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ICRP Main Commission Meeting

26 April – 7 May 2021

Once again, the ICRP Main Commission met on-line due to continuing pandemicrelated travel restrictions.

A major item on the agenda was elections for the Main Commission and Committees for the 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2025 term. Werner Rühm (Germany) will become the Chair of ICRP at the commencement of the new term, and Donald Cool (United States) will become ICRP Vice-Chair. Kimberly Applegate (United States) will continue as Chair of Committee 3 (Medicine). Joining her are first-time Committee Chairs Dominque Laurier (France) for Committee 1 (Effects), Francois Bochud (Switzerland) for Committee 2 (Doses), and Thierry Schneider (France) for Committee 4 (Application). Simon Bouffler (United Kingdom), Kunwoo Cho (Korea), Michiaki Kai (Japan), Senlin Liu (China), and Sergey Romanov (Russian Federation) will continue as members of the Main Commission. Elected for the first time are Gillian Hirth (Australia) and Andrzej Wojcik (Sweden). Election results for the Committees can be found on the ICRP website.

Madan Rehani was appointed emeritus member of Committee 3, and **Jean-François Lecomte** was appointed emeritus member of Committee 4. This is an honorary distinction conferred for life, recognising their extraordinary contributions to ICRP.

The following Task Groups were established at or prior to the meeting: Task Group 118 Relative Biological Effectiveness (RBE), Quality Factor (Q), and Radiation Weighting Factor (w_R), Task Group 119 Effects of Ionising Radiation on Diseases of the Circulatory System and their Consideration in the System of Radiological Protection, and Task Group 120 Radiological Protection for Radiation Emergencies and Malicious Events.

The Task Group 89 report Occupational RP in Brachytherapy, and the Task Group 95 report Occupational Intakes of Radionuclides: Part 5 were approved for publication.

To launch the review and revision of the System of Radiological Protection, a paper titled 'Keeping the ICRP Recommendations Fit for Purpose' was considered by the Main Commission, to be published as open access in the coming months. A companion paper 'Areas of Research to Support the System of Radiological Protection' is being prepared.