

Social Networking and Radiation Protection

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Radiation protection specialists exchange experiences on issues of common interest using various means, either in person or using the Internet. In Latin America one of the ways of disseminating the activities was through the Bulletin "Radiation Protection", of which 65,000 copies were distributed to specialists from over 40 countries for 10 years. With the development of information technology has facilitated communication, initially with www.radioproteccion.org website created in 1998 and yielded information on the activities in the various technical cooperation projects and countries of the region. Then he made use of listservs such as the Radiation Protection Network created March 15, 2002 and has over 2,400 members from 32 countries, primarily Spanish speaking and where members can send and receive information about courses, scientific activities, articles, opinions and comments on radiation protection.

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Social networking is part of our reality, and professional to do their use to exchange information and improve our relations with the objective to help us improve the radiation protection.

EXPERIENCE

In Latin American, for to exchange information was published the «**RADIATION PROTECTION**» **Bulletin**: 65000 copies were printed and distributed in 40 countries for 10 years (Since 1991 until 2001) thanks to the support of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).



This is complemented by the **Website**:
www.radioproteccion.org



And the **blog**:
http://proteccion-radiologica.blogspot.com/



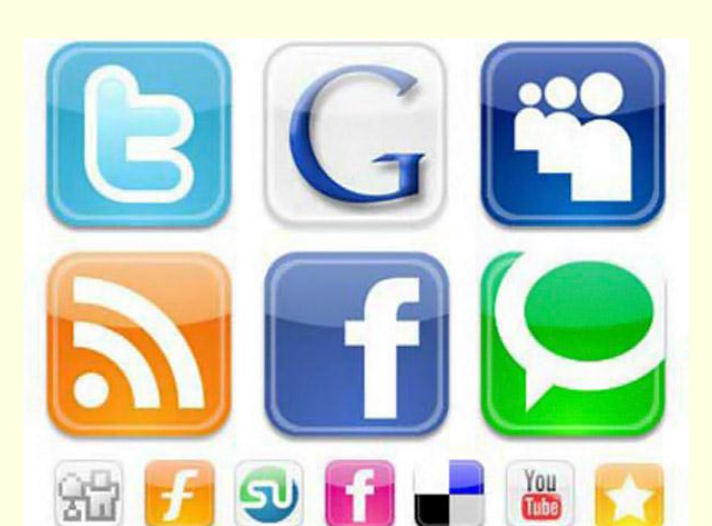
RADIOPROTECCION

On March 15th 2002 the international network "RADIOPROTECCION" is created, with 11 people from 11 countries, with the purpose of exchanging information about different topics about radiation protection. This group has been growing significantly. Today, there are 2400 members from 32 countries, mainly from Latin America. The network is mostly integrated by specialists in radiation protection who work in regulatory bodies, nuclear commissions, universities and entities where radiation is used in the industry, medicine and scientific research.

<http://espanol.groups.yahoo.com/group/Radioproteccion/>

Messages:

	Ene	Feb	Mar	Abr	May	Jun	Jul	Ago	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dic
2012	28	35	21									
2011	42	65	62	77	40	50	36	46	32	32	26	34
2010	22	52	65	48	57	67	25	31	48	61	46	41
2009	17	19	55	50	57	35	57	64	42	25	22	47
2008	24	26	25	46	38	24	17	17	19	31	29	34
2007	28	21	15	59	18	15	40	51	39	21	14	29
2006	30	16	49	67	47	52	37	24	32	43	14	50
2005	20	17	26	53	24	16	43	8	5	6	8	41
2004	9	9	30	40	30	43	18	22	24	27	26	19
2003	20	32	73	47	11	28	23	22	34	12	22	35
2002			58	67	31	27	13	41	17	17	14	30



SOCIAL NETWORK

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It can be appreciated that various national and international organizations related to our specialty are in the networks as well as professionals working in the field.

The Federation of Radioprotection of Latin American and Caribbean (FRALC) has 2735 members in Facebook, only in 6 months. Other entities such as IRPA, OIEA, HPS, ANS, CSN,... are also on facebook share information of interest in radiation protection. Some use Twitter.

