1st Asian Workshop on the Ethical Dimensions of the Radiological Protection Sysytem Kins HQ Deajeon, Korea

Conclusions of Working Group 1

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Preliminary considerations

- Expression of surprise by a member of the group:
 - Long history of ethics in RP
 - Considerations of respect for individuals and justice during the workshop presentations
 - Discovery of justice in Pub. 60 and respect of individual issues in Pub. 111
- Ethics is a difficult issue to be grasped by non specialists including scientists
- What is the link between radiation protection culture and the ethics of radiological protection?
- How considerations about ethics may help the understanding of radiation protection by non specialists?

Why care about the ethics of radiological protection?

- The radiation protection system incorporates a set of judgments that refer to ethical values but that are not explicitly and clearly presented in the ICRP recommendations
- To facilitate the understanding of the system for specialists of RP, but also interested stakeholders, and thus enable a dialogue on its foundations, its objectives and rationality
- To favour the emergence of radiation protection culture and wise behaviours in society vis-à-vis radiation

Recommendations

To make more explicit the respect of individuals and principles of justice in the ICRP Publications

To favour collaboration between natural scientists and social scientists

To open the dialogue on the ethics of radiation protection to all interested stakeholders in order to facilitate the mutual understanding of the system of radiological protection

To develop further the considerations about human welfare and human rights, as well as sustainable development, in the system of radiological protection

To engage an ethical reflection on the role of social media in relation to radiological protection