17th ICRP Dialogue
What do we need for the future?
July 8-9, 2017

Summary report – Day 1
What is the point?

- People say that they wish to come back, most of them didn’t
- Young people are more reluctant
- Issue of radiation still at stake
- Complex, still difficult to understand
- Sometime overreaction
- Contamination and doses are generally low
- Information not well shared
- Issue of children still the priority
- But other issues also relevant
Make measurements

• Help for the way forward
• Useful for understanding exposure and controlling the risk
• But help needed for interpretation
• Need to go to individual level
• And compare between individuals (inside family/community) or situations (airplane)
• Men reluctant at the beginning (Suetsugi)
• Measuring body and food is not sufficient, also soil water and air; transfer to plants
Get and share information

- Each person has his own perspective (dignity, respect)
- Issue of risk communication not yet over, should be reviewed
- Lack of information induces fear
- Get and share information from the very beginning
- Inside and outside
- Many routes (measurements, meetings, training, exhibitions...)
- It helps avoiding discrimination
- Problem of trust: information too complex, not disseminated, distorted
- Role of government, expert organisations, municipalities, media, NGOs: not always efficient
- Use networks
- Educational programmes
- Disseminate good practices among communities
- Dialogues useful
Get a job

• Restart our job is clearly a big motivation
• Many talks about farming, especially vegetable and flowers
• Farming is a challenge but essential
• Better to grow vegetable than to buy
• More “comfortable” to grow flowers than vegetables
Struggle against discrimination

• Comparison with Hibakusha
• Both evacuated and not-evacuated people are affected
• Need to support people
• Solidarity between generations
• Some individuals should be targeted
• Nobody should be forget
• See what each individual can do
• Importance of PTA associations
Be positive

• Not focus (only) on negative aspects
• Be proactive
• A new tendency, in affected areas, men or women
• Easiest now than before
• New school, new friends, new activities, new experiences...
• A way to rebuild communities
• Changes of personalities: more open for exchanges, able to speak in public, able to take the floor
Pets

- Pets are our friends and are beloved
- They are dependant
- Problem for evacuation
- Separation is bad for both owners and pets
- Pets should not suffer too much
- The issue is very important
General feeling of the rapporteur

- You are now talking about present
- Past starts to be digested
- Future is still uncertain
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Summary report – Day 2
Still a lot of work to be done to recover

- Decision to come back to homeland or not is at stake
- Reconstruction is still under process
- But feeling of lack of progress for reconstruction
- Need for improved infrastructure notably hospital before taking any decisions about the future
- Fatigue due to evacuation:
  - Still long distances to commute to job
  - Continuous stress associated with the situation
- Continuous efforts for providing good educational conditions for children at school
- Fight against the fact that people in Fukushima Prefecture start to forget the impact of the accident
Difficulties to envisage what will be the future (1)

- "The future is still in the fog"
- Concern about the future of the interim storage facility
- Decision on lifting came too late
- How long will it take to lift all orders of evacuation?
- "I have my dream but I would like to stick to reality"
- Concern about health effects associated with radiation for the children
- Fight to present the beauty of the landscape in Fukushima Prefecture
- But still sad to see villages without people living there
Difficulties to envisage what will be the future (2)

• Difficulties to clean and maintain houses in evacuated areas
  – Lands and houses are invaded (rats, wild boars, plants...)
  – Need to find a balance with natural environment in contaminated areas

• Difficulties for young generations to take decision to live in affected areas

• Difficulties to maintain relationships in evacuated communities

• Difficulties to keep the memory of evacuated areas for young generations
Expected future

• Becoming actors instead of victims
• To help people contributes to recover
• Happy future: this is the expected direction
  – Improved human relationship as a results of activities developed at school
  – Performance of students providing emotion
• Continuing efforts to produce clean food products from Fukushima Prefecture and being recognized as good quality
• Being able to come back to homeland
• Being connected and maintaining the traditional performance and culture (festivals, hula dance...)
• Being treated fairly and with equity
Testimony from Anastasia

• Great value of the testimony from Anastasia (from Belarus) for people of Fukushima:
  – "We are working hard to recover our life
  – Our work is not finished and we have developed a new life style
  – We are proud to live in our places
  – We are fully aware of the situation we had to face with
  – We are proud of what we have done
  – We are now looking forward"
In conclusion: Towards a new future

• As people from the affected areas, you have the right for a bright future and for happiness

• Key challenges:
  – Create your path for your happy future allowing you to live in a sustainable community
  – Without ignoring the past
  – With an efficient protection
  – Without being abandoned

• Willingness to be heard by the authorities and to share the results of the dialogue with them