



# International Radiation Protection Association

## **13 BUSINESS PROGRAMME**

### **Attachment 1**

**REF: IRPA 13-12/01-1**

## **IRPA 14 Preparations, Cape Town, South Africa**

### **Report to Executive Council, 29 May 2011**

R. Czarwinski, J. Lochard and K. Kase traveled to Cape Town 22-24 February 2011 for **IRPA** meetings with representatives of the organizing committee and the Cape Town Convention Bureau. The purpose was to review the status of planning and budget for the IRPA 14 Congress in 2016. We also visited the proposed venue at the Cape Town Convention Center, some of the proposed hotel accommodations and heard presentations from three potential Professional Congress Organizers as well as Cape Town security. We were hosted by SARPA and the Cape Town Convention Bureau. Our hosts from SARPA were:

Gert Liebenberg, Isabel Steyn, Rozaan Swanepoel, Thiagen Pather, I. D. Kruger, Abrie Visagie, Senoelo Pheto, Tobie Kotz and Christoph Trauernicht.

#### **Status of Planning and Budget**

Planning is well advanced as expected because of the work done on the proposal for 2012 that was presented at IRPA 12. Space in the Convention Center has been identified and is more than adequate. It is a very pleasant, up-to-date facility with excellent services and capability to host an IRPA congress.

The budget has been thoughtfully prepared for this early stage of planning. The organizing committee is very competent and eager to host IRPA 14.

#### **Hotels and Restaurants**

There is an abundance of hotel space in the part of Cape Town near the Convention Center with accommodations covering a range of quality and cost, all within walking distance of the venue. There are also many restaurant facilities and opportunities for evening activities in the waterfront area – also an easy walk from the hotels.

#### **Professional Congress Organizer**

The organizing committee together with the Convention Bureau staff has identified 3 or 4 potential PCOs. The three we met with are all competent to organize an outstanding congress. The organizing committee will continue discussions and select one by the time of IRPA 13.

#### **Security**

The Cape Town Convention Center area is serviced by a private company that supplements the city services. This company is supported by local businesses and the city and has a 10-year

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program to improve security, urban management and social development. They are about five years into the program. Security is managed in partnership with local and national law enforcement agencies. Urban management includes cleaning and maintenance to supplement city services. Social development includes addressing family issues, job training, shelters and other services for homeless individuals.

## Summary

Overall our assessment is that the organizing committee is competent and enthusiastic, the support services and Convention Centre in Cape Town are outstanding, and it would be an excellent venue for IRPA 14. We recommend that the Executive Council endorse the proposal to hold IRPA 14 in Cape Town South Africa in May 2016 and forward this recommendation to the General Assembly at IRPA 13 for approval.

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