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The IRPA Young Generation Network in Italy: “a young network for young professionals”

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Some information



- Young network:
 - Initial idea after IRPA14 (Cape Town, May 2016)
 - Officially established at the end of 2016
 - Some initial initiatives in 2017 but still growing

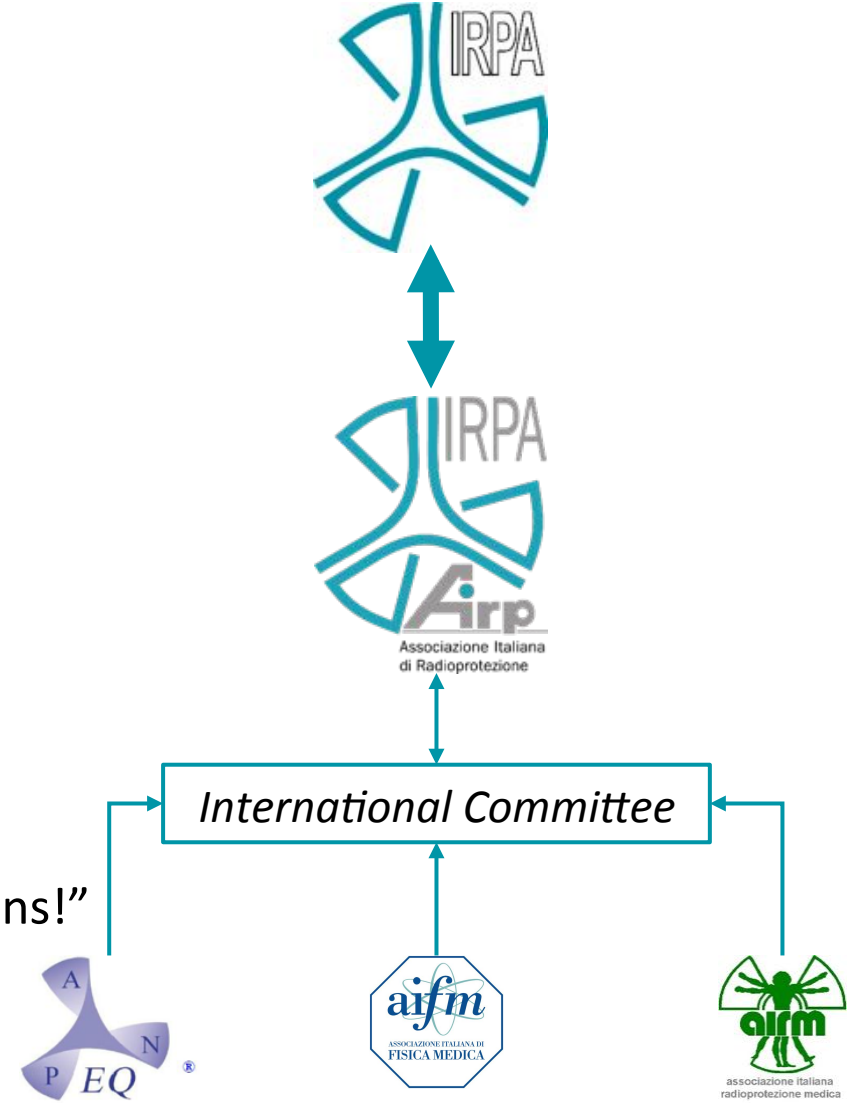
➤ AIRP IRPA's AS but situation in Italy a bit more complex...



“With great power comes great responsibility”
(Ben Parker, Spider-Man's uncle, 2012)



“With different professionals come different associations!”
(Angelo Infantino, 2018)



The situation pre-YGN



- A few initiatives fully dedicated to young professionals

- Some associations already provide grants and awards for young professionals from years
 - AIFM (Medical Physicists) -> “Adele Rinaldi” award
Award for the best work presented at the AIFM congress (under 35)

 - ANPEQ (RPEs) -> “Sara Cucchi” award
Grant of € 3.000,00 for best Radiation Protection Expert under 35

- Reductions in association and registration fees for conferences and courses (20%-90%)

- Currently, no fully dedicated training courses for young professionals



Activities of the YGN



- **Harmonization** of the initiatives dedicated to young professionals among the different associations:
Not easy task due to different needs and historical reasons.
- Creation of dedicated **communication channels**: in the era of Facebook classical mailing lists are outdated!
 - **Twitter** account already available (@ItalianIRPAYGN)
 - Facebook page planned
 - Association(s) **web site**



Activities of the YGN



- AIRP took up the challenge to better **support** the carrier of young professionals and to **promote** initiatives fully dedicated to them:
 - **“Premio Giovani 2017”** (under 40): M.Sc. Andrea Chierici
 - ❖ Dedicated session in the AIRP annual congress
 - ❖ 3 finalists: free congress registration and association to AIRP
 - ❖ € 1.500,00 grant for the winner
 - ❖ 2018 edition already approved
 - National selection for **IRPA 2018 YPA**: Dr. Sara Vichi
 - ❖ Full coverage of the congress registration fee and travel expenses
 - Dedicated **training courses** for young professionals (ONGOING)
 - ❖ 1-2 days intensive courses (free of charge for under 35) on topics of interest in RP (industry, medical, research, NORM, etc)
 - ❖ Trainings given from experts (possibly also international experts)
 - ❖ “Carlo Polvani” School involved (AIRP’s High Education School in Radiation Protection)



Summary



- ✓ “Young” network but **motivated** in promoting initiatives for young colleagues
- ✓ The network is still **growing** and consolidating: lot of work to be done!
- ✓ AIRP is **actively working** in promoting initiatives fully dedicated to YP
- ✓ Nothing is perfect: some obstacles along the way but also a few **achievements!**
- ✓ Hopefully, 2019 will see a dedicated series of **training courses** for YP
- ✓ Italy **ready to contribute** at an international level in activities promoted by the IRPA YGN





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