

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION  
OF THE IRPA YOUNG GENERATION NETWORK  
(IRPA YGN)**

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## **PREAMBLE**

CONSIDERING that there is a need to encourage, secure and foster young scientists and professionals in the field of Radiation Protection and its allied fields in the early stages of their career,

CONSIDERING that a Young Generation Network (“YGN”), established by the IRPA Associate Society, is a key component in achieving these,

CONSIDERING that a national YGN is not always established where there can be one,

CONSIDERING that established national YGNs have invested in similar topics and facing common issues, but are not connected between each other,

CONSIDERING that there is a common interest in putting in visibility what the national YGNs do, favour their sharing of experience and mutual support,

CONSIDERING that cooperation, common actions and initiatives and developing networking between the national YGNs, IRPA and other organisations is favouring the worldwide development and support of the young generation in radiation protection.

AGREE on the following,

### **ARTICLE 1. – Objectives of IRPA Young Generation Network**

In accordance with these Terms and Conditions, the IRPA Young Generation Network (“IRPA YGN”) cooperates together in:

- Attracting individuals into the field of Radiation Protection, by engaging and inspiring them early in their career journeys.
- Enabling the development of students and young professionals studying and 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.
- Improving the understanding of Radiation Protection and its allied fields across the world by being ambassadors for the field.

### **ARTICLE 2. – IRPA Young Generation Network Strategic Agenda**

To achieve the abovementioned objectives, the IRPA YGN develops a Strategic Agenda, that sets out a way forward and lists key actions. In developing this Agenda the YGN will take into account any views expressed by the IRPA Executive Council.

The IRPA YGN, according to priorities and available resources, can cooperate with IRPA Committees and Task Groups, other networks, training organisations and professional organisations to achieve its objectives.

### **ARTICLE 3. – Membership to the IRPA Young Generation Network**

Membership of the IRPA YGN is open to all members of national YGNs, 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 and its allied fields.

### **ARTICLE 4. – The IRPA Young Generation Network Leadership Committee**

The IRPA YGN is coordinated by a Leadership Committee consisting of members of the IRPA YGN.

Representation to the Leadership Committee is limited to maximum 2 members per country and submitted to the unanimous agreement of the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee.

### **ARTICLE 5. – Activities of the IRPA Young Generation Network Leadership Committee**

The IRPA YGN Leadership Committee meets regularly to:

- Define activities and work coherent with the general objectives of the IRPA YGN and formalized in the Strategic Agenda (see art. 2),
- Define the means and the planning for achieving these activities,
- Perform a follow-up of their implementation, and
- Decide new activities or a cessation of activities within the IRPA YGN.

The IRPA YGN Leadership Committee operates and reaches its decisions to the greatest possible extent on a mutually agreed basis.

After each meeting, the minutes are drafted, validated by the LC and forwarded to the designated “Contact Persons” in the IRPA Executive Council.

Each year, the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee prepares an annual report on the IRPA YGN activities to be sent to the IRPA Executive Council.

The IRPA YGN Leadership Committee nominates representatives to act as Chair and Secretary.

### **ARTICLE 6. – Functions and roles of the Chair and Secretary**

The Chair assumes a role of coordination and leadership of the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee in the course of its activities. He/she represents the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee toward the IRPA Executive Council and report to the Executive Council on the IRPA YGN activities.

The Secretary assumes a role of secretariat at the meeting and in the IRPA YGN activities. The Secretary can replace the Chair in its function in case of absence.

To ensure continuation of knowledge and leadership, the first term of the Chair is 3 years and then 2 years, the term of the Secretary is 2 years.

## **ARTICLE 7. – IRPA YGN Budget and Functions and roles of the Treasurer**

Between 2021 and 2024 the IRPA Executive Council provides a budget of 10.000 \$ to the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee to cover specific issues in the application of the Strategic Agenda.

The YGN Treasurer administrates the Budget, which is transferred in steps by 1000 \$ to the YGN Treasurer, in case of a higher amount is needed the YGN Treasurer asks the IRPA FO for the corresponding amount.

Decisions on use of up to 500 \$ can be made between the YGN Chair, Secretary and Treasurer within an unanimous assent in-between the YGN meetings. Decisions concerning the budget can be made within the YGN meeting where a majority decision of participating members is needed. The decisions must be recorded and archived.

The log of the budget, the actual amount and all transfers must be kept up to date. At the YGN meetings the Treasurer makes a report each year. A report on use of funds provided by IRPA with appropriate documentation is sent to the IRPA FO regularly and at least once each year.

The term of the Treasurer is 2 years.

## **ARTICLE 8. – IRPA YGN website and media**

As far as the Strategic Agenda is concerned, the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee can take decision on the content of the IRPA YGN website<sup>1</sup> (in collaboration with the IRPA Webmaster) and the IRPA YGN Facebook page<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.irpa.net/irpa\\_mini.asp?site=YGN/index.asp](http://www.irpa.net/irpa_mini.asp?site=YGN/index.asp)

## **ARTICLE 9. – Withdrawal**

Any member of the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee may withdraw from the IRPA YGN Leadership Committee at any time by giving written notice to the Leadership Committee.


## **ARTICLE 10. – Final provisions**

These Terms and Conditions will enter into force on 1 November 2018 and will remain for a period of five years from that date. They may be extended thereafter by agreement of the Leadership Committee and the Executive Council.

These Terms and Conditions and the Strategic Agenda may be revised and amended by the Leadership Committees and the Executive Council at any time, in writing.

**I, Bernard le Guen  
IRPA President,  
On behalf of the IRPA Executive  
Council**

**agree to the above terms and conditions**



Dr. Bernard le Guen, MD, PhD  
IRPA President

**Date: 03/26/2021**

<sup>2</sup><https://www.facebook.com/IRPAYGN/>

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