The IRPA Young Professionals Initiative

As part of its 2010-2020 Strategic Plan the IRPA Executive Council decided to develop an initiative to facilitate interaction and networking amongst young IRPA members. This will start at the IRPA 13 Congress in Glasgow with the following actions:

1. **The Young Professional Reception.** This reception will take place on Monday evening May 14 which will be the “motivational kick off” for the overall IRPA Young Professionals Initiative. This reception will be opened to all those who attend the Congress and fall within the definition of “young” (See below). It will give them the opportunity to start to network and also to meet some of the senior members of the profession in a social environment.

2. **The IRPA 13 Young Professionals Meeting.** This meeting will take place later during the week to allow young professionals to start thinking on potential specific activities. A meeting room and a time period will be allocated by the organizers of the Congress. The young professionals will decide how and how long they want to meet.

3. **The IRPA 13 Young Professionals Prize.** As declared in the Second Announcement and Call for Papers for the IRPA13 Congress in Glasgow (13-18 May 2012) will award prizes for the best presentations by a Young Professional.

*Definition of IRPA Young Professionals: the IRPA Executive Council has defined young professionals as all students and persons in the first ten years of their career in radiation protection. Such definition implies that young professionals will only exceed the mid-30s age in exceptional circumstances.*