

Organization

The executive functions of the Association are performed by the officers, upon approval of the Executive Council, and as delegated by the IRPA General Assembly. The function of the Secretariat is to maintain the records of the Association and to serve as general headquarters for the Association. The supervision of the Secretariat is the responsibility of the Executive Officer.

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IRPA CONGRESSES

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

IRPA 14, Cape Town, South Africa
May 9 to 13, 2016
www.irpa2016capetown.org.za

REGIONAL CONGRESSES

Geneva, Switzerland
June 23-27, 2014
www.irpa2014europe.com

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May 12-16, 2014
<http://aocrp-4.org>

Rabat, Morocco
September 13-17, 2014
<http://federation-fampo.org/web/uploads/AFRIRPA04Brochure.pdf>

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
April 14-19, 2013
www.sbpr.org.br/IRPA2013.asp

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www.irpa.net



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HOW TO JOIN IRPA

IRPA affiliation comes through membership in one of the IRPA Associate Societies. 48 national and regional radiation protection societies and associations are now members of the IRPA family. Information on establishing an IRPA Associate Society and a directory of existing Associate Societies can be found on the IRPA Web Site : www.irpa.net



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RADIATION, RADIOACTIVITY AND RADIATION PROTECTION

Radiation is part of nature and is everywhere in our world, including in our bodies. Radiation can also be produced artificially in a variety of activities such as medical radiography and therapy, energy production via nuclear sources, and even in TV sets. Radiation provides important benefits to people every day but radiation exposure can be harmful to humans.

Some types of radiation, termed ionizing radiation, can expel electrons from the atoms in our body; x-rays being one example. Non-ionizing radiation, including sunlight, ultra-sound and radio waves such as emitted by cell phones, may affect our health through other mechanisms. Human beings need to be protected against unnecessary radiation exposure.

Specialists charged with protecting people against harmful effects of radiation and ensuring that radiation sources are used safely are radiation protection professionals, sometimes called health physicists. These specialists are responsible for development and application of the radiation measurement and control standards, and for implementing radiation protection principles that are needed for the safe use of radiation and radioactive sources.

What is IRPA?

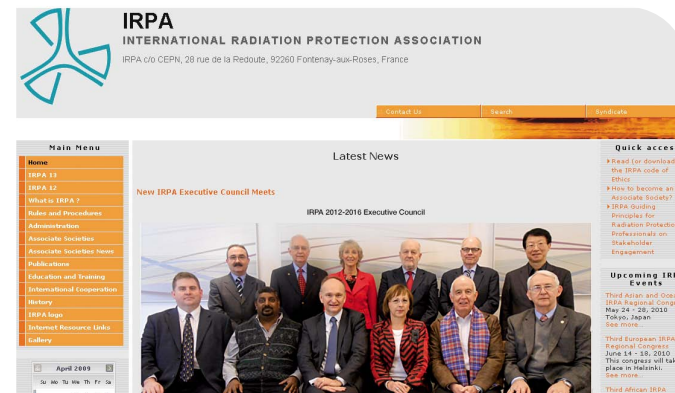
IRPA is the international professional society for radiological protection. It promotes excellence in the practice of radiation protection through national and regional associate societies for radiation protection professionals by providing benchmarks of good practice and enhancing professional competence and networking.

IRPA STRIVES TO ENSURE THAT:

- the highest standards of professional conduct, skills and knowledge are applied for the benefit of society, and
- it is recognized by its members, stakeholders and the public as the international voice of the radiation protection profession in the enhancement of radiation protection culture and practice worldwide.

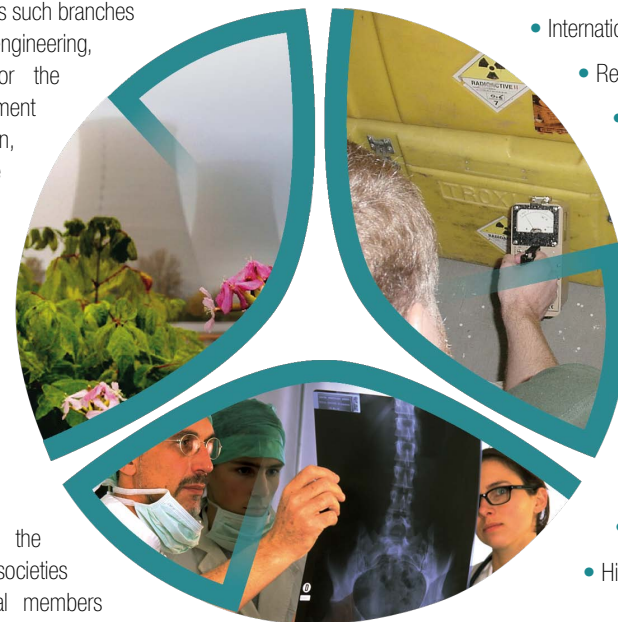
IRPA provides a medium whereby those engaged in radiation protection activities in all countries may communicate more readily with each other, and through this process advance radiation protection across the world. This includes such branches of knowledge as science, medicine, engineering, technology, and law, to provide for the protection of people and their environment from the hazards caused by radiation, and thereby to facilitate the safe use of medical, scientific and industrial radiological practices for the benefit of mankind. A major task for IRPA is to provide for and support regional and international meetings for the discussion of radiation protection. The IRPA International Congresses are the most important of these meetings. They have been held about every four years since 1966.

Membership of IRPA comes through the 48 national and regional associate societies that involve almost 18,000 individual members worldwide. IRPA cooperates and interacts with many other international organizations, including IAEA, ICRP, ICRU, UNSCEAR, WHO, ILO, NEA, and EC and professional bodies such as IOMP.



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