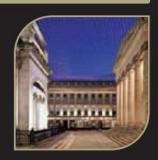
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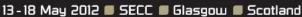












F6.1 Worker Education and Training (IAEA/ILO/NEA)

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 guidance

to 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).

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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 <u>open and voluntary</u> <u>basis</u>
- 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.