

ICRP Announces Plans to Expand Formal Relations

One of ICRP's main objectives in the coming years, as outlined in the ICRP Strategic Plan, is to expand formal relations with organisations relevant to the ICRP's mandate.

ICRP has maintained strong and mutually beneficial relations with a number of organizations including EC, IAEA, IARC, ICRU, IEC, ILO, ISO, IRPA, NEA/OECD, UNSCEAR and WHO, and wishes to extend these relations to other relevant organizations.

To this end, ICRP invites organisations with an interest in radiological protection to apply for Special Liaison Organisation status. This new approach, which replaces ICRP Committee observer arrangements, is an opportunity to enhance well-established formal relations, and to extend formal relations to a wider group of organisations.

Working-Level Engagement

To develop active engagement with Special Liaison Organisations, ICRP will arrange a specific session at each ICRP Symposium to discuss concrete and timely topics with representatives of Special Liaison Organisations.

The first such session will be held at ICRP 2013, the second ICRP Symposium on the International System of Radiological Protection and the joint meetings of the ICRP Main Commission and Committees, to be held in Abu Dhabi at the end of October 2013.

Continuing with past tradition, another session will be held to provide an opportunity for representatives of Special Liaison Organisations to meet directly with ICRP Main Commission members and to discuss progress in areas of cooperation and mutual interest.

ICRP may invite representatives from Special Liaison Organisations to provide expertise in specific Committee sessions. Representatives may also be invited to participate as members of Task Groups where their expertise is central to the objectives of the group.

High-Level Engagement

To further engage Special Liaison Organisations, ICRP will arrange regular high-level meetings, inviting senior representatives of Special Liaison Organisations to meet with the ICRP Chair and Main Commission members.

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