IRPA is currently developing the scientific programme for the upcoming **IRPA International Congress** in Seoul, Korea, 10-15 May 2020. This is IRPA’s flagship congress, covering the full scope of RP fields and activities. As is usual for such a congress we will be liaising with many international organisations, including ICRP, IAEA, UNSCEAR, WHO, NEA and many others, to ensure that we can provide a platform for discussion of the key current developments in radiation protection. The abstract submission system is open from 1 June until 30 September 2019 (or until 31 December for posters), and further information is available at [www.irpa2020.org](http://www.irpa2020.org)

IRPA has recently established two new Task Groups:

- **TG on Radiation Protection in Industries impacted by NORM.** This TG is co-chaired by Jim Hondros (Australia) and Rainer Gellermann (Germany), and is currently formulating its priorities, which will include liaison with relevant international organisations active in this field.
- **TG on Non Ionising Radiation.** This TG is at an early formative stage, and will develop a programme to act as ‘the international voice of the RP practitioner’ in the same way that IRPA has established within the field of ionising radiation.

IRPA continues to progress our key themes, including:

- **Practical Protection** – Reasonableness, Prudence and Conservatism, Graded Approach
- Guidance on the development of a **radiation safety culture** in Healthcare and in Higher Education, Research and Teaching (HERT)
- **Public Understanding** of radiation and risk: we are developing guidance on engaging with the public, which aims both to promote the duty of engagement to our associate societies and RP professionals, and also to help make them more comfortable and confident in carrying out these vital engagement activities.
- The **TG on Implementation of the Eye Lens dose limit**: this is seeking to share experience and issues in eye lens protection and monitoring.
- Supporting efforts to secure the **future of our profession** – support the next generation of RP professionals through encouraging the networking of young scientists and their development within the profession.

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