception desk before the meeting if Fellows or Associate Fellows should wish to consult them. Their adoption will be proposed by the President.

### 2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR 2010/2011

Council circulated its nominations for Officers and members of Council, showing biographies for new nominees, with the March issue of *Weather* and is enclosed here for information. The list can also be found on the Society website [www.rmets.org/elections2010](http://www.rmets.org/elections2010). Under By-Law 49 if no nominations are received by the qualifying date then the President will declare that the Council nominees are elected unopposed.

### 3 REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2009

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2009 can be found on the Society's website from the end of April under the Corporate Information Section in 'About Us', or can be obtained on request from the Society. They will also be available at the Meeting.

#### 3.1 *A report on the work of the Society in 2009*

#### 3.2 *Report by the Treasurer on the 2009 Accounts, including the adoption of the Accounts and the proposed re-election of Porter Garland as Auditors*

#### 3.3 *Questions to the Chief Executive and the Chairs of Committees of Council.*

### 4 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Council is proposing a revision of the By-Laws to: (i) change the name of Honorary Members to Honorary Fellows, (ii) extend the number of Honorary Members, and (iii) provide an update following an external audit of the Society's CEnv License.

Printed copies of the By-Laws showing the changes are attached to this notice, and will be available at the Annual General Meeting. A full copy of the current By-Laws can also be viewed on the Society's website or can be obtained on request from the Society (by email to [chiefexec@rmets.org](mailto:chiefexec@rmets.org)).

### 5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notice of Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive at the office of the Society by close of business on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Circulated with April *Weather*

## FOREWORD

The Royal Charter states that The Society was established 'for the advancement of Meteorological Science'. Today The Society seeks to pursue this aim in conjunction with related sciences and through applications of meteorology contributing to social and economic well-being. The Following By-Laws provide instruction to The Society on how it will conduct its business in delivering this challenging aim.

## DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 1 In these By-Laws "The Society" means the Royal Meteorological Society incorporated by Royal Charter dated 27 January 1866.
- 2 "The Charter" means the Royal Charter of The Society dated 27 January 1866 and any supplemental or other Charter for the time being in force and affecting The Society.
- 3 Footnotes appearing in these By-Laws are not part of the By-Laws but are guidance for their interpretation or management.

## MEMBERSHIP

- 4 The Society shall consist of ~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Associate Fellows and Corporate Members.
- 5 The members of the several classes referred to in The Charter and such other persons as shall be admitted in accordance with these By-Laws, and none other, shall be members of The Society (either as ~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Associate Fellows or Corporate Members, as the case may be) and be entered on the Register as such.
- 6 The rights and privileges of every member of any class shall be personal to the individual member and shall not be transferable or transmissible by a member's own act nor by operation of law.
- 7 Each Corporate Member, as defined under By-Law 15, shall nominate one person who shall act for the Corporate Member in all dealings and correspondence with The Society.
- 8 No ~~Honorary Member~~Honorary Fellow, Associate Fellow or Corporate Member shall by reason of being a member of The Society be entitled to any rights or privileges other than those which, by these By-Laws, attach to the specific class of members of The Society to which the member belongs and wherever the term Fellow is used without qualification it shall be taken to exclude Corporate Members.
- 9 The Society may admit such other persons as may be hereafter qualified and elected in that behalf as ~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellows, Fellows, or Associate Fellows, respectively, and such persons shall sign a form indicating that the member agrees to be governed by The Charter and By-Laws of The Society and gives a commitment to advance the objects of The Society. The form to be used shall be specified in The Society's Standing Orders.

- 10 The Society may admit such Corporate Bodies as may be qualified and elected in that behalf as Corporate Members, and representatives of the Corporate Members nominated under By-Law 7 shall sign a form indicating agreement to be governed by The Charter and By-Laws of The Society and gives a commitment to advance the objects of The Society. The form to be used shall be specified in The Society's Standing Orders.
- 11 On matters related to appellations:
- a An ~~Honorary Member~~Honorary Fellow shall be entitled to use, after the ~~Honorary Member~~Honorary Fellow's name, the abbreviation ~~HonMRMetSHonFRMetS~~, and a Fellow the abbreviation FRMetS as decided on by Council in accordance with the .—Unless bestowed by Council in consequence of the award of an appropriate professional qualification; ~~these are purely courtesy titles and must not be used to imply professional~~ competence.
  - b A Fellow may, if accredited for the time being in accordance with By-Law 31 but not otherwise, use the style or title "Chartered Meteorologist" and use after that Fellow's name "CMet" or a title that The Society awards under license, as described in By-Law 31(f).
  - c No member shall by virtue of membership of The Society adopt, or use, any description or abbreviated title otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law.

## ~~HONORARY MEMBERS~~HONORARY FELLOWS

- 12 An ~~Honorary Member~~Honorary Fellow shall be:
- a A person who is distinguished by their work in Meteorology or related sciences.
  - b A distinguished person whom The Society desires to honour for services rendered to The Society or whose association therewith is of benefit to The Society.

~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellows shall be elected by the Council and every such election shall be announced at the next General Meeting of The Society. ~~The number of Honorary Members shall not at any one time exceed twenty~~The election of new Honorary Fellows shall only be admissible if the then number of Honorary Fellows does not exceed 1% of the membership at the time of appointment. Notwithstanding this, the Society will always have a minimum of twenty places for Honorary Fellows. In addition the Patron of the Society ~~will~~shall, on taking up office, normally be elected as an ~~Honorary Member~~Honorary Fellow.

~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellows shall enjoy the rights of Fellows and hereafter, unless explicitly stated otherwise, references to Fellows shall be deemed to include ~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellows. ~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellows shall not be required to sign a form as is required by By-Law 23 for other members.

## FELLOWS

- 13 Every candidate for election or transfer to the class of Fellow shall be at least 21 years of age and shall satisfy the criteria in The Society's regulations<sup>1</sup>.

## ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

- 14 Anyone having an interest in meteorology shall be eligible as a candidate for election to the class of Associate Fellow. Associate Fellows over the age of 18 years shall have the same voting rights as Fellows and shall be eligible to serve on Committees of Council and on Council but not to chair such committees or to hold an Office of The Society. Wherever in these By-laws reference is made to voting, proposing resolutions, nominations, or committee membership, or requests for signature, it shall be taken to exclude any Associate Fellow under the age of 18 years.

## CORPORATE MEMBERS

- 15 Any School, College or University, or any Department of a School, College or University, any Local or County Council, Research Institute, Company or other Corporate Body having an interest in Meteorology shall be eligible as a candidate for election to the class of Corporate Member<sup>2</sup>.

## ELECTION, TRANSFER, RETIREMENT AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 17 Election to membership of The Society shall be by the Council at a meeting of the Council. During periods when it is not possible to hold meetings of the Council, applications for membership other than ~~Honorary Members~~Honorary Fellowship may be submitted to each member of Council by correspondence for approval and such approval by a quorum of Council shall have the same value as if it were given at a Meeting of Council.

- 18 All nominations for Honorary Fellowship shall be considered by the Awards Committee. That Committee's recommendations shall then be submitted to Council for its consideration and decision.

~~Any nomination for Honorary Membership shall be considered by the Awards Committee and, following this, approved by a meeting of the Council.~~

- 19 A candidate for election or transfer to any class of membership except that of ~~Honorary Member~~Honorary Fellow shall apply on an appropriate Form of Application provided by The Society (examples of which are in the Standing Orders).

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<sup>1</sup> Candidates for election or transfer to the class of Fellow shall normally hold a formal qualification such as an honours degree or NVQ and at least five years professional experience in a field(s) directly relevant to the Mission of The Society. Study for a doctorate will normally count as two years. Exceptionally long experience and performance at a high professional level, suitably attested by peer review, can replace the requirement for a formal academic or vocational qualification. Candidates must be recommended to Council for election (or transfer from Associate Fellow) by the Accreditation Board and proposed by two Fellows of The Society. Those elected as Fellows shall be entitled to the use of the letters FRMetS as a statement of their professional standing in meteorology.

<sup>2</sup> Any school that joins as a Corporate Member will be known as a 'School Member' and entitled to a reduced membership rate compared with other Corporate Members as defined each year by Council.

## ACCREDITATION<sup>3</sup>

- 31 On matters related to Accreditation:
- a A person may apply to the Council for accreditation in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law.
  - b Where any such application is received from a person who is a member of The Society but is not a Fellow it shall be deemed to include an application for transfer to the class of Fellow.
  - c Where any such application is received from a person who is not already a member of The Society, it shall be deemed to include an application for election to the class of Fellow.
  - d The Council shall make such arrangements as it shall from time to time think fit for the purpose of assessing, by whatever means the Council shall consider appropriate, the education, training, qualifications, knowledge, skill and experience of any person applying for or seeking to maintain accreditation in accordance with this By-Law and for such purpose shall prepare and publish regulations (which may include a Code of Conduct to be observed by any person accredited in accordance with this By-Law) and may from time to time rescind, vary or add to such regulations<sup>4</sup> and Code of Conduct as it thinks fit.
  - e When considering the professional qualifications of nationals from other European Union Member States, The Society will assess and take decisions on applications for registration in accordance with the relevant European Union Directives<sup>5</sup>.
  - f The Council may confer the title “Chartered Meteorologist” (or other qualifications under the appropriate license) upon applicants who satisfy The Society by means of an assessment conducted in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of this By-Law 31 that they should be accredited. Council may withdraw the title from any who, when requested, do not provide a satisfactory record of Continuing Professional Development, as evidence that they are maintaining their knowledge, skill and experience at an appropriate level.
  - g The Council alone shall have power to decide conclusively respecting each person applying for or wishing to maintain accreditation pursuant to this By-Law whether each has or has not satisfied such criteria as are set

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<sup>3</sup> N.B. To ensure continued compliance with the appropriate EU Directives (currently 89/48/EEC and 92/51/EEC), By-Law 31 and the Regulations associated with it must not be changed without the new text being first approved by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills.

<sup>4</sup> Applications are invited for accreditation from Fellows of The Society working in meteorology and related fields. Candidates will be required to: hold an appropriate honours degree from a recognised EU university; have at least five years experience as a practicing professional meteorologist hydrologist or physical oceanographer; demonstrate that they possess an appropriate scientific background and level of fundamental meteorological knowledge; demonstrate a detailed professional knowledge of their own declared field(s) of speciality; demonstrate the ability to communicate clearly, accurately and succinctly in English; agree to abide by a code of professional conduct. Overseas applications will be welcomed, and will be treated on an equal footing with those from the UK, as far as is practicable. All proceedings will be conducted in English.

<sup>5</sup> See for example Article 52 of Directive 2005/36/EC on Professional Qualifications.