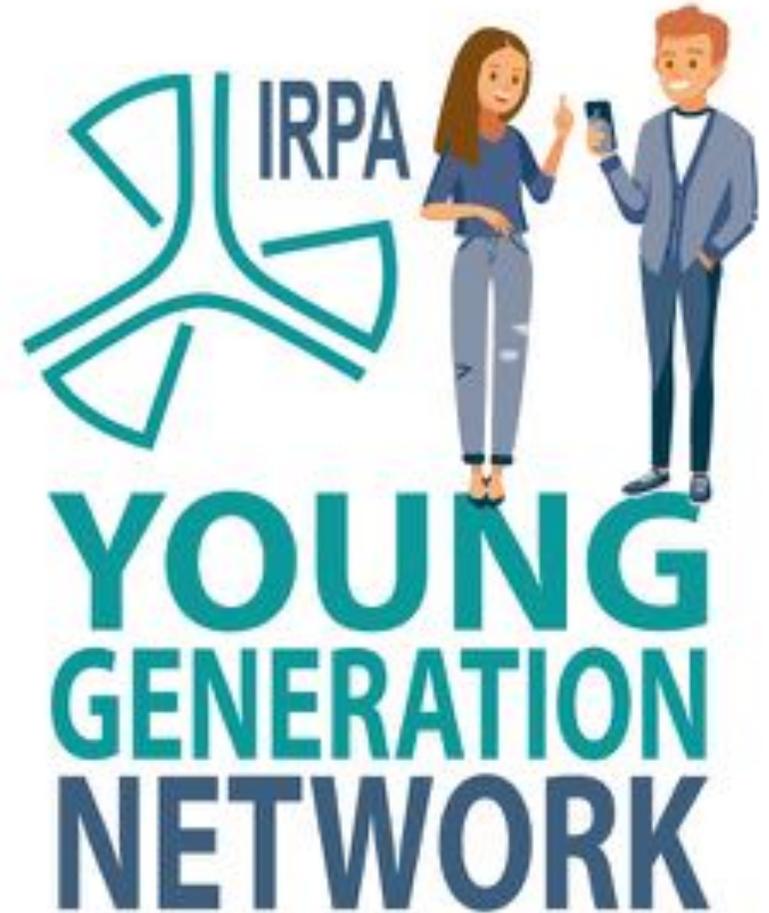


# IRPA YGN Launch

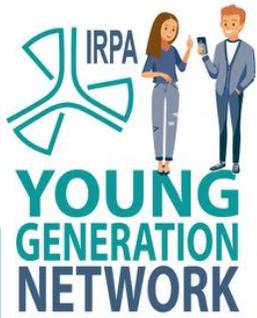
7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Pete Bryant & Sylvain Andresz



# What is the IRPA YGN?

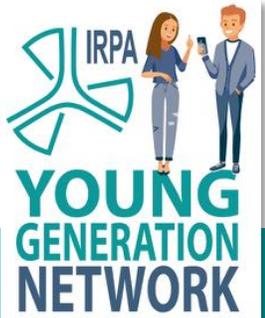
- An international network of “Young Professionals” across the field of Radiation Protection.
- Its primary function is to promote communication, collaboration and professional development of Students and Young Professionals in the area of Radiation Protection and its allied fields.
- Open to all members of national radiation protection YGN’s, and where a national YGN is not in place, students or professionals working within the first 10 years of the career in the field of radiation protection or its allied fields.



# Our Mission

Our mission is:

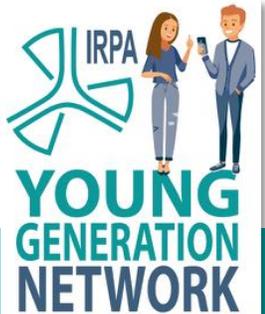
*“To encourage, inspire and develop the next generation of radiation protection professionals across the world and promote the communication and collaboration of our members”*



# Our Objectives

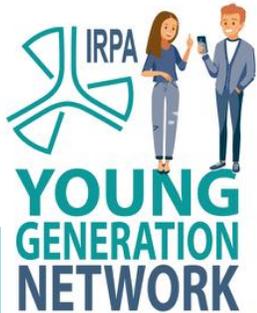
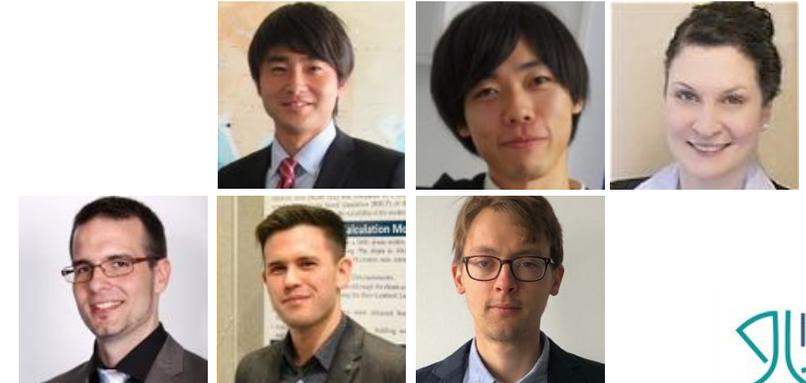
Underpinning our mission are the following core objectives. These will develop as the network grows and moves forward:

- Attracting individuals into the field of Radiation Protection, by engaging and inspiring them early in their career journeys.
- Enable the development of students and young professionals studying / working in the field of Radiation Protection by providing valuable personal and professional development and growth opportunities.
- Providing a supportive and growing community, promoting communication and collaboration to help retain young professionals working in the field of Radiation Protection.
- Improve the understanding of Radiation Protection and its allied fields across the world by being ambassadors for the field.



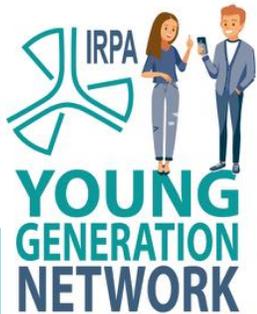
# How is it organised / run?

- A IRPA YGN Leadership Committee was established in December 2017 the primary focus of the committee has been to establish the IRPA YGN.
- Going forward the committee will be driving the growth and development of the network in line with our Mission Statement and Objectives.
- Current representatives include:
  - Sylvain Andresz (France)
  - Peter Bryant & Jess Revill (UK)
  - Christoph Stettner (Austria)
  - Akihiro Sakoda & Takahiko Kono (Japan)
  - Cinthia Papp (Argentina)
  - Jin Sung Kim & Wi-Ho HA (South Korea)



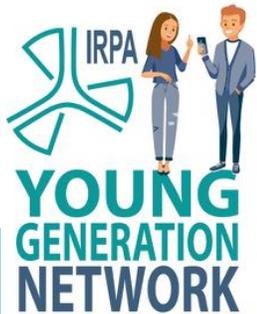
# What have we been up to?

- A IRPA YGN section is to be added to the New IRPA Website. Webpages have been drafted including:
  - Details of the IRPA YGN and what it wants to achieve.
  - Details of the Leadership Group
  - Key Contacts in relevant countries
  - Details of IRPA YGN Events
  - Link to a Facebook Group Page (@IRPAYGN)
- Competition launched for the design of the IRPA YGN Logo.
- Call put out for YGN representatives to join various IRPA Work Groups / Committees.



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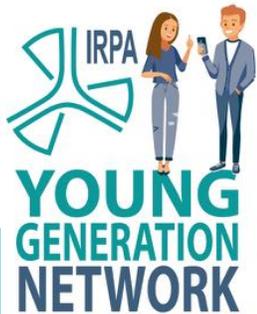
- An electronic survey was circulated to Young Professionals working in Radiation Protection (via the IRPA Associate Societies)
  - Aimed to understand the views of Young Professionals around the world working in RP
  - Opportunity to express their needs and wants.
- 256 answers from 27 countries
- Results now on-line: <https://tabsoft.co/2la1FEO> - Feel free to share!
- The results of the survey will be used to help inform the objectives of IRPA YGN going forward.



# Next Steps

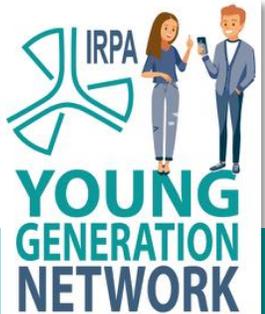
Further areas that have been discussed and will be developed in the future include:

- Keen to add new volunteers to the leadership committee with the aim of representing as many countries as possible.
- Development of Training. However, at current we feel this is a little way off.
- Development of a Mentoring System. A similar system has been developed by the UK Society for Radiological Protection and we will await feedback on its success prior to pursuing. (Initial indications are positive).



# What do we want from you?

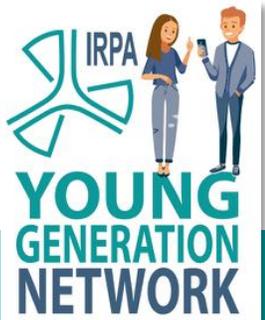
- Share your ideas (for events or areas you think need developing in the IRPA YGN) either via Facebook or Contact us directly!
- Volunteer to help organise events or to join the Leadership Committee.
- Attend events (details to be provided on Facebook and via the IPRA Website).
- Spread the word! We are here to support the “Young Professionals” across the field of Radiation Protection.



# Thank You for Listening!

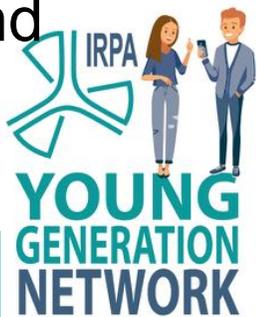
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# Questions?



# Annex - Key Points from the Survey

- 1/3 respondents did not have specific training in RP - learnt 'on the job'!
- Employers:
  - Various kind of **training** implemented ⇒ However more training wanted by a large number of respondents.
  - **Overseas programme** not implemented and highly desired
- RP National Societies :
  - **YG club** (or equivalent) implemented + YG Award ⇒ But more still wanted by a large part of respondents.
  - **Mentorship / Tutorship + Links to Employers** not implemented and highly desired.



# Annex - Key Points from the Survey

- Wants / Needs identified from open questions :
  - **Participation and the representation of the young generation at conferences** (national and international).
  - **Increased awareness and communication** about radioactivity and radiation protection toward the public and the students (e.g. lectures at university).
  - **Secure job opportunities** and **visible career** in radiation protection.
  - **Increased mentorship/tutorship** and **educational support**.
- Assessing the results (at different levels) can help to determine what issues need to be addressed and how these can be tackled in the future.



