

Statement of Intent for the position of IRPA President for the 2024-2028 Term

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Dear colleagues,

I respectfully confirm my willingness to stand for the position of IRPA President for the 2024 to 2028 term.

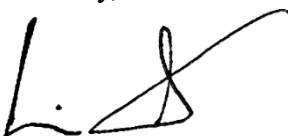
I have been a radiation protection professional for more than three decades, dedicated to public service. This includes a decade of experience in environmental characterisation and remediation, a decade of experience in the Canadian regulatory authority with responsibilities in waste, mines, counterterrorism, national oversight of radiation protection regulation, and representing Canada internationally. Most recently, I have 16 years of experience in international radiation protection as ICRP Scientific Secretary concurrently with 12 years on the IRPA Executive Council. This has given me a deep understanding of radiation protection from the perspectives of an implementer, regulator, developer of underlying principles and concepts, and as a leader in the international radiation professional society. This has also led to having a very wide and diverse international professional network.

I served as the IRPA Publications Director for two terms, leading efforts to establish the IRPA Bulletin, substantially improve the IRPA website, initiate the use of social media, and more. This experience, and my current role of Vice-President, are excellent preparation to fulfil the duties of President.

It is important to address potential concerns about the IRPA President holding a key position in ICRP. There is an historical precedent as Charlie Meinhold was IRPA President while Vice-Chairman of ICRP (a voting position in ICRP; the Scientific Secretary has no voting privileges). Moreover, in the 12 years serving on the IRPA Executive Council while employed in the position of ICRP Scientific Secretary no actual conflict of interest has arisen. Nonetheless, in the role of President this would be managed even more strictly to avoid any appearance of conflict by delegating all presidential responsibilities related to ICRP matters to another member of the Executive Council.

As IRPA President, I would continue to work with the Executive Council and all IRPA Associate Societies to strengthen connections between radiation protection professionals worldwide, providing more opportunities for IRPA members and other RP professionals to network and collaborate, taking advantage of modern technologies that make this more possible than ever before. This will support IRPA Associate Societies and, importantly, individual radiation protection professionals world-wide, engaging this and the next generation, and strengthening the profession of radiation protection globally.

Sincerely,



Christopher Clement
IRPA Vice-President