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John Cooper studied biochemistry at the University of Sussex, graduating with a 1st class honours degree in 1970. He moved to Oxford University, obtaining a doctorate in 1975. After two years at Liverpool University working on glycoprotein biosynthesis, John joined the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) in 1977 working initially on the behaviour of inhaled and ingested radionuclides. He then changed work areas into dose and risk assessment becoming Head of Department in 1990 and then Secretary to the NRPB Board for the two years prior to NRPB's assimilation into the Health Protection Agency (HPA) as the Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards (CRCE). John was appointed Director of CRCE in 2009.

John has worked in radiation protection with HPA and previously NRPB for over 30 years. His interest centres on protection of the public. He has worked closely with ICRP for over ten years; for four years he was Vice-chairman of ICRP's Committee 4 on Application of the Commission's recommendations. He contributed to the drafting of ICRP *Publication 103* 'The 2007 Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection'. He has also been a member of four ICRP Task Groups addressing topics ranging from solid waste disposal to the scope of radiological protection.

John has worked with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the European Commission on a number of topics most notably exemption and clearance. He was a member of the European Commission's Article 37 Expert Group which reviews plans for the disposal of radioactive waste and chaired the UK's National Dose Assessment Working Group. He has also co authored a book on radiation protection.

John Cooper is married with four children.

