ICRP Main Commission Meeting  
May 14-17, 2016 – Cape Town, South Africa

A minute of silence was observed in memory of Bill Morgan, who sadly died very suddenly on November 13, 2015. He was a member of ICRP since 2005, and had been Chair of Committee 1 from 2013 until his untimely death.

Two new Committee Chairs were welcomed: Werner Rühm for Committee 1 and Kathryn Higley for Committee 5. Former Committee 5 Chair Carl-Magnus Larsson continues to serve as a member of the Main Commission.

Since the last meeting of the Main Commission, the report Radiological Protection from Cosmic Radiation in Aviation had been approved for publication. In addition, two new Task Groups had been established: Task Group 101 Radiological Protection in Therapy with Radiopharmaceuticals, and Task Group 102 Detriment Calculation Methodology. Task Group 103 Mesh-type Reference Computational Phantoms was approved at this meeting.

Two draft reports were approved for public consultation: Dose Conversion Coefficients for Non-human Biota Environmentally Exposed to Radiation, and Occupational Intakes of Radionuclides part 4.

The report The ICRP Computational Framework for Internal Dose Assessment for Reference Workers: Specific Absorbed Fractions was approved for publication.

A strategic discussion on the system of radiological protection was held. General consensus was that the system is functioning well, and that focus should be primarily on clarification. Nonetheless, there are areas for review and potential improvement, and continued self-assessment is important.

Modernisation of the governance of ICRP continues. Progress on incorporation of ICRP (while remaining a UK Registered Charity) was reviewed. Finances and accounting practices were examined. A discussion on the Committee structure was held. A review of all Task Groups is scheduled for the next meeting as part of developing the programme of work for the next term.

The 2016-2020 ICRP Strategic Plan was approved, and will be issued shortly.

A call for nominations for Committee membership for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021 term will be issued around November of this year. Details will be announced after the next meeting of the Main Commission, to take place in October 2016.