

ICRP Main Commission Meeting

April 15-18, 2012 – Versailles France

The Main Commission of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) met in Versailles, France, April 15-18, 2012. During the week the Commission enjoyed exchanges with the French Institute for Radiological Protection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN), Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN), and Society for Radiation Protection (SFRP).

The draft report ***Radiological Protection in Geological Disposal of Long-lived Solid Radioactive Waste*** was approved for publication in the Annals of the ICRP.

Two draft reports were approved for consultation, and will be made available through the ICRP web site for this purpose: ***Assessment of Radiation Exposure of Astronauts in Space***; and, ***Radiological Protection in Security Screening***

It was noted that five Task Groups had been approved since the last meeting: ***Mitigating Secondary Cancer Risks in Modern Radiation Oncology***; ***Justification of Imaging of Asymptomatic Individuals***; ***Ion Beam Radiotherapy***; ***Cone Beam CT***; and, ***Occupational Protection in Brachytherapy***.

ICRP ***activities related to the Fukushima Daiichi NPP accident*** were reviewed, including an on-going dialogue initiated by ICRP and organised by a group of governmental and non-governmental organisations.

An interim report of ICRP Task Group 84 on ***Initial Lessons Learned from the NPP Accident in Japan vis-à-vis the ICRP System of Radiological Protection*** was presented. This Task Group will present its final report in the form of recommendations to the Main Commission at the next meeting scheduled in Fukushima City in October of this year. A summary will be made available through the ICRP website.

Arrangements for ***elections for the July 2013 to June 2017*** term were discussed. There will be an open call for nominations for ICRP Committee Membership during the last quarter of this year.

Discussion was also held on ***financial matters***, ***publishing arrangements***, ***relations with other organisations***, development of an ***ICRP glossary***, reports on radiological protection of the ***environment***, and the continuing development of ***dose coefficients***.

Planning for the ***Second ICRP Symposium on the International System of Radiological Protection*** is underway. It will be held in conjunction with the next biennial joint meetings of the Main Commission and Committees, scheduled for the latter part of 2013 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.