ICRP Main Commission Meeting
12-15 October 2018 – Stockholm, Sweden

To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of ICRP in Stockholm, the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, SSM, invited the Main Commission to meet where the International X-Ray and Radium Protection Commission (later renamed ICRP), was established at the 2nd International Congress of Radiology in 1928.

Following a presentation on the work of Task Group 107 Advice on Radiological Protection of the Patient in Veterinary Medicine by Main Commission Emeritus Member Jan Pentreath, the mandate of Task Group 110 Radiological Protection for Occupational and Public Exposure in Veterinary Practice was expanded to include protection of the veterinary patient. The revised name and mandate for this Task Group will be released through www.icrp.org in due course.

Task Group 111 Factors Governing Individual Response of Humans to Ionising Radiation was established, chaired by Simon Bouffler.

Two draft reports were approved for public consultation: RBE and Reference Animals and Plants, and Application of the Commission’s Recommendations to NORM. Occupational Intakes of Radionuclides Part 4 was approved for publication.

The meeting included a joint session between ICRP and the International Commission on Radiation Units and Measurement (ICRU). ICRP and ICRU have worked closely together for 90 years, but this seems to have been the first joint session at the Main Commission level in at least five decades. The agenda included an update on the draft joint report Operational Quantities for External Radiation Exposure.

Members of ICRP and ICRU participated in a 2-day colloquium Celebrating 90 Years of Experience – Radiological Protection in the Next Decade, organised by SSM. A highlight of the event was the presentation of the first Bo Lindell Medal for the Promotion of Radiological Protection to Nicole Martinez. The second will be presented at the next Symposium on the System of Radiological Protection in Adelaide, Australia, 19-21 November 2019.

As part of continuing efforts to modernise and improve organisational aspects, the ICRP Foundation Fund was established, to be held and managed separately from operating funds. The purpose is to secure the reliable and sustainable long-term operation of ICRP, and to provide a vehicle for supporters who prefer to contribute to this goal rather than the regular daily business of ICRP.