



# International Radiation Protection Association

AS presidents and IRPA AS delegates

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Dear colleagues,

These last couple of years, the world has been through a tough period with the Corona pandemic, which has unfortunately hampered face-to-face exchanges.

We now hope that the evolution of the latest corona variants and access to the vaccine will enable us to resume our social life and professional exchanges.

Our thoughts are particularly with our Ukrainian colleagues, their families and their community.

As you know IRPA is an NGO and should make no political statement. We represent all RP professionals and will be pleased regardless of politics to help our colleagues, should they ask for IRPA support on specific radiological protection matters in the future. We are following the situation on a daily basis, particularly around the Ukrainian NPPs.

Our First Regional Congress for North America took place in hybrid mode in Saint-Louis, USA last February, with the participation of 200 colleagues actually present at the Congress. Saint-Louis was a genuine success and my wish is that the next Congress in Budapest, Hungary, can take place as much as possible on a face-to-face basis. After this date, the African Congress will be held in Accra, Ghana, shortly followed by the South-American and Caribbean Congress in Santiago, Chile. The regional congress for the Asian countries in Mumbai (India) has been postponed in 2024. It is of the essence that we should all be able to finally meet "in the flesh" so we can prepare the various forums. Ana-Maria ([abomben@gmail.com](mailto:abomben@gmail.com)) will be your contact person to engage with.

These various venues will be an opportunity for me to present IRPA's latest activities to the participants, in particular IRPA Strategic Plan that was adopted for the current term, and which I am appending herewith. IRPA's Strategic Plan is divided into 4 different areas:

- 1- To contribute with practitioners' perspectives to the review and revision of the System of Radiological Protection
- 2- To promote sustainability and excellence for the radiation protection profession
- 3- To ensure IRPA is an inclusive and collaborative organization
- 4- To encourage deeper engagement with the public on radiation protection issues, including risk communication

I have also approved the Strategic Plan drawn up by the Young generation network (appended herewith).

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During our latest Board, we approved and revived our working groups. Within your own AS, you may be able to appoint representatives to participate in our 2022-2024 activities.

The Task Groups that are being continued or established to support the IRPA Strategic Plan for 2021-24 are listed below with brief details including whether new membership is sought. The Terms of Reference of each Task Group, and current membership, can be found on the IRPA website.

Associate Societies are asked to reconfirm to the IRPA Executive Officer ([abomben@gmail.com](mailto:abomben@gmail.com)) any existing TG members who will be continuing to engage in their workstream and/or nominate new individuals to participate.

## **TG on Tissue Reactions – Chair: Marie-Claire Cantone, Italy**

This is an expansion of earlier TG on Lens of the Eye.

The objective is to contribute to creating awareness, and to promote a wide exchange of knowledge, experience and points of view, about early and late effects of radiation in tissues and organs, including lens of the eye, heart and brain exposures.

Nominations/re-nominations are requested from AS.

## **TG on Public Understanding – Chair: Hiroko Yoshida, Japan**

This is an established TG, continuing into the new Term.

The objective is to encourage and support the Associate Societies in the development of effective means of enhancing public understanding of radiation risk through the sharing of good practice, ideas and resource material.

New or reconfirmed nominations are requested from AS.

## **Non-Ionising Radiation – Chairs: Alexandre Legros and Julien Modolo**

This is an established TG, continuing into the new Term.

The objective is to consider the aspects, proposals and expectations documented in the answers to the earlier IRPA EC questionnaire, including informing the general public about health risks of NIR; explanation of the recommendations by ICNIRP on exposure limits; and support to the organizers of Regional Congresses in order to contribute to a substantial NIR-programme.

New or reconfirmed nominations are requested from AS.

## **Higher Education, Research & Teaching – Chair: Pete Cole, UK**

This is an established TG, continuing into the new Term.

The objective is to provide an international overview of radiation safety culture in the HERT sector and develop and disseminate materials to aid practitioners in developing and improving HERT radiation safety culture.

New or reconfirmed nominations are requested from AS.

## **NORM – Chairs: Rainer Gellermann and Jim Hondros**

This is an established TG, continuing into the new Term.

The objective is to increase awareness of NORM issues; develop and promote a library of good practice documents; influence policy makers, regulators and industry by collecting and reporting experiences of practitioners; ensure that controls for NORM are commensurate with the actual radiological risk; identify gaps at a global scale related to ethical foundations of radiation protection

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in working with NORM; and engage with industry and other organizations; promote practical solutions which apply a graded approach.

New or reconfirmed nominations are requested from AS.

## **Review of the System of Radiological Protection – Chair: Sigurdur Magnusson, Iceland**

This is a new TG.

The objective is to keep Associate Societies (AS) informed about the initiative of ICRP in undertaking a review and revision of the System of RP, encouraging them to organize feedback through IRPA and independently, and consolidating views reflecting areas of broad consensus and the spectrum of views in the profession.

Nominations for this TG were received during 2021 and no further nominations are required.

## **Women in Radiation – Chair: Marina Di Giorgio, Argentina**

This is a new TG.

The objective is to promote a wide exchange of experiences and values for a gender perspective in RP within IRPA and to develop an IRPA Statement for women in RP.

Nominations for this TG are invited from all AS.

## **Radiation Safety Culture in Healthcare – Chair: Bernard Le Guen, France**

This is a new TG.

The objective is to support AS in implementing the new IAEA/IOMP/IRPA/WHO publication on Radiation Safety Culture in Healthcare and review progress in this area.

Nominations for this TG are invited from all AS

Earlier this month, you received a message from Ana-Maria encouraging you to submit nominations for the Sievert Award. Please do not forget to submit your suggestion to the IRPA VP, Christopher Clement ([clement@irpa.net](mailto:clement@irpa.net)) no later than 31 December 2022.

Thanks on behalf of IRPA for your active engagement.

I am looking forward meeting you in person during our next IRPA regional congresses.

Best regards,

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IRPA President

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