

ICRP Main Commission Meeting

2010 October 25-28 – Cape Town, South Africa

The **Main Commission** of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) met in Cape Town, South Africa, October 25-28, 2010.

Central to this meeting were **strategic discussions on the role and priorities of ICRP** in the field of radiological protection, particularly in relation to other international organisations. The structure and working methods of ICRP were also discussed.

A special session on **non-cancer effects of ionising radiation** was held. ICRP is following developments in this area closely as there may be potential to significantly influence the System of Radiological Protection.

This Main Commission considered several draft reports in progress, and approved the following for publication:

- Dose Coefficients for External Radiation Sources
- Education and Training in Radiological Protection for Diagnostic and Interventional Procedures

In addition, the following draft report was approved for public consultation:

- Tissue Reactions and Other Non-cancer Effects of Radiation

The draft report “Tissue Reactions and Other Non-Cancer Effects of Radiation”, which should be available for public consultation in late 2010 or very early in 2011, will be accompanied by an ICRP statement that will include, inter alia, **recommendations on equivalent dose limits for the lens of the eye**.

The Main Commission approved creation of Task Group 83 on **Protection of Aircraft Crew from Cosmic Radiation Exposure** to be chaired by Jacques Lochard. This new Task Group includes membership from the airline industry.

The Main Commission also approved revised terms of reference for Task Group 71 on **Protection in Security Screening**, chaired by Donald Cool.

ICRP has launched a completely **new web site** designed to provide more in-depth and timely information to the radiological protection community. All active Task Groups are now listed with mandates and complete membership, access to information ICRP reports has been improved, and it is now possible to register for notification of news updates and consultations. Visit www.icrp.org.

The first **ICRP Symposium on the International System of Radiological Protection** will be held in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, October 24 – 26, 2011 in conjunction with the upcoming joint meetings of the ICRP Main Commission and Committees. Details are found in the “First Announcement” available at www.icrp.org.