



Greetings from IRPA President Roger Coates

It is indeed a great honour to become IRPA President, and to succeed from Renate who has achieved so much. We have just had a wonderful Congress in Cape Town – as you will see in this special edition of the IRPA Bulletin – and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Thiagan and his South African colleagues for ensuring this great success.

Discussions at the Congress reinforced the key themes of IRPA's programme. We all need to work effectively to get new people into our profession and then encourage and support our young professionals - the future is at stake. There is a significant lack of public understanding of radiation risk which we cannot ignore. We can do more to share experiences across the Associate Societies and address common challenges, and we must encourage the development of new societies in countries where the RP professionals have no support. Many conversations brought home the importance of our international and regional congresses, particularly in supporting smaller and developing societies and providing a platform for exchange of ideas with the key international organisations.

Perhaps our largest challenge is to implement our vision as the international voice of the radiation protection profession. We must have effective communications with our members, and be seen to represent all practitioners, from societies big and small, in all continents of the world.

I look forward greatly to the next four years in your service.

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The First IRPA International Congress in Africa

Thiagan Pather, IRPA 14 Congress President

I am extremely delighted and humbled that the 1st IRPA International Congress to be held in Africa was a resounding success. It was heartening to hear that the more than 900 delegates enjoyed the scientific programme, refresher courses, side meetings, and social events during IRPA14 in Cape Town, South Africa. The Congress was a valuable platform to advance the dialogue on key challenges facing the global radiation protection community, and reminded us what needs to be done in the future. I would like to thank past IRPA President Renate Czarwinski for her unwavering support, the ICOC and ICPC for their commitment and hard work, the sponsors, and last but not least all delegates for their participation in the congress.



Celebrating 50 Years of Success

Renate Czarwinski, past IRPA President 2012-2016

I have enjoyed working in the Executive Council since 2004, and in particular the last 4 years as the second female President in IRPA's history.

At the prosperous IRPA 14 Congress in Cape Town we celebrated IRPA's 50th Anniversary. It was a great success. More than 25 international organizations in the field of radiation protection presented messages of congratulations, recognising the achievements of IRPA.

I'm delighted that Roger Coates was elected as IRPA President for 2016 to 2020, ensuring the continuation of our advanced activities e.g. on the public understanding of risks. My sincere thanks are given to all EC members, Task Group Members and Associate Societies. My appeal to all radiation protection professionals: Let's work as a team towards a highly successful IRPA 15 in Seoul!



Above: Past IRPA Presidents and a Founding Member (clockwise from top left) Ken Kase, President 2008-12 – Phil Metcalf, President 2004-08 – Founding member Rupprecht Maushart – Geoff Webb, President 2000-04



(left to right) John Boice, Sievert Lecturer – Claire Cousins, ICRP Chair – Ethel Gilbert, Gold Medal Recipient – Renate Czarwinski, IRPA President – Thiagan Pather IRPA 14 Congress President



Oral Sessions: Speaking and Listening





IRPA Executive Council 2012-2016 with IAEA DG Amano (from the left) Thiagan Pather, Ana-Maria Bomben, Roger Coates, Richard Toohey, Eduardo Gallego, Bernard Le Guen, Yukio Amano, Richard Vetter, Renate Czarwinski, Christopher Clement, Jong Kyung Kim, and Alfred Hefner



Highlights from the IRPA 14 General Assembly

Electronic voting was used for the first time to elect new members of the IRPA Executive Council (EC), and to vote on the preferred venue for IRPA 16. The tradition of delegates raising hands continued for the simpler decisions to confirm Seoul as the venue for IRPA 15, and the appointment of EC officers. Three venues were proposed for IRPA 16: Adelaide, Orlando, and Rio de Janiero. Orlando came out on top.



IRPA Executive Council 2016-2020

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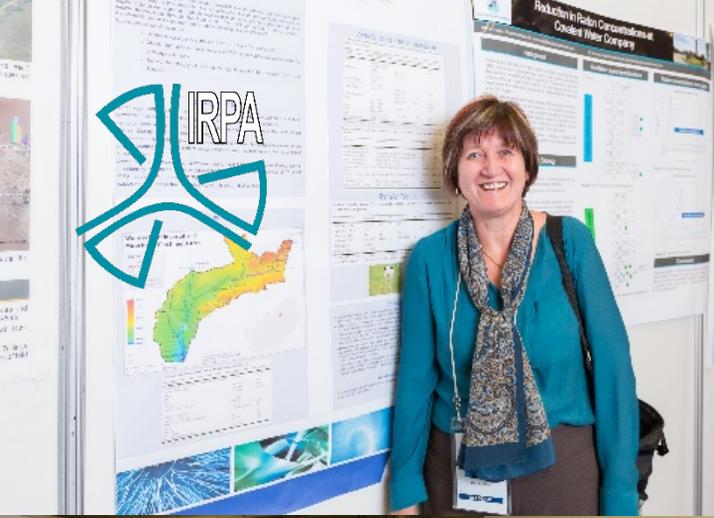
- President: Roger Coates (UK)
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- Klaus Henrichs (German/Swiss Society)
- Sigurður Magnússon (Iceland – Nordic Society)
- Hiroko Yoshida (Japan)

(Those in blue are new or in a new position)





Action in the Exhibition Hall





Orlando was Selected as the Preferred Venue for IRPA 16 in 2024
Hosted jointly by the US Health Physics Society, the Canadian Radiation Protection Association, and the Mexican Society for Radiation Protection



Recognising Young Professionals

Twenty members, each from a different Associate Society, vied for the Young Professional awards. Their oral presentations were integrated into the Congress, and evaluated by a group of referees headed by IRPA Executive Council member Alfred Hefner. All Young Professionals were honored with a certificate of recognition certificate on a wooden plaque, and the top three were called to the stage during the closing ceremony for special recognition.

A Young Professionals reception was held on Thursday evening for all the young (and some of the not-so-young!) Congress attendees, where the new Chairman of the Young Professionals Network, Christoph Stettner, was introduced.





A Night to Remember

Good food and wine, great music, dancing, and laughter – all about South Africa, all about radiation protection, and all about IRPA. Delegates at the IRPA 14 International Congress enjoyed an unforgettable night at the official congress dinner. The heady mix of dinner and entertainment created a fantastic atmosphere, building connections, friendships, and memories to last a lifetime.





A Changing of the Guard

(above) Incoming IRPA President Roger Coates (left) receives the Polvani Bell from outgoing IRPA President Renate Czarwinski (right)

(below) The IRPA Flag is passed from IRPA 14 Congress President Thiagan Pather (right) to IRPA 15 Congress President Jong Kyung Kim (left)





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IRPA 15

15th International Congress of International Radiation Protection Association

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