This report presents an overview of IRPA’s current priorities and activities.

The IRPA Programme

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)
- Formulating IRPA’s priorities for the debate on the *future of the System of Protection*, including giving greater recognition to the context of natural background and its variability, and giving greater emphasis on higher exposure levels with a much more proportionate and practical consideration of exposures at lower levels.
- **Public Understanding** of radiation and risk: we are developing guidance on engaging with the public, targeted at both RP professionals and RP societies. The guidance aims to promote the duty of engagement to our associate societies and professionals, and also to help make them more comfortable and confident in carrying out these vital engagement activities. The guidance will be launched at the upcoming IRPA15 Congress in May 2020.
- 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 promoting the RP profession to students, encouraging the networking of young scientists and their development within the profession.

The IRPA15 International Congress, Seoul, May 2020

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.

Abstract submission for poster presentations remains open until 31 December, and delegate registration is now open at the ‘early’ rate. Further information is available at www.irpa2020.org

**IRPA’s Term of Office**

IRPA works in a four-year cycle, and the current cycle will end in May 2020 at the Seoul Congress. At that time a new set of Officers for the IRPA Executive Council will be declared, including the appointment of a new incoming President.

This means that the November 2019 RASSC will be the final RASSC contribution of the current President. I wish to express my personal appreciation to IAEA for their willingness to engage with IRPA, and to note the importance that IRPA gives to this liaison with the Agency.

Roger Coates, IRPA President

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