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Toshihiro Higuchi has been the Official Historian of ICRP since 2012. As an academic historian, he assists ICRP in preserving and cataloguing its institutional records of historical significance. He is also conducting interviews with past ICRP members to record and disseminate their experiences for experts and stakeholders in radiological protection.

Born in Japan in 1978, Higuchi is assistant professor at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, where he teaches the history of U.S. foreign relations with a focus on science, technology, and the environment. He received his Ph.D. from Georgetown University in 2011. He was a recipient of the Mellon / ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2010-2011) and New Faculty Fellowship (2012-2014). Before returning to Georgetown, he held positions at Stanford University (2011-2012), University of Wisconsin-Madison (2012-2014), and Kyoto University (2014-2015).

His research interests rest with international governance of the trans-border and global environment. His dissertation on the Cold War science and politics of the worldwide fallout hazards of nuclear explosions through 1963 won the 2012 Oxford University Press USA Dissertation Prize in International History, The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), as well as Georgetown University's 2013 Harold N. Glassman Dissertation Award in the Humanities. This dissertation project originally brought Higuchi in contact with ICRP. He is an author of several journal articles and book chapters exploring historical changes in radiological protection in the early atomic age.

Aside from assisting ICRP, Higuchi is also engaged in public outreach and policy research regarding radiological protection. His op-eds about the Fukushima nuclear disaster have appeared in media outlets such as the *Asahi Shimbun* and *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. He has presented papers at the 2015 Pugwash Conference and other international events. As a member of a committee for research promotion in specialized areas, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), he also offers historical advice for designing scientific research and administrative standards in Japan with a focus on low-dose ionizing radiation.