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F6.1 Worker Education and Training (IAEA/ILO/NEA)

Effectiveness of International Professional Organizations (eg IRPA)

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IRPA'S ROLE ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- ❑ IRPA is an association of RP societies
 - ❑ RP Professionals belong to IRPA through their societies
- ❑ IRPA should
 - ❑ promote and support,
 - ❑ provide networking,
 - ❑ provide guidanceto E&T activities of its affiliate societies individually or, preferably, in cooperation
- ❑ IRPA Societies are not universities and their E&T activities are not intended for an academic diploma but for **professional enhancement**.
- ❑ These activities generally focus on general Radiation Protection trends or on very specialized topics which cannot be covered by other organizations.



Education & Training Plan

- **Task included in the IRPA 2010-2020 Strategic Plan**

IRPA 2010 – 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

(Adopted at the 59th Executive Council, Paris, France, October 2009, revised at the 60th Executive Council, Nairobi, Kenya, October 2010)

3. Promote excellence in radiation protection professionals

Task 5 Develop an IRPA Strategy Plan on education and training activities.

Task 6 Promote and support the development of guidance documents for use by radiation protection professionals and Associate Societies.



Education & Training Plan

- Three main lines:
 - **Cooperation with international and regional organizations** dealing with E&T in Radiation Protection: IAEA, ETRAP conference, ENETRAP/EUTERP, AAHP
 - **E&T actions within IRPA:**
 - Refresher courses
 - Discussion forums during IRPA Congresses
 - Webpage: with announcements and resources database
 - **Support to E&T actions organized by Associate Societies:**
 - Share, Coordinate, Networking, Young generations



E & T ACTIONS 2008-20 (1)

Refresher courses at IRPA congresses:

- Inclusion of Refresher Courses and Seminars within each IRPA Conference (already in the guidance for congresses)
- Evaluation and follow-up from the EC (based on questionnaires to participants)
- Incorporate live webcast and podcast based on the IRPA13 experience
- Improving website accessibility to texts and presentations (including RC from IRPA Regional Congresses) (searching engine)



E&T on the IRPA website

- **New web-based database on E&T:**
 - Events announcements
 - Resources
- **Objectives:**
 - Announcing training courses or activities
 - Sharing and disseminating training material and resources
 - Providing a useful tool for searching
- **Users: all RP professionals**
- **Managers: One contact person per Associate Society**
- **Administrator: IRPA webmaster**



E & T ACTIONS 2008-20 (2)

IRPA AS seminars, short courses, summer (or winter) schools on specialized topics.

- **Promote coordination:**
 - IRPA sponsoring would be granted to those activities which clear and openly look for professional enhancement within the IRPA family.
 - Key aspects:
 - Promotion through IRPA and the Associate Societies.
 - Grants for young professionals
 - Sharing teaching materials (IRPA website).
 - ...



E & T ACTIONS 2008-20 (3)

IRPA Stimulation and follow-up of E & T activities:

- **Stimulate the creation of “E & T networks” within IRPA:**
 - for instance by those societies sharing language (e.g. Latin-American societies together with Spain and Portugal)
 - or belonging to the same region (e.g. European Radiation Protection Young Scientists Exchange Network, with pilot project for schools and universities with participation from ÖVS, FS, SFRP, NVS, NSRP and SRP)
 - with dedicated space in the website



IRPA Task Group on E & T

- To develop ideas and establish priorities for the implementation of the E & T action plan
- Could be the seed for a new permanent Committee
- Incorporation on an open and voluntary basis
- Work by e-mail



CONCLUSIONS

IRPA E&T Plan 2008-2020

- **Cooperation with international and regional organizations dealing with E&T in Radiation Protection.**
- **To continue interaction between the Associate Societies to cooperate in E&T**
 - **Contribute to the new database on E&T events and resources**
- **To create a Task Group for the development and implementation of E&T activities**
- **To stimulate and support the Associate Societies:**
 - » **to organize coordinated activities;**
 - » **to share E&T resources;**
 - » **to create E&T networks sharing language or regional proximity.**