ICRP Main Commission Meeting
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Since the last meeting of the Main Commission, the draft report Radiological Protection from Cosmic Radiation in Aviation had been approved for public consultation, with the consultation period ending October 30, 2015.

The draft report on Diagnostic Reference Levels in Medical Imaging was approved for public consultation.

ICRP Task Group 100 was established to provide advice to the US National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements as they develop Radiation Protection Guidance for the United States.

For some time, ICRP has been developing recommendations on research needed to strengthen the system of radiological protection. With the objective of clarifying what the Commission sees as priorities for research, these recommendations will be released through the ICRP website in early 2016.

The Commission reviewed the progress of Task Group 94 on the Ethics of Radiological Protection, and approved the release of an early draft of the report in progress for a preliminary consultation with the radiological protection professional community around the upcoming IRPA 14 International Congress in May 2016. This supplements, but does not replace, a full public consultation in due course.

Task Group 91 on Radiation Risk Inference at Low-dose and Low-dose Rate Exposure for Radiological Protection Purposes, and the Committee 1 working party on detriment presented their work to date. These interrelated scoping efforts will continue with annual updates to the Commission.

The work of Task Group 79 on The Use of Effective Dose as a Risk Related Radiological Protection Quantity and of Task Group 74 on More Realistic Dosimetry for Non-human Species was also reviewed.

A focus on modernizing the governance of ICRP continues. During the meeting this included discussion of updating the ICRP Strategic Plan and elections procedures, and plans to convert ICRP from an Unincorporated Association to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, while remaining a charity registered in the United Kingdom. In addition, discussions were held on reviewing the mandates of the committees and the overall committee structure. A Task Group will be established to report back to the Main Commission on this matter in 2016.

This meeting was held in conjunction with the 3rd International Symposium on the System of Radiological Protection, as well as the 3rd annual meeting with senior representatives of organisations in formal relations with ICRP. The Commission sincerely thanks the host, the Korean Association for Radiation Protection, and all supporting organisations, for making this possible.